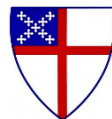


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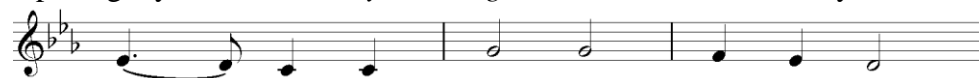


September 4, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Variations on If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* Robert Powell

Opening Hymn – *New Every Morning*

Hymnal 10



1 New ev - ery morn - ing is the love  
2 New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day,  
\*3 If on our dai - ly course our mind  
\*4 Old friends, old scenes, will love - lier be,  
\*5 The tri - vial round, the com - mon task,  
6 On - ly, O Lord, in thy dear love,



1 our wak - ening and up - ris - ing prove;  
2 a - round us ho - ver while we pray;  
3 be set to hal - low all we find,  
4 as more of heaven in each we see;  
5 will fur - nish all we ought to ask;  
6 fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;



1 through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought,  
2 new per - ils past, new sins for - given,  
3 new trea - sures still, of count - less price,  
4 some soft - ening gleam of love and prayer  
5 room to den - y our - selves; a road  
6 and help us, this and ev - ery day,



1 re - stored to life and power and thought.  
2 new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.  
3 God will pro - vide for sac - ri - fice.  
4 shall dawn on ev - ery cross and care.  
5 to bring us dai - ly near - er God.  
6 to live more near - ly as we pray.

Opening Salutation:

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Response: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lessons

**Jeremiah 18:1-11**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and

the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17** (Unison)  
*Domine, probasti*

BCP 794

- 1 **LORD, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 **You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 12 **For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 **I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- 14 **My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 **How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
how great is the sum of them!**
- 17 **If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the  
sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

### **Philemon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your

faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* Hymnal 635

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days; Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

*Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon – The Rev. Walter Hobgood

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** (Form III)

BCP 387

**Lay Reader:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
We pray your blessing on Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus  
Christ and share that grace with one another and the world. Grant that  
every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop, Scott  
our retired bishop; for David our Interim priest, Peter our retired priest,  
Walter, Marcia, Stella, Patricia, and Nancy and for all bishops, priests,  
and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Joe our President, Brian our governor, for those serving in  
the Armed Forces, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of  
the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*  
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We remember especially:

S.J. Denmark, Dr. James Wilhoite

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We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the sick and troubled especially;  
*Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Jimmy Carroll, Caty Carter, Wayne  
Cook, Janet Dickman, Marge Fitzsimons, Peter Ingeman, Laura Paine,  
Richard Rigby, Rocky, Burt Tillman*

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*(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)* Almighty God, giver of every  
good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of  
those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a  
faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our  
ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Christ be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

Offertory – *O Lord, Thou Hast Searched and Known Me*      Choir  
Eugene Butler

Doxology      Hymnal 380 vs. 3

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus      Hymnal S130

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;  
*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior has taught us we are bold to say  
*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S169

*The Celebrant may say the following Invitation  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn – Praise the Lord through every Nation Hymnal 484**

1 Praise the Lord through ev - ery na - tion; his ho - ly  
2 Je - sus, Lord, our Cap - tain glo - rious, o'er sin, and

arm hath wrought sal - va - tion; ex - alt him on his  
death, and hell vic - to - rious, wis - dom and might to

Fa - ther's throne. Praise your King, ye Chris - tian le -  
thee be - long; we con - fess, pro - claim, a - dore

gions, who now pre - pares in heaven - ly re -  
thee; we bow the knee, we fall be - fore

gions un - fail - ing man - sions for his own: with  
thee; thy love hence - forth shall be our song. The

voice and min - strel - sy ex - tol his ma - jes -  
cross mean - while we bear, the crown ere - long to

ty: Al - le - lu - ia! His praise shall sound all  
wear: Al - le - lu - ia! Thy reign ex - tend world

na - ture round, and hymns on ev - ery tongue a - bound.  
with - out end; let praise from all to thee a - scend.

Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.  
Music: *Wachet auf* melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576) adant Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



## Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

## Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

### Hymn – *Take up your Cross, the Savior Said*

Hymnal 675



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude – *Chorale Prelude on If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* J.S. Bach

## Special Notes

**Father Perkins** was on vacation this past week. He will return to the office on September 8, 2022. Please contact the church office, Nancy Lutsko, or Walter Hobgood if you have pastoral concerns.

