

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 | SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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women's conference

Praise our God. all peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard; He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but You brought us to a place of abundance.

PSALM 66:8-12

## schedule

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 7 | 5:00-9:30 p.m.

- 5:00 p.m. Doors Open, Registration & Check-in Dinner & Marketplace Shopping
- 6:15 p.m. Auditorium Doors Open
- 6:30 p.m. Welcome & Worship

SESSION 1 | Vivian Mabuni

BREAK

BREAKOUT SESSIONS | see page 2 for more information

Worship & Closing

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 8 | PROGRAM 7:45 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

- 7:30 a.m. Special Pre-Event Holy Yoga Session in Fellowship Hall Pre-register on Friday night, see page 11
- 7:45 a.m. Doors Open, Breakfast & Marketplace Shopping
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome & Worship

Sharing Our Stories

SESSION 2 | Vivian Mabuni

BREAK

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SESSION 3 | Vivian Mabuni

Worship, Mark the Moment & Closing

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE! See the map on pages 8–9 for more information.

## welcome

#### FRIEND,

We are so glad you're here! We prayed for you before you walked in the building and it is our hope you will feel welcome, seen, known and loved here this weekend.

The team has curated a fabulous event for you. We are thrilled to welcome Vivian Mabuni, our dynamic keynote speaker for the weekend. We hope you will take this opportunity to engage with us in worship, prayer, fellowship and learning.

Our theme this year is Abundance. As we gather together we know many of you find yourselves in the midst of uncertainty and our prayer is that you would put your trust fully in the God who sees you, loves you and knows you. That you will be able to say as the Psalmist did "we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance."

We know you have full lives and we are honored to spend this time with you. May you be reminded of God's goodness and love for you and would you accept the invitation Jesus offers us to have an abundant life that is found only in Him.

With love & prayers, The Abundance 2025 Team

#### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

We're excited to offer the following breakout sessions on both Friday night and Saturday morning.

#### 🗶 | AUDITORIUM

Serving Others | Discover the Timeless Power of Serving Through New Opportunities in Our Current Landscape Susan Zidlicky, Founder of Light of Love Ministry

#### 🗶 | GARDEN PLAZA

**Christianity 101** Understanding What We Believe and Why It Matters to Others

Dr. Rev. Tracey D. Bianchi Pastor for Adult Ministries

#### 🗶 | SANCTUARY

Navigating Depression & Anxiety | Understanding the Impact of Mental Health Challenges

Tijana Hilaris, Licensed Professional Counselor

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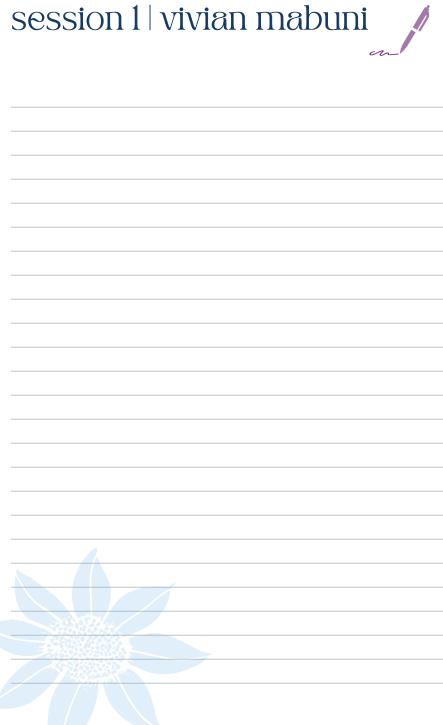
A quiet space for prayer and reflection

## keynote

VIVIAN MABUNI is a national speaker, author, Bible teacher and podcast host. Her writing has appeared in Christianity Today, SheReadsTruth, Our Daily Bread, Propel Sophia and her teachings have been featured on the YouVersion Bible App's "Verse of the Day." With more than 30 years on staff with Cru, Viv loves teaching about the Bible and its practical application to ministry and life. She has been a keynote speaker at IF:Gathering, Cru Winter Conferences, Family Life's "Weekend To Remember" and women's events across the country. Author of "Open Hands, Willing Heart," and "Warrior in Pink," her personal story of cancer, community and the God who comforts. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for Denver Seminary



and is the founder and host of "Someday Is Here" a podcast for AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) leaders. Viv loves drinking coffee with her husband of 32 years, Darrin, and marveling at their young adult kids. Connect with her on Instagram@vivmabuni or on her website at vivianmabuni.com.



