

ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

The Labyrinth will be available in the Zabor Room before & after all 3 services on Sunday, October 1. The labyrinth is an analogy for life. It is not a maze or puzzle to be solved, but a path of meaning to be experienced. Its path is circular and convoluted, but has no dead-ends.

Volunteer at [Caring For Friends](#) on Tuesday, October 10 from 5PM-8PM at their northeast Philly location: Anyone ages 12 & up, meet at 12271 Townsend Road to help prepare and package meals. Come late or leave early as your schedule allows. **Sign up:** on sheets in the Chapel or Sanctuary; the **Caring For Friends** page under **Get Involved** (gloriadei.com/caring-for-friends); or email Dana at kidsandfamily@gloriadei.com. Next volunteer date: **November 14**.

Lunch & Learn returns Friday, October 20 at 12PM in Christian Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned for more information and sign ups.

Save the Date! Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 28.

September & October Preaching Schedule

Sunday, September 24: Rev. Emmanuel Philor at 8:30 & 10AM
Sunday, October 1: Pastor Mary Konopka at 8:30, 10, & 11:30AM
Sunday, October 8: Pastor Mary Konopka at 8:30 & 10AM
Sunday, October 15: Rev. Karen Murphy at 8:30 & 10AM
Sunday, October 22: Pastor George Miller at 8:30 & 10AM
Sunday, October 29: Pastor George Miller at 8:30 & 10AM

Worship Updates: One Combined Worship Service at 10AM on Sunday, September 17, 2023

➔ **8:30AM Worship:** held every Sunday in the Chapel with piano, hymns, a message, and Communion served weekly.
➔ **10AM Worship:** held every Sunday in the Sanctuary and livestreamed with praise music, a message, and Communion served the first Sunday each month. To watch online, go to: gloriadei.com/sermons or facebook.com/GloriaDeiChurch.
➔ **11:30AM Cathedral Worship:** held the first Sunday each month in the Sanctuary with Communion, traditional organ music, hymns, & a sermon.

MINISTRY TEAM AND OFFICE STAFF

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:30AM-3:30PM; Fri: 9:30AM-1:00PM

THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

Sunday, September 17, 2023 to Sunday, September 24, 2023

Sunday, September 17, 2023

10AM One Combined Worship Service - Sanctuary & online
11AM Fall Kickoff - Christian Fellowship Hall & Driveway Loop
2PM City Church of Philadelphia - Chapel

Monday, September 18, 2023

2:30PM Communion at ACCELeRate
4:30PM Finance Meeting - Conference Room
5PM Dance Dynamics - Zabor Room
7PM BSA Troop 208 - Christian Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

10AM Gentle Yoga - Zabor Room
10AM Staff Meeting - Sacred Grounds
12PM Gentle Chair Yoga - Zabor Room
1PM Communion at The Farms & Luther Park
5PM Dance Dynamics - Zabor Room
7PM ACA Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

9AM Preschool Music Class - Couch Room
9AM Preschool Chapel
12:30PM Communion at The Manor
5PM Social Skills - Zabor Room and Couch Room
6:30PM Nicole's Place Support Group - Conference Room

Thursday, September 21, 2023

9AM Preschool Music Class - Couch Room
9:30AM New You - Sacred Grounds
5PM Dance Dynamics - Zabor Room
5:30PM Stage Company - CFH & Stage Room
6:30PM Church Council - Sacred Grounds

Friday, September 22, 2023

5PM Dance Dynamics - Zabor Room
7PM City Church of Philadelphia - Chapel

Saturday, September 23, 2023

9AM Dance Dynamics - Stage Room
9:30AM AI-Anon Group - Sacred Grounds
11AM OA Meeting - Sacred Grounds
5PM Meet the Artist - Library Lounge

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30AM Worship Service - Chapel
9AM-1PM Fellowship Time - Sacred Grounds
10AM Worship Service - Sanctuary & online
10AM Sunday School - Sanctuary & Stage Room
2PM City Church of Philadelphia - Chapel
6PM Debtors Anonymous - Sacred Grounds

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Sunday, September 17, 2023
Kickoff Sunday
Order of Worship for
ONE Combined 10AM Service
www.gloriadei.com/sermons

We are a community committed to:
Living in [prayerful](#) ways.
[Giving back](#) because we have been blessed.
[Serving](#) others through mission.
Coming together to [worship](#) God.
Strengthening our [relationships](#).
Asking questions and [continuously learning](#).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10AM Sanctuary & Online Worship

Prelude: *We Give Thee But Thine Own/Gift of Love/All Good Gifts*

Hymn/Welsh melody/S. Schwartz

*Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Litany:

L: People of God, open your eyes! Look around!

C: The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here, among us and within us.

L: God's salvation is close at hand, nearer than you know.

C: Let us open our hearts and minds to the Spirit,

ALL: and let us worship God together! Amen.