**Church Office Closed** September 5, 2022 – in observance of Labor Day.

**Kick Off and Ministry Fair** – We will have lunch with a Kick Off Day-Ministry Fair on September 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:00 service. **We will only have a 10:00 service on September 11<sup>th</sup>.** Men in Blue will be cooking Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. We will have a waterslide, bounce house and fun activities for the kids, while adults can explore all that Christ Church has to offer during the Ministry Fair. Tables and booths will be set up for you to find out about a ministry that interests you, and sign up to be a part of the work of the church.

**Children's Church** will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Children age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to meet Keri Wilkin in the Children's Classroom in Gabard. (This is the first classroom on the left in the preschool hallway.)

**Foyer Groups are being formed** – Foyer Groups are made up of 8-10 people who meet (preferably) every month to get to know one another better. The groups can meet in different houses, or restaurants, and any night of the week they decide on. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please email Kim at the church or text or email Jeani Synyard - jsynyard@bellsouth.net or 229-834-6004. You may sign up until September 11. Groups will be put together shortly after that, so that you will be able to start meeting in October. Contact Jeani if you have any questions.

**Please mark your calendars** – We Love Christ Church Stewardship Dinner will be held on **Sunday, October 2, 2022** at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts (located at: 527 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta) from 6-8:30 p.m. **Please RSVP to the church office by September 26<sup>th</sup>** if you are planning to attend. Free childcare and dinner will be provided at Christ Church in the Gabard Building for children of all ages from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Annual Blessing of the Animals** – will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m. St Francis' Feast Day will be Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate his unique relationship to nature and to animals by having a blessing of animals around that time each year. This year, we will celebrate St. Francis by blessing animals on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will regather at **2 pm**, which will give you the opportunity to go home and gather your pets. If you bring a cat or a reptile, we would suggest caging them. Dogs and cats tend to create friction when closely aligned.



**Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch will meet in the Gabard Building beginning at 10:30 a.m. on September 10, 2022. The Christ Church Valdosta Lunch Bunch feeds 120 or more hungry children every second and fourth Saturday of the month. Workers from the church as well as other members of the community who volunteer gather at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. They pack them in plastic bags, then brown paper bags with logo stickers together with chips, fruit, juice and other healthy goodies purchased from the Second Harvest Food Bank. Volunteers are welcome.

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**Save the dates:** Below is a list of upcoming calendar dates. A calendar link has been added to the bottom of the Christ Church website homepage as well. More details will be distributed when the events get closer, but we wanted to get these dates out so you can mark your calendars:

- Sept 10:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – **Gabard Building**
  - Sept 11:** Kick-off and Ministry Fair with Men in Blue cooking
  - Sept 17:** Ground Breaking – Dave Clark “Build for the Cure”
  - Sept 24:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – **Parish Hall**
  - Sept 29:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
  - Oct. 2:** We Love Christ Church Stewardship Dinner
  - Oct. 8:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
  - \* **Oct. 9:** Parish Brunch after 10:00 service
  - Oct. 9:** Blessings of the Animals – 2:00 front lawn
  - Oct. 13:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
  - Oct. 20:** Oktoberfest
  - Oct. 22:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
  - Oct. 22 – Nov. 5:** Dave Clark “Build for the Cure”
  - Oct. 30:** Trunk or Treat – Front Parking Lot after 10:00 service
  - Nov. 6:** Parish Picnic-Marvin & Lyn Dickey’s farm at Buckhead in Quitman
  - Nov. 12:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
  - Nov. 17:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
  - Nov. 19:** Dedication of Dave Clark “Build for the Cure” Home
  - Nov. 24:** Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck – 2:00 pm – Parish Hall
  - Dec. 3:** Children’s Christmas Party and Parade Watching
- \* **Denotes Date change**

### **Serving Today**

**LEM:** Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Mike Tanner  
**Lectors:** Molly Stevenson, Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark  
**Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Phyllis Holland, Joel Williams  
**Altar Guild:** Team 1 – Sandra Fletcher, Rita Hightower, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner  
**Ushers:** Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley, Carter Coleman  
**Coffee Hour:** Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen  
**Live-stream Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker