

FOR
Christmas

2025

Gift Catalog



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**GIFT &
CANDY
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PROJECT
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The awe & wonder of Christmas

often comes amid moments of crowded chaos. We invite you to slow down and join us as we prepare our hearts for God's presence with us. Our FOR Christmas initiative is one way to create space in our complex world and reorient our hearts outward. In these pages you'll learn about ways you can support our partners, from our neighbors facing food insecurity, to ministering to incarcerated youth. May these opportunities remind us to extend the love of Christ and invite others to encounter His presence this season.



Gift Drop-off Deadline

GIVE A PRESENT TO A CHILD

Buy a gift that will be given directly to under-resourced children in our area on behalf of their families

1. **EXPLORE** the mission partners on pages 2–3.
2. **SCAN** the QR code above (or visit ChristChurch.us/ForChristmas) and click on the **GIVE A PRESENT** button to access the Amazon gift registry of items requested.
3. **PURCHASE** gifts from the registry. Presents can be shipped directly to the LIFT Center or dropped off at either Christ Church campus.



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SCAN THE QR CODE for more information about **For Christmas** and links to the **GIVE A PRESENT** and **SUPPORT A PROJECT** forms, or email us at Christmas@ChristChurch.us.



Project Donation Deadline



Candy Drop-off Deadline

SUPPORT A MISSION-DIRECTED PROJECT

Make a financial donation toward a specific project for our mission partners

- 1. **EXPLORE** the mission partners and projects on pages 4–11.
- 2. **SCAN** the QR code above (or visit ChristChurch.us/ForChristmas) and click on the **SUPPORT A PROJECT** button to access the donation form.
- 3. **COMPLETE** the online form to make financial donations to projects.

DONATE CANDY FOR A STOCKING

Stockings will be given to kids by local ministry partners

- 1. **PURCHASE** candies of your choice
- 2. **DROP OFF** the candy at either Christ Church campus.

Help Fill Stockings

Make candy-filled stockings at the **Oh What Fun! Christmas Party** (see page 12) to be given to children through our mission partners and the LIFT Market.



IN YOUR HONOR CARDS | Pick up cards that correspond to your choices and give them as gifts, stocking stuffers or put in Christmas cards! They will be available at both campuses through December 24.



Give a Present

The presents
you purchase will
be given directly to
under-resourced children in
Chicagoland who are supported
by our mission partners.



SCAN the QR code for a link
to the **GIVE A PRESENT** form.



■ **BREAKTHROUGH** deeply invests in the East Garfield Park neighborhood by providing opportunities for spiritual formation, education and youth development, housing, health initiatives and violence prevention. Your present will be featured at Breakthrough's Christmas store which offers gifts at affordable prices, affirming the dignity of parents.

■ **BY THE HAND CLUB FOR KIDS** is a Christ-centered afterschool program serving more than 1,500 first- through twelfth-grade students in four of Chicago's most under-resourced neighborhoods. By The Hand nurtures the whole child—mind, body and soul. Your present will bless a child in the North Austin neighborhood.



Give a child a gift on behalf of their family

■ **CARING NETWORK ILLINOIS**

is a first step for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. They welcome women with unconditional love, counsel and resources, while providing support for both mothers and babies. Your present will help these families adjust to a new life together.

■ **INNER CITY IMPACT** uses after-school programs, camps, mentorships and leadership development to disciple children, build healthy relationships and teach vital life skills. Your present will bless a child at the Cicero or Logan Square locations.

■ **LOVE INC** partners with many local churches to unify the Body of Christ around meeting the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Your present will support their Toy Express Christmas store serving DuPage County families in need.

■ **OUTREACH** seeks to transform lives and communities through children's programming, counseling and by connecting under-resourced community members with vital resources. Your present will be featured in Outreach's Christmas store, which offers gifts at prices that are accessible for every income level.

■ **THE SALVATION ARMY** is motivated by the love of God to preach the Gospel and meet human needs in Jesus' name without discrimination. Your gift will empower families to give their children presents from the Salvation Army Christmas store.





Uplift Vulnerable Children

Jesus advocated for women, children and those with disabilities in a time when few did. As Christ followers, we support partners who work to protect kids from abuse; ensure they are adequately fed, clothed and cared for; and provide them with the spiritual and academic nurture that increases their health and hope, and draws them closer to God.



■ JILL + PHILIP ASPEGREN

founded Casa Viva Costa Rica to provide a safe place for children when they become separated from their families. Local community members provide small, secure and specific solutions for children in need.

★ **\$7** covers the cost of a safe night's sleep for a child.

■ **CAITLYN LAWRENCE** works with Allinta Ruwana to provide vital healthcare services for about 1,000 children who come from some of the most vulnerable families in Potosí, a mountainous mining town in Bolivia. Allinta Ruwana provides glasses to many families that are unable to purchase them.

★ **\$40** covers the cost of a medical exam and glasses for kids in Bolivia.





Bless mission partners and the people they serve

■ **RESILIENT** offers opportunities for youth to overcome challenges and reach a new level of flourishing. Resilient's Upstart Program prepares youth to seek rewarding, life-long careers in the construction trades. Their biblical approach to life skills and technical development provides local non-college-bound students a great start to a life of sustainable employment.

★ **\$25** covers the cost of the entrance exam for a construction apprenticeship program.

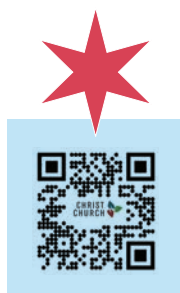
■ **SOUTH ASIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTER** shares Christ in Chicago's Little India, a diverse neighborhood representing Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Jews, Christians and more. They show Christ's love through tutoring, English classes and kids' activities while providing free resources for those exploring faith.

★ **\$25** provides a month's supply of diapers for a family.

■ **LESLIE + VIC TRAUTWEIN**

work with Kids Alive International in the Dominican Republic to lift children spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically. Most of the 1,900 students in seven Kids Alive schools live in impoverished conditions and can't afford essential dental care.

★ **\$10** covers the cost of bi-annual preventive dental care.



SCAN the QR code for a link to the **SUPPORT A PROJECT** form.



Relieve Hunger

It's estimated that

20% of families in Chicagoland &

30% of families worldwide

face food insecurity.

Jesus met the physical needs of those who were suffering and lacked resources. It is because of God's grace that we are moved to offer relief to people who are experiencing hunger, food insecurity or the inability to feed their families.



■ **ATUL + SUMAN AGHAMKAR**

serve with the National Center for Urban Transformation (NCUT) and the Urban Alliance Center (UAC) in Bangalore, India. NCUT mobilizes and equips Christian leaders through training seminars, conferences, writers' workshops and publications. The UAC serves vulnerable populations, including widows who struggle to survive within the hierarchical society.

★ **\$25** provides a month's supply of food for a widow.

■ **BREAKTHROUGH** partners with community members in the East Garfield Park neighborhood to build connections, develop skills and open doors of opportunity. They provide breakfast, lunch and dinner to individuals experiencing homelessness 365 days a year.

★ **\$25** provides one day of food for an individual.



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■ The **LIFT MARKET** is a grocery store-style food pantry that provides food and essential items to local families in need. It is one of many services of the LIFT Center that seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those in our community, help people in crisis achieve independence and connect people with local resources.

★ **\$15** provides milk, eggs, meat, cheese, bread and a bag of fresh produce to help a family in need.

■ **WORLD RELIEF DUPAGE/ AURORA** works to create welcoming communities where refugees and immigrants thrive. In partnership with the local church, World Relief envisions the most vulnerable people transformed economically, socially and spiritually.

★ **\$35** provides groceries to help feed a local refugee family.



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Support Anti-Trafficking Work

It's estimated that more than **50 million people** are currently trapped in modern-day slavery. Exploitation exists when people in power prey on the vulnerabilities that poverty creates. That's why we support partners who protect people from abuse, work against unjust systems and provide holistic care to survivors.

■ **EMMAUS** works to prevent exploitation and empower male trafficking survivors to rebuild their lives and offer the hope of the Gospel. Their Journey to Healing program helps men escape commercial exploitation through faith-based support.

★ **\$35** provides materials needed for Emmaus' life skills classes and spiritual enrichment programs.





Bless mission partners and the people they serve

■ **INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION** partners with local communities to bring freedom, justice and lasting safety to some of the world's most vulnerable people. They organize rescue operations, provide survivors with aftercare, work to hold perpetrators accountable through the justice system, and train local law enforcement to protect vulnerable people in their areas.

★ **\$30** contributes to the cost of rescuing an individual who is being trafficked.

■ **RECLAIM13's** mission is to restore and redeem the lives of children impacted by sexual abuse and sex trafficking. Reclaim13 uses gift cards not only for their mentor program, but also in care bags distributed to recovered children/women during FBI stings.

★ **\$35** provides food for a girl or woman escaping trafficking and abuse.

■ **SET CAPTIVES FREE** is a local initiative in the Middle East that supports victims of human trafficking. Their programs focus on direct victim assistance, community prevention work, repatriation and sustainable survivor care support.

★ **\$15** provides a survivor with a one month stay in an emergency shelter.



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Provide Bibles & Discipleship Tools

It is estimated that

1.5 billion people do not have a fully translated Bible in their own language. That's why we are passionate about supporting partners who make disciples in all nations and bring the Scriptures and Bible study resources to new believers everywhere.

■ **CARLOS CALDERON** works with Global Fellowship to make disciples and plant new churches by empowering local leaders and cross-cultural missionaries to pioneer church-planting work among unreached people. Their vision is to plant a Gospel witness within 30 minutes of all people.