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#### AUDITORIUM

- Main Session
  - Worship

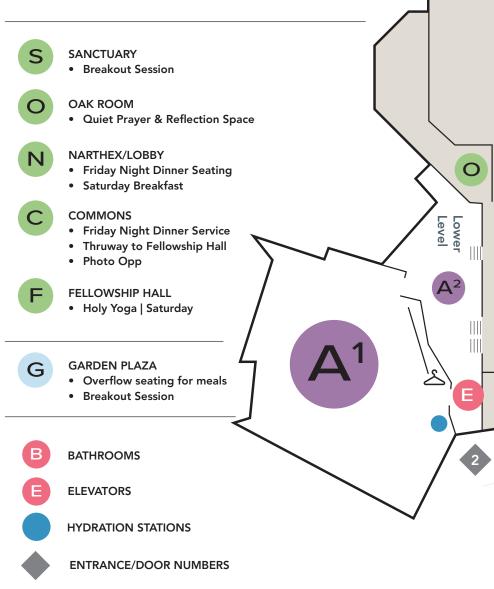
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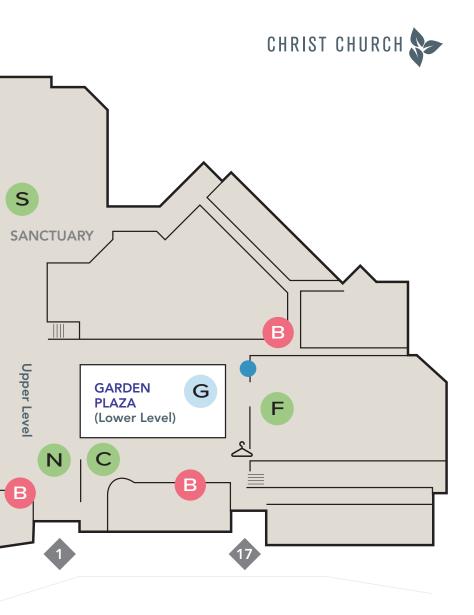
Breakout Session



#### ATRIUM

- Check-In & Registration
- Marketplace Shopping





Parking



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#### SATURDAY | 7:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us Saturday morning for a special Holy Yoga session. Michelle Cutinelli will help us set our minds and hearts on God through movement and breathing as we begin the second day of the conference. No previous yoga experience necessary! You can roll into breakfast and the day's events in your yoga pants feeling relaxed, refreshed and ready to receive what God has for you! All are welcome but you need to pre-register by Friday night! Sign up at the registration table or see a volunteer for help.

Holy Yoga is the intentional practice of connecting our entire being—body, mind and spirit—with God: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is experiential worship created to deepen people's connection to Christ. Our sole purpose is to facilitate a Christ-honoring experience that offers an opportunity to authentically connect to God through His Word, worship and wellness.

We practice with our minds set on whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy (Phil 4:8), not with our minds emptied. We meditate on the wisdom of God's Word (Psalm 119:9-16, 26-27), not on man's wisdom. We seek the transcendence and glory of God, not our own.

**KIMBERLY LEIGH** teaches Holy Yoga throughout the year at Christ Church. She lives in Clarendon Hills with her husband, and is the proud mother of three children. She is often spotted enjoying walks with their family dogs, AJ and Penny. When she is not spending time with her family and friends you will find her teaching Christian yoga, leading Bible study, serving in her local church as an Elder and active member of Women's Ministry. She is energized by the outdoors and enjoys hiking, golfing, travel, Pilates, preparing nutritious meals for loved ones and is



an involved member of NCL, the mother-daughter National Charity League. She has been practicing yoga for more than nineteen years and is a certified HOLY YOGA® instructor teaching at her local church, retreats and online, and welcomes one-on-one training. She is the owner of SoulFuLL Yoga, LLC.



**BIRDIE DESIGNS** is a local female-owned jewelry business that began with a gift for style and design and a founder, Nora, who created each piece by hand. In 2016 the business was put on hold when Nora's son Brooks was diagnosed with a rare form of pediatric cancer. After a courageous year-long fight, Brooks lost his battle in December of 2017 at the age of 10. The business mission shifted and Nora decided to incorporate her love of design with a desire to pay it forward. The company changed names to Birdie Designs—Birdie was Brooks' nickname. Making jewelry is a way for Nora to focus, be still and fulfill her desire to create. Nora and her husband started the Brooks Strong Foundation, a pediatric cancer charity and 15% of Birdie Design's profits are donated to the foundation. **birdiedesignsthatfly.com** 

**BRIGHT ENDEAVORS** Home. It's more important than ever. It's comfort, contentment, safety and security. They craft home fragrance products that ground you in those feelings and wrap you in the comfort of home. Artfully hand-poured by the young moms in their job training program, each candle lights the way toward strong families and bright futures. Through the 16 week paid program, production assistants are in control of setting and pursuing professional and personal goals. 100% of the proceeds support their mission to empower young moms, their kids and the communities. **brightendeavors.org** 

**CAROLINE'S BIRDIE TWEETS** | Each birdie tweet is handmade with love and designed to delight bird watchers of all ages. From casual bird observers to serious birders, everyone will love these birdie tweets. Their mission is to help people with disabilities like Caroline. Caroline loves sharing her birdie tweets and donating to nonprofit organizations and senior care facilities. Shop their collections and check them out online at **birdietweets.org**.

**C.S. LEWIS INSTITUTE** in Chicago endeavors to develop disciples who can articulate, defend, share and live faith in Christ in both public and personal life. The Institute works in partnership with local churches and ministries to help believers glorify God by becoming mature disciples of Jesus Christ who impact the spheres of influence to which God has called them. Our mission

is accomplished primarily through the one-year, life-changing, tuition-free Fellows program. It is designed to foster significant spiritual transformation, make disciples who make disciples, and prepare Fellows to engage the world for Christ. We also sponsor events which address contemporary issues in the church and culture and also have resources designed to inform, encourage and strengthen faith. **cslewisinstitute.org** 

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide. FMSC meals are hand-packed by volunteers and sent to an incredible network of partner organizations who distribute them to those in need. **Feed My Starving Children MarketPlace** | FMSC's MarketPlace supports sustainable employment that promotes sustainable development. For a fair wage, handmade goods are purchased from hardworking artisans in communities that receive FMSC meals. Your MarketPlace purchase gives hope to these communities. **fmsc.org | fmscmarketplace.org** 

**MARLO + OLIVE** is a women-owned business based in Chicagoland, inspired by a love for thoughtfully crafted, high-quality textiles. The business began when friends from Turkey introduced us to the beauty of Turkish towels during a weekend getaway. These towels aren't just stunning—they are lightweight, sand-resistant, ultra-absorbent, and quick-drying.

Marlo + Olive expanded into a thoughtfully curated collection of blankets, throws, baby blankets, hair towels, and robes—all woven from 100% premium Turkish cotton. Designed for home, travel, and everyday comfort, the textiles are naturally hypoallergenic, easy to care for and only get softer with each wash. Whether you're styling your home, creating a cozy self-care ritual or finding the perfect gift, marlo + olive has something special for you. **marloandolive.com** 

**NOONDAY COLLECTION |** Nonday Collection is a fair trade company partnering with women entrepreneurs in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. When you shop the collection of handmade clothing, jewelry and accessories, you join in creating meaningful opportunities for people around the world. Noonday offers scholarship programs for girls in Uganda and Guatemala because they believe educating girls changes communities. Help us build a flourishing world where children are cherished, women are empowered, people have jobs and we are all connected. Learn more at sarafreer.noondaycollection.com. **RE:NEW PROJECT** is a faith-based, Christian, nonprofit organization that serves refugee women resettled in and around Dupage County. Renew was founded in 2009 by a team of Christian women, for whom the mission of creating a space for refugee women to flourish represented a tangible way to serve refugees. This was in response to the biblical teachings to show God's love to those in need. In partnership with local churches, Renew provides a space for community members to build relationships with refugee women, learn about challenges encountered in resettlement, and live out their faith and love for Jesus Christ by serving refugee women. **renewproject.org** 

**STACY M BAKES** Stacy M Bakes is a cottage pop-up bakery in the Chicago suburbs specializing in custom cookies, cakes and dessert treats. Every creation from Stacy M Bakes is handcrafted with love and attention to detail, taking pride in offering unique and personalized baked goods to make every occasion extra special. Stacy is offering Abundance 2025 attendees \$5 off their first order! Simply order at **StacyMBakes.com** and provide the code "Abundance."

**CHRIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL** believes that all children are made in the image of God; and that every aspect of their person, such as intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual, will be nurtured in some way while in our care. Our teachers understand and embrace the great responsibility to provide for your child a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment that will cement the foundation for life-long learning. We provide age and developmentally-appropriate activities during our daily routines, which include hands-on activities and studies/projects that will stimulate and enrich your child. Each day your child will participate in large and small group activities, music and movement, free choice play, and a variety of language, art, math, science, and fine and gross motor activities. **ccpreschool.us** 

# connect with us

#### WOMEN OF HOPE | A COMMUNITY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

#### Tuesdays | 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m. or Zoom

Join us as we kick off a new study on the book of Colossians on March 18th. Enjoy teaching in a large group setting followed by small group discussion. Whether you are new to your faith or you've been studying the Bible for years, you'll find a place to explore faith and find meaningful friendship. Free childcare provided.

