

# G R E A T E R

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APRIL 21, 2024  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

# Welcome!

**FIRST TIME WITH US?** We are so glad that you are here! Please stop by our welcome tables, or join us in the Gathering Hall to meet our members and pastors, and find out more about our Christ Church community!



## PASTORS & WORSHIP LEADERS

**Rev. Dr. Daniel Irving**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Rev. Michelle Hall**  
*Lead Associate Pastor*

**Rev. Marquice Hobbs**  
*Pastor of Contemporary Worship & Adult Discipleship*

**Rev. Annie Meek**  
*Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Discipleship*

**Rev. Susie Puac**  
*Pastor of Children & Family Discipleship*

**David Lee**  
*Minister of Traditional Music*

**GT Mangum**  
*Director of Programs & Contemporary Worship*

**Beth McConnell**  
*Organist / Accompanist*

**Molly Ness**  
*Music Associate*

For a full list of our staff, visit [christchurchsl.org/staff](http://christchurchsl.org/staff).

# STATE OF THE CHURCH

Today at 4 pm

Curious about what's happening at Christ Church? Join us for an exciting State of the Church event this afternoon! Hear ministry highlights, upcoming plans, and updates from our pastors, staff, and committee members. Pastor Daniel will provide insight into the church's current state, and the upcoming General Conference of the UMC. See you at 4 pm in the Sanctuary!

# Yes & Amen

A PRAYER COLLECTION



Ibraim Nascimento  
*Artist*



R. DeAndre Johnson  
*Author*

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 5:30-7 PM

ART SHOW OPENING  
& BOOK SIGNING

CHRIST CHURCH SUGAR LAND  
GATHERING HALL

Gallery will be on view through May 31

Experience a collection of illustrated prayers that express the deepest longings of the soul. At this opening event on Sunday, May 5, from 5:30 to 7 pm, author and former Christ Church pastor, Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson, and artist Ibraim Nascimento will talk about the collaborative experience of creating *Yes & Amen: A Prayer Collection* and sign copies of the paperback available for \$15 (cash, check or Venmo).

This collection of art and prayers will continue to be on display in the Gathering Hall through May 31.

# mosaic worship

9:30 AM • APRIL 21, 2024

## COMMUNITY MOMENTS

### WELCOME & GREETING

### \*OPENING SONGS

*Who You Say I Am*

### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

OLIVER SCOTT

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF OUR PRESENCE & GIFTS

*Scan the QR code to give online or register your attendance. Single dollar bills given will go to our missions program.*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Goodness of God*

RAYE FLECK, CLAIRE IRVING, EMMA IRVING  
*Confirmation Class of 2023*

## SERMON

REV. DR. DANIEL IRVING

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to come to the altar to receive the bread and juice, or a pre-sealed chalice cup featuring both elements.*

## INVITATION TO FOLLOW CHRIST

*If you feel called to accept Christ as your Savior, or would like to receive prayer, you are invited to come forward.*

## \*CLOSING SONG

*In Christ Alone*

## \*BENEDICTION



REGISTER YOUR  
ATTENDANCE  
OR GIVE ONLINE

*\*Please stand as you are able. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal  
Our Bride's Room is open for the use of parents or those needing more privacy.*

# CONFIRMATION WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM • APRIL 21, 2024

## COMMUNITY MOMENTS

## WELCOME & GREETING

### \*OPENING SONGS

*O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing  
Who You Say I Am*

## MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

## SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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## RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

### \*BENEDICTION



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Our **ACOLYTES** today are Annika Rautio and Phoenix Pepping.

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*If you would like to commemorate a special event, donations of altar flowers may be made by contacting Jan Randolph at [janr@christchurchsl.org](mailto:janr@christchurchsl.org).*

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

## Congratulations to our 2024 Confirmation Class:

SELAH ADAMS	DANIEL GRAEBE	NOLAN SISLEY*
CARSON BIBLE*	TAYLOR GREGG	ELI STANLEY
LILLIAN BRYANT*	TEEGAN GREGG	LEIF STANLEY*
OWEN BRYANT*	HARPER MOODY	
LOGAN CHILDS	HALLE MOORE	
TYLER COONFIELD	MICHAEL O. OKPANI	
	RAPHAEL O. OKPANI	

*\*These confirmands will also be baptized today.*

We are pleased to welcome our confirmands as full members of Christ Church Sugar Land, and celebrate this spiritual milestone in their lives! All are invited to join us today after the 11 am service in the Faith Corner for a reception in their honor.

# CONGRATS

to all of our 2024 Confirmands!



### BIBLES FOR UGANDA

We are trying to put bibles in the hands of every student in Bulike, Uganda, and neighboring schools. Please consider adopting one bible or more for only \$12.50 each at the Gathering Hall or online. Then sign a prayer label in the Gathering Hall.

### LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR OUR MISSION TRIP!

Join us in working with Dr. Ronnie's Uganda Counseling and Support Services (UCSS) in Uganda from August 3 - 15! Whatever your God-given gifts are, we can use them on this trip. We still have spots available! Questions? Contact Bob at **281.755.1936** or Renee at **281.690.4755**

### LAST DAY FOR THE UGANDA ART AUCTION & SALE

**CAN'T COME TO UGANDA?** Support UCSS by shopping at our Uganda sale in the Gathering Hall! This year's sale/auction has some amazing handcarved wood pieces, Christmas ornaments, Nativities and beautiful jewelry made by the women of Bulike, Uganda. You can also visit our online auction at [christchurchsl.org/auction](http://christchurchsl.org/auction). 100% of proceeds benefit UCSS.



## WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

SPEAKER: AMY BEZECNY

MONDAY, MAY 6  
11 AM - 1 PM

The women of the Monday Morning Bible Study invite all of the ladies of our congregation to a luncheon on Monday, May 6, in the Gathering Hall. We will hear from Rev. Amy Bezecny, a Deacon in the United Methodist Church, and CEO and founder of Cultivating Families, about how we can offer support to our most vulnerable families and children. This organization educates and equips faith communities to care for foster and adoptive families and offer HOPE for a better future. RSVP by Friday, May 3 at [christchurchsl.org/luncheon](http://christchurchsl.org/luncheon).

## CHRIST CHURCH *Connect* CARD

We are so glad that you are here! Please complete the information on the front and back of our Connect Card, and place it in the offering basket. If you are new today, stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about us!

NAME(S):

E-MAIL:

PHONE:

AGE(S):  
(please circle)

0-11 12-17 18-25 26-39 40-55 56-70 70+

SERVICE:

- MOSAIC  TRADITIONAL  
 CONTEMPORARY

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- FIRST TIME GUEST  RETURNING GUEST  
 CHURCH MEMBER

KIDS' NAMES & AGES (under 17)

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### CHRIST CHURCH SUGAR LAND

# SUMMER CAMPS + MISSIONS

*for children & youth*

Registration for our summer camps and missions is open!! We have a blast every year with our Christ Kids and Youth at VBS, Camps, and other Mission trips and opportunities! Find out more and register online today at [christchurchsl.org/summer](http://christchurchsl.org/summer).

Interested in sending your child (incoming 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) to a sleepaway camp at Lakeview? Join us for a parent info meeting next Sunday, April 28 @ 5 pm in FLC Room 312 to learn more.

### THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 26 • 6 - 8 PM

Moms and boys, it's now your time to PARTY!!! Come party with the special guy(s) in your life at the Christ Kids Mother Son Glow Party! Dinner, dancing, games, ice cream, and lots of glow fun! Wear your bright colors and/or white. Register online here for a fun night, \$45 per son and mother + \$10 for each additional boy. Grandmas & mother figures welcome! Purchase tickets at [christchurchsl.org/glow](http://christchurchsl.org/glow).

MOTHER  
SON

# GLOW PARTY

# RENOVO

MAY 5 - 19

When it comes to spiritual growth, we need to be able to measure the unseen. The *Renovo Churches Spiritual Life Inventory* is an online congregational survey, a proven way to benchmark and track spiritual growth in a congregation. Learn more about Renovo today at the State of the Church meeting.

# NEXT *Steps*

Being the church doesn't just happen on Sunday morning. We have so much more that we do every week—in service, community, and spiritual growth—and we would love for you to join us!

- I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER
- I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT SMALL GROUPS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 15 - 18 • 9 AM - 12:15 PM

- Help us with classes, activities, stories, and more!

## COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS

- I would like to help serve communion.

## FAMILY PROMISE

THIS WEEK • FLC

- I'm interested in serving dinner for families in need.

## PRAYER REQUEST

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*All prayer requests are initially listed in the bulletin, unless otherwise requested.*

- PLEASE KEEP MY REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL
- I WOULD LIKE A CALL FROM A PASTOR
- I WOULD LIKE A STEPHEN MINISTER

## PRAYERS

*In Our Prayers:*

George Waterous' father; Christy McBurnett; Jim Andrews

*Our Love & Sympathy to:*

Feng Sun on the death of her friend

*Prayers of Joy:*

Janice Gilbert's brother; Janice Gilbert's brother-in-law; Anne-Marie Harris's friends

Submit prayer requests any time at [christchurchsl.org/prayer](http://christchurchsl.org/prayer).

For confidential spiritual care in tough seasons, connect with our Stephen Ministry at [christchurchsl.org/stephenministry](http://christchurchsl.org/stephenministry).

## PRESENCE & GIFTS

*If you would like to see our giving, expenses, and weekly attendance, visit [christchurchsl.org/give](http://christchurchsl.org/give).*

## NOTES

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