★ **\$5** provides a Bible for a believer in India.

■ **PROJECT VIDEO** helps unique cultures and communities create films in their own language, reaching places evangelists cannot. Portable Gospel Players share testimonies, worship and teaching in any language for groups lacking internet access or the ability to read and write.

★ **\$25** provides one audio Gospel player.



Bless mission partners and the people they serve

■ **JOSÉ PABLO SANCHEZ** works with Decisión Spain to disciple Spanish youth and incarcerated people through training and counseling courses. Through their efforts, many inmates were introduced to Christ and are growing in their faith.

★ **\$15** provides discipleship books for women in prison in Spain.

■ **TALKING BIBLES INTERNATIONAL** produces and discreetly shares God's Word in local languages, giving hidden house churches in India safe access to Scripture. Despite persecution and anti-conversion laws, believers can hear the Gospel, transforming lives and strengthening the underground Church.

★ **\$25** gives access to Scripture for 6 people.

Not sure where to give?

■ If you'd like to bless all of the partners listed in this catalog, simply give to the **UNDESIGNATED FUND**.

The missions team will allocate these gifts equitably to care for the partners.

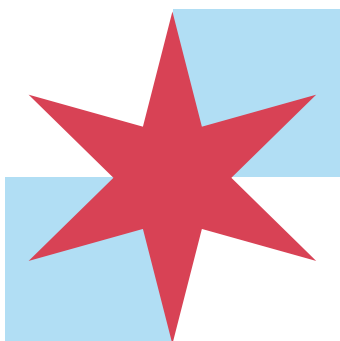
For a full list of mission partners, visit ChristChurch.us/missions.



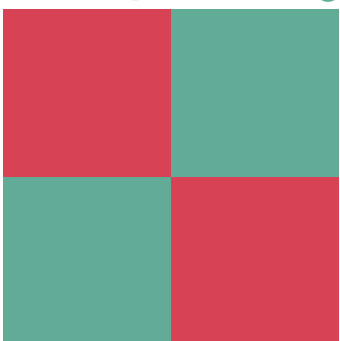
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**Get ready for a fun-filled
family Christmas experience!**



**OH
WHAT
FUN!**



**Join us for a day of making
meaningful memories with
little ones you love**

Saturday, December 6

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | Oak Brook

Sensory-Friendly Hour | 10:00–11:00 a.m.

is reserved for families with disabilities
that would benefit from lower lighting,
softer music and less crowds.

**Come see Christ Church
transformed into a winter
wonderland, complete with:**

- A Christmas train
- Bouncy houses
- Face painting, crafts and cookie decorating
- Live music and carol-oke
- Stocking stuffing station in support of the
FOR Christmas giving initiative (see page 1)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Pre-register online for free

ChristChurch.us/OhWhatFun



LIVE ON MISSION | All year long

There are many great ways to join in the mission of God with Christ Church

GLOBAL OUTREACH

GO TRIPS



Sign up to stay informed about Christ Church missions



MONTHLY SERVE EMAIL

LIFT center VOLUNTEER



FIRST SATURDAY SERVE



Learn about serving globally, locally and at Christ Church



GLOBAL PARTNER ADVOCACY TEAM

LEARN MORE
ChristChurch.us/AdvocacyTeam

GLOBAL MISSION FEST

SAVE THE DATE
April 24–26, 2026

DAY OF SERVICE

FOR ChicagoLand

SAVE THE DATE
October 24, 2026

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US



Parents' Night Out

Friday, December 5

6:00–9:00 p.m. | Butterfield
Registration required

Oh What Fun! Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | Oak Brook
See page 12 for details

Coats, Care & Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 13

8:00–11:00 a.m. | LIFT Center
Registration required

CarolFest

Sunday, December 14

3:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Oak Brook | Online

Join us for a beautiful
Christmas concert.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

With Us, For Us | Parts 1–4

Sundays | November 30–
December 24



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holiday season
at Christ Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 21

Contemporary Worship
Oak Brook | 5:00* p.m.

Tuesday, December 23

Contemporary Worship
Oak Brook | 7:00*† p.m.

Wednesday, December 24

Contemporary Worship
Oak Brook | 1:00*, 3:00* & 5:00*† p.m.
Butterfield | 3:00 p.m.

Classic Candlelight Worship
Oak Brook | 5:00*†, 7:00*, 9:00 &
11:00 p.m. with Communion

*Family Ministry programming will be provided at
select services for children 4 years and younger.
No children's programming will be offered for
children 5 and older.

† A staffed sensory room will be available for
kids and students with disabilities. Registration
is requested.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25

We will not be gathering as a church
community but hope you will enjoy
celebrating with family and friends.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 28

Oak Brook | 9:00 a.m. | Classic Worship
9:15 & 11:00 a.m. | Contemporary Worship
Butterfield | 10:00 a.m. | Contemporary