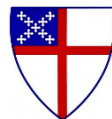


# Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.  
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October 16, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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October 16, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *The God of Abraham Praise*

Michael Burkhardt

Opening Hymn - *Praise to the Living God*

Hymnal 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

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 - mighty 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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lessons

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this

is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**Psalm 119:97-104** (Unison) BCP 763

*Quomodo dilexi!*

- 97 Oh, how I love your law!**  
**all the day long it is in my mind.**
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,**  
**and it is always with me.**
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,**  
**for your decrees are my study.**
- 100 I am wiser than the elders,**  
**because I observe your commandments.**
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way,**  
**that I may keep your word.**
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments,**  
**because you yourself have taught me.**
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste!**  
**they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.**
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding;**  
**therefore I hate every lying way.**

Gospel Hymn – *Help Us, O Lord, to Learn* Hymnal 628

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that  
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.  
 yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

*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 18:1-8**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon – Mr. Bob Thompson

## 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)

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

BCP 387

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, Walter and Marcía our  
assisting priests, Nancy our deacon; Peter, our retired priest, Stella and  
Patricia our retired deacons 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:

*Norma Barnidge*

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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, Allan  
Dear, Janet Dickman, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Laura Paine,  
Richard Rigby, Rocky, Paul Stevenson, 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.**

## The Ministries of Christ Church – Molly Stevenson

Offertory – He, Watching Over Israel Choir  
Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Hal Hopson

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

*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.

Hymnal S169

### Communion Hymn – *Commit Thou All That Grieves Thee* Hymnal 669

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with  
2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -  
3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -  
4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the  
cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for  
right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their  
fraud: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their  
thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it  
an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom  
keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis  
bring thee to pine in grief and care? God  
choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and  
mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.  
ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.  
bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.  
in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

## 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.**

## News of Christ Church

## Blessing

Hymn – *Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

Hymnal 530

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

## Dismissal

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

Postlude – *Ceremonial Rondeau*

Purcell, arr. by Rick Parks



### Special Notes

**Guest Speaker** – Father David has invited Bob Thompson to be our guest preacher today. Father Perkins will preside. Bob is a licensed lay preacher in the diocese and served as senior warden when Father David served as priest in charge at Our Savior in Martinez. Please extend a warm welcome to Bob during the Brunch this morning.

**Children’s Church** will meet on October 16<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.)

**Sunday Brunch, October 16<sup>th</sup>** - Christ Church will host a church-wide brunch immediately after the 10 am service today. We hope you will join us for this time of food and fellowship.

**The Tuesday Night Bible study** led by Willa Valencia, will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

**Grace Café Food Pantry** – Food Pantry at Grace Café is in need of restocking. They have plenty of Rami noodles and Oatmeal, but could use Chef Boyardee individual Meals, Tuna and Chicken in Cans or packets, Easy Mac & Cheese, Quick Rice, Canned Beans or Soup, Individual Packets of Nuts, Granola Bars, Peanut Butter, Applesauce & Fruit Cups, Pasta, Fruits

**Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch will meet in the Parish Hall beginning at **10:30 a.m. on October 22, 2022.**

**Attention EYC youth and parents!** Mark your calendars for the Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) 22/23 kickoff meeting (and pizza party) on **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** in the youth room in the Gabard Building. Besides pizza and fellowship, we’ll also have the chance to talk about our ideas for EYC and get input from youth and parents in a casual gathering.

**Live-streaming update** - As a part of the upgrade of our audio and video equipment, the rear pew on the College Street side has been moved to a temporary location in the annex. Construction will soon begin on the new media booth where our livestreaming ministry will eventually be located. The loose cables in this area have been placed in a cardboard box for safety reasons -- please do not step on this box or attempt to move it.

**Garden Guild** will begin meeting on **Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will meet under the Dave Clark Cook Shelter on Mondays and Wednesdays. Bring your gloves and tools. All are welcome.

### Special Notes – (cont.)

**Oktoberfest:** For those of you who signed up to attend, Oktoberfest is this coming Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, with the biergarten opening at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served around 6:30. Cost will be \$15 per person. **As this is an adult gathering for those 21 and older, please have proof of age with you. Childcare will be available in the Gabard Building.** We look forward to seeing you there!

**Dave Clark – Build for the Cure: - Habitat House 2022** – The Dave Clark Build for the Cure House construction will begin on-site Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> where the walls built on Saturday will be erected. The build will continue daily Monday – Saturday until the house is complete. Hopefully by November 5<sup>th</sup> our Goal Date. Volunteers are welcome any day, time and duration.

**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:

- \***Oct. 16:** Parish Brunch after 10:00 service
- Oct. 16:** EYC Youth and Parent Kick-off – 6:00 p.m. – Gabard
- \* **Oct. 18 – Nov. 5:** Dave Clark “Build for the Cure” on site
- Oct. 20:** Oktoberfest
- Oct. 21:** HEP Lunch – 12:00 – John & Marcia McRae’s
- Oct. 22:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
- 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. 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:** Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Molly Stevenson  
**Lectors:** Molly Stevenson, David Sandbach, Ruth Holland  
**Acolytes:** J.D. Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Nancy Lutsko  
**Altar Guild:** Team 3 – Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake  
**Ushers:** Al Turner, Tom Carroll, John McRae  
**Coffee Hour:** Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Leigh Long  
**Live-stream Crew:** Tom Carroll, Ken Rumstay