#### MomCo | A COMMUNITY FOR MOMS

#### 1st and 3rd Wednesdays | 9:15-11:15am

Join us on the first and third Wednesdays every month as we come together to learn and grow as we encourage each other along this journey of motherhood. Warm breakfast buffet served every meeting. Free childcare provided.

#### MomCo BIBLE STUDY

#### 2nd and 4th Wednesdays | 9:15-11:15am

Join us as we open God's Word together. We are currently studying the book of James and you can join us as this study will take us through part of May. This is open to all moms of infants through middle school are children. Free childcare provided, infant–5 years old.

If these opportunities don't work with your schedule, please contact Cathy Lapinski, Women's Ministry Director at clapinski@ChristChurch.us to find out about other small group opportunities. Register today for any of these programs by scanning the QR code.



## serve with us



#### WE BELIEVE IN GENEROUS SERVICE See what God can do through you!

Serving others is a great way to form community. We believe that God gave each of us unique abilities and talents so that we can be a part of transforming the world around us.

No matter your skill set, there is a role for you here! From our Lift Center and Lift Market to serving in children's ministry, from global mission trips to our Mission Cafe, teams of friendly folks work together and they could use your help. Scan the QR code to learn more about serve opportunities.





# thank you!

On behalf of the entire Abundance 2025 planning team, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of the incredible people and organizations who helped make this year's women's conference possible.

- Vivian Mabuni, what a gift to have you as our keynote speaker. Thank you for teaching us about who God is and the abundant life Jesus came to offer us.
- The worship team, led by Rochelle Burlock, for sharing your God-given gifts and talents with us.
- All of our fabulous volunteers for their hard work.
- Christ Church for letting us use their Oak Brook campus and the amazing staff without whose help this event would not have been possible.
- Aaron Foster for producing the event and the entire tech team.
- Victoria Georgelos and Stacy McGowan for their leadership in food service making sure we were nourished this weekend with delicious food and drinks along with the Helping Hands team.
- Michelle Cutinelli for leading the special session of Holy Yoga on Saturday.
- The Marketplace vendors who work to support organizations that make others lives better.
- To Tricia, our beloved sister in Christ, for courageously sharing her story with us this weekend.
- To our breakout session teachers, Susan Zidlicky, Tijana Hilaris and Tracey Bianchi for sharing their expertise to equip us in the areas of service, faith and mental health.
- The Abundance 2025 Planning team: Allie B., Allie N., Devin, Heather, Lisa, Mary, Sena, Stacy, Stefanie, Veronica and Victoria. I truly appreciate your dedication to every aspect of preparing for and praying over all the details of this event.

As you go from here this weekend, may you go with the love and peace of God as you surrender to His leading and lean into the abundant life Jesus came to give you.

With Joy,

Cathy Lapinski | Women's Ministry Director | Christ Church



### We invite you to journey with us through LENT and HOLY WEEK to the celebration of EASTER



THE FINAL DAYS | A Lenten Journey | Be with us on Sundays, in person or online, for our new series as we explore the Book of John and learn from Jesus' last conversations, teachings and unwavering love. March 9–April 13
9:00 & 10:45 a.m. | Oak Brook
Holy Communion at Classic Worship | 10:45 a.m.
10:00 a.m. | Butterfield



PALM SUNDAY | April 13 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. | Oak Brook Classic Worship | Special guest Ken Medema 10:00 a.m. | Butterfield





WALKING TO THE CROSS | A self-guided experience Maundy Thursday | April 17 | 6:00–8:00 p.m. Good Friday | April 18 | 3:00–7:00 p.m. Oak Brook & Butterfield



**GOOD FRIDAY | It Is Finished |** Holy Communion Friday, April 18 | 6:00 & 8:00 p.m. | Oak Brook



SILENT SATURDAY | Living in the In-between Saturday, April 19 | 10:00 a.m. | Oak Brook



EASTER | Before the Empty Tomb

Oak Brook Contemporary Saturday, April 19 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 20 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m. **Oak Brook Classic** Sunday, April 20 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Butterfield Contemporary Sunday, April 20 10:00 a.m.



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