

HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH

2nd & Market Streets, Philadelphia

FREE ADMISSION



Founded in 1695, Christ Church is known as “The Nation’s Church” because of the famous Revolutionary-era leaders who worshiped here, including

George Washington

Benjamin Franklin,

Betsy Ross

Robert Morris

Absalom Jones

Benjamin Rush

John Penn (William Penn’s grandson)

Francis Hopkinson and many others.



Informative talks by Christ Church’s historians are given throughout the day.

Open daily 9:00-5:00, Sunday 1:00-5:00
(Closed on Monday and Tuesday in January & February)

Donations are accepted.

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Christ Church was the first parish of the Church of England (Anglican) in Pennsylvania. It is also where the American Episcopal Church was born.

The original church was a small brick and wood building that fit into its Quaker-dominated surroundings in the late 1600s. The current church, started in 1727, has

long been considered one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in America. The steeple, financed by a lottery organized by Benjamin Franklin, was the tallest structure in the Colonies for 75 years.

The interior of the church is as impressive as the exterior. It includes the baptismal font from the 1300s, donated by All Hallows Church, London, in which William Penn was baptized, a pulpit from 1769 built by Thomas Folwell and a chandelier still in use since its installation in 1740.



*Please also visit the **Christ Church Burial Ground** at*

5th and Arch Streets. Benjamin Franklin and other signers of the Declaration of Independence are buried there, as well as many renowned Revolutionary War Heroes. Tours are offered throughout the day.

