

Christ Episcopal Church



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Pentecost 18 / Proper 21
Welcome to Christ Church!
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Variations on an American Hymn Tune* Gordon Young

Opening Hymn – *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn 686

Opening Salutation BCP 355
Collect for Purity BCP 355
Gloria Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day BCP 234
The Lessons (See Insert)
Gospel Hymn: *Shepherds of Souls Refresh and Bless* Hymn 343

The Sermon – The Rev. Hal Weidman

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form II) BCP 385
Confession of Sin BCP 360
The Peace BCP 360
Announcements – please be seated
Offertory – Adoramus Te - Emily Crocker Choir
Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361
Sanctus Hymnal S130
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
Fraction Anthem Hymnal S154
The Communion BCP 365

Communion Hymns – *At the Name of Jesus* Hymn 435
What Wondrous Love is This Hymn 439

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 366
Blessing
Hymn – *All Praise to Thee O King Divine* Hymn 477
Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – *Voluntary on Engleberg* Charles Callahan

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

BCP 694

Attendite, popule

- ¹ **Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
- ² **I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- ³ **That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.**
- ⁴ **We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.**
- ¹² **He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**
- ¹³ **He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.**
- ¹⁴ **He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.**
- ¹⁵ **He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**
- ¹⁶ **He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same

mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Remember in your prayers: *The Armstrong family, Ann Burnette, the Cortese family, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Davis family, Allan Dear, Bishop Tom Ely, Gene Greneker, Merrill Guice, Louise Harden, Michane James, CathyAnn Kautter, the Mistick family, Gnann Moser, Rav Murphy, Brett Nelson, Lois Stevenson, the Stone family, Mike Tanner, Willa Valencia, Sue Marie Waddell, Michelle Weidman*

Kathy Armstrong, Jason Guice, Ann Stone – deceased

Stephen, Kacie & Henry Sandbach on the birth of Holt Sandbach on September 18th.

Special Notes

Welcome to our worship service. We are so glad you're here! Father Hal, the Vestry, an Usher or a member are available to welcome you and answer your questions.

Christian Education for All Ages At 9:15am, Children in the 5th grade and younger meet in the Education (Gabard) Building. Also, at 9:15AM Chris Roan continues her adult class on the Sunday Bible readings in the Parish Hall. At 5PM students in the 6th - 12th grades will meet in EYC Room in the Education Building.

Nursery opens at 9:00am – The Nursery opens on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. This will give those with children 2 and under the opportunity to participate in Christian Education each Sunday morning. Children 3 and up attend Christian Education beginning at 9:15am.

Evening Prayer is held on Monday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to join us.

The Tuesday Night Bible study led by Willa Valencia, is held at 7:30pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

Financial Giving Statements - In an effort to cut costs, the Finance Committee has recommended that we move to email giving statements rather than printed and mailed statements. If your email has recently changed, please contact the church office so we can make that change in our records.

Grace Café Food Pantry – Food Pantry at Grace Café is in need of restocking. They need canned ravioli and Spaghettios, canned soups, canned chicken and tuna, and packages of peanut butter crackers. Thank you for your help.

The Week Ahead:

October 1 – 4p – Stitchers of Love

5p – EYC – Gabard Building

6p – Vespers

October 2 – 5:30p – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary

October 3 – 5:30p – Parish Life Meeting

7:30p – Valencia Bible Study – Borders' Home

October 4 – 6:00p - First Wednesday Holy Eucharist

6:30p – Dinner and Program

6:30p – Bible Study – Borders' Home

7p – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

October 5 – 5p – Convocation for Diocesan Convention Delegates - Zoom

October 8 – 8 & 10a – Holy Eucharist

9:15a – Christian Education

12:00p – Blessing of Animals – Front Lawn

Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: Tammv Borders, David Sandbach, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: David Sandbach, Sallie Honeycutt, Jane Kinney

Acolytes: JD Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme

Altar Guild: Sandra Fletcher, Rita Hightower, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman

Ushers: Al Turner, Tom Carroll, Glen Flowers

Greeter: Michael Black

Coffee Hour: Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach, Chris Roan, Melissa Carter

Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

Donated Pumpkins Needed

Grace Cafe is hosting a pumpkin carving event on Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 PM for college students. We are seeking interested volunteers to help teach the basics of pumpkin carving and we are seeking donations of pumpkins for the students to carve. Donated pumpkins can be dropped at the church on Sunday, October 15, or that week Monday -Thursday at Grace Cafe. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, call or text Jeri-Lyn Flowers at 404-771-7116 or Stefani Carroll at 229-560-1817.



First Wednesday Holy Eucharist, Dinner and a Program – October 4th

The First Wednesday of each month we will have Holy Eucharist at 6:00pm followed by light dinner and heavy fellowship in the Parish Hall at 6:30 and a program on St. Francis of Assisi. Please bring a dessert to share.

Oktoberfest this year will be held in the parish hall on **Tuesday, October 24th**, with the biergarten opening at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served around 6:30. On the menu: Usinger's bratwurst from Milwaukee, potato salad and tossed salad, sauerkraut and other pickled things, rye bread, and beer and wine. Cost will be \$15 per person.



Please note that this is an adult gathering for those 21 and older (please have proof of age with you).

Since Jane needs to know how many bratwurst to order, please **sign up before October 11th**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall, or you can call the church office to leave your name. If you'd like to contribute by bringing potato salad (German or "regular") or sauerkraut, there'll also be a sign-up sheet for that in the parish hall. Danke schön!



Blessing of the Animals

Christ Church will hold our annual Blessing of the Animals on October 8th at 12p on the front lawn.

Parish Retreat - The Parish Life committee has reserved a spot for Christ Church at Honey Creek for a Parish Retreat the weekend of October 20-22, 2023. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. **Please sign-up by October 11th**. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall, or contact the church office to sign up. Please contact Jeani Synyard (jsynyard@bellsouth.net or 229-834-6004) if you have further questions.