*Opening Hymn #514: *In My Heart There Rings a Melody*

*Statement of Faith: *Inside front cover of hymnal*

Song

Children's Message

Blessing of the Backpacks

Teacher Blessing

Scripture: [Luke 21:1-4](#)

Message: "Giving God Our Best"

~Rev. Emmanuel Philor

Hymn #270: *Wonderful Words of Life*

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer+

*Closing Song & [Offering](#)

Church News

Blessing for the Week

Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley

*Please rise in body or spirit

Jamie Johnson, baritone

Kirsten Olson, organ

This service is livestreamed

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 24, 2023

First Reading: [Exodus 16:2-15](#)

[Psalm 145:1-8](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 1:21-30](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Fall Kickoff Sunday, September 17, 2023

Be a Good Sport & Trot Over for Gloria Dei's 2023 Fall Kickoff!

Wear your favorite jersey and enjoy some tailgate food and games!

There will be **ONE combined 10AM worship service** with a **blessing of the backpacks** and a blessing for all teachers and students. We will share a meal and have some fun in **Christian Fellowship Hall immediately following the service** with tailgate food, cornhole, a bounce house, an ice cream truck, and more. It'll be a Slam Dunk of a good time!

Gloria Dei will be collecting items for Laurel House from their Wish List. Copies of the Wish List are available on the table outside the Chapel and on the table in the back of the Sanctuary, on the [website](#), and in the office.

We need volunteers! Please stay and help clean up after the Kickoff as you are able.

We extend a warm **WELCOME** to all. Please let us know if we can answer any questions or be helpful in any way. We're glad you're here!

SUNDAY SCHOOL during the 10AM service will begin again on September 24, 2023. Children in preschool (potty-trained) through 6th grade begin in worship and are then dismissed to class following the Children's Message. Parents/guardians will pick up from the Stage Room on the 2nd floor after the service. Children are always welcome to stay in worship services. Feel free to make use of the Prayground or the Activity Bags hanging on the back pew in the Sanctuary. Kindly return the Activity Bag after the service. Parents and kids may take an instrument with them to their pew. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

To share **PRAYER CONCERNS**, update contact information, or let us know about an important event in your life, please fill out a Connection Card found in the pew, on the table, or email gdcoffice@gloriadei.com.

If you would like to **DONATE** to Gloria Dei Church, you may give during the service, mail in your donation, text the amount you wish to donate to 215-234-1635, or go to gloriadei.com and click "[Online Giving](#)." Thank you for your generosity!

You can **view this bulletin** on our [website \(gloriadei.com\)](http://gloriadei.com) and click on all of the links you see on here underlined in blue.

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Yoga on Tuesdays in the Zabor Room. Next sessions on September 19. Gentle Yoga at 10AM (bring a mat) & **Gentle Chair Yoga at 12PM** (no equipment or previous experience needed). Please arrive 15 minutes early. Questions? Contact JoAnne at jpmohan92@gmail.com or Betsy at betsy1344@earthlink.net.

Sacred Grounds will be open after all services beginning Sunday, September 24. Meet there for coffee, treats, and fellowship!

OHAAT 25th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, September 21 from 6-9PM at the William Penn Inn. Join OHAAT as they celebrate 25 years of service and their mission to end child bedlessness in the greater Philadelphia area. Featuring a buffet dinner, full cash bar, speakers, and raffle baskets, you won't want to miss this inspiring evening! For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.ohaath.org/25th-anniversary.

Meet the Artist Series Returns! Saturday, September 23 from 5-7PM in the Library Lounge. The beautiful art of **John Hagman** will be on display. John will be available for questions. Light snacks will be provided. This is a BYOB event.

Tween/Youth Group Volunteers Needed! Are you the parent of a tween or youth? Are you someone who had a child go through the youth group program? Or are you someone just looking to get more involved with the young people at Gloria Dei? We are looking to form a team to help lead our tweens and youth. This age group needs adults to be present, to ask them questions about their lives, to listen, and to "see" each of them. If you are interested, please contact Dana at kidsandfamily@gloriadei.com for more information. We need volunteers to keep this ministry going!

[Feast of Justice](#) is volunteer-driven and needs you! Volunteer opportunities are available 6 days a week, including evenings and weekends. Direct service to the public as well as behind the scenes restocking are their biggest needs. Can you offer one day a month to help out? More information at www.feastofjustice.org/volunteers. Feast of Justice served 35,125 households in 2022 and distributed 1.47 million pounds of food to people in our community who are in need of help and hope.

[Women's Retreat at Bear Creek](#): September 29 – October 1, 2023. This programmed camp offers the opportunity to be in community with other women and to be creative, spiritual, and active through a myriad of activities. **Weekend pricing** for a 2-night stay, 6 meals, and programming: \$185-200/person. **Saturday only** pricing for lunch, dinner, and programming: \$80/person. **For more information & to register:** go to bearcreekcamp.org/womens-retreat, call 570.472.3741, or email bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org. There are also **flyers with information** in the Chapel and Sanctuary.