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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – Stewardship Sunday

October 18, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimum.

***Prelude**

Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens

Gaël Liardon

***Hymn in Procession #377**

All people that on earth do dwell

Old Hundredth

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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

8 am: spoken; 10 am: WLP 900 (Rutter)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly
King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; -

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus *f cresc.*

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

ff broaden glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Abundant God, you made us in your image
and breathed in us a spirit of generosity
that is both gift and response.
Move us, we pray, to give as we have received –
abundantly, generously, and joyfully –
that our common ministry may ever bear witness
to your unfailing grace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



A—scribe to the Lord hon—or and pow—er.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. [ANTIPHON]
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! [ANTIPHON]
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him. [ANTIPHON]

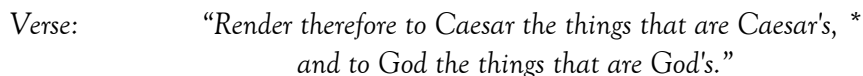
The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has

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

*The Gospel Acclamation



Clergy	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the life you have given us and for the love and care that surrounds us on every side. Help our eyes open to the beauty of your good creation which we can so easily take for granted.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world and for those elected to govern and lead us. Keep them ever mindful of the needs of those whom they have been called to serve. We pray for a peaceable end to conflict in all nations, and for the inhabitants of all war-torn countries.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

On this Stewardship Sunday, we give thanks for this parish and the joyful witness of its people. Guide us as we engage in ministries which demand our best efforts and reflect your love to the world. We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. Bless them, and make them a blessing to others.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are ill, including those on our prayer list, those in our hearts, and those whose suffering is known to you alone. Be with doctors, nurses and all care partners, that through their ministries the health of your people may be strengthened and your creation glorified. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

Every day we stand in the shade of trees we did not plant. We live in houses we did not build. We live in a body with a mind and a spirit that we did not choose or create. O God, let us never take for granted the many blessings you have freely bestowed upon us. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds this concluding prayer

Good and gracious God, you call us to be disciples carrying out your mission. Transform us through the power of your Spirit. Open our hearts to acknowledge your many blessings, to use your gifts wisely, to share generously, to serve joyfully, to live responsibly, to be a gift to others. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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*Offertory Anthem

Sing and Exult

Eugene Butler

*They shall come from afar,
From the South and the North,
From the East and the West.
Sing and rejoice O heavens,
Sing and exult O earth,
Sing for joy, O heavens,
Sing and exult, O earth.
Break forth into singing
Mountains of the Lord!
Sing in exultation;
Children of the Lord!*

*Ye shall have a song
As in the night when a feast is kept.
Turn to me and be saved
All the end of the earth.
I am God, there is no other
From the mouth flows righteousness,
To me every knee shall bow.
Every tongue shall praise!
Sing and rejoice O heavens,
Sing and exult O earth,
Sing for joy, O heavens,
Sing and exult, O earth!*

*Break forth into singing
Mountains of the Lord!
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*Sing and rejoice, O heavens
Sing and exult O earth,
Sing for joy, O heavens,
Sing and exult, O earth!
O sing and exult, O earth!*

- from Isaiah

*The Doxology

Hymnal #380, vs 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

<i>Celebrant</i> The Lord be with you. <i>Celebrant</i> Lift up your hearts. <i>Celebrant</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <i>People</i> It is right to give him thanks and praise.	<i>People</i> And al - so with you. <i>People</i> We lift them to the Lord.
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Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

8 am: spoken

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

10 am: S-130 (Schubert)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

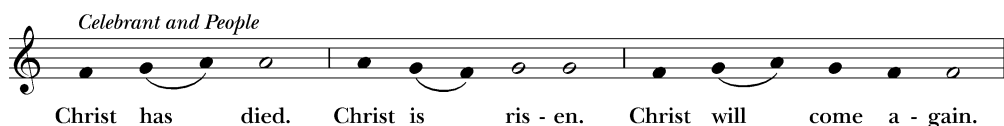
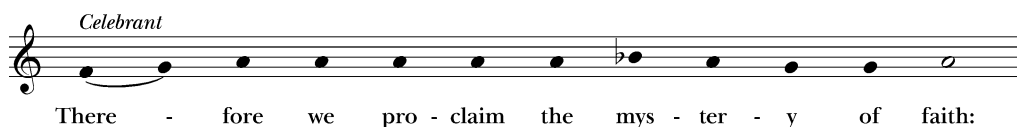
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant 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."



Celebrant 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
ev - er. A - MEN.

***Closing Hymn #594**

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***The Voluntary**

Caithness

Healey Willan

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Shari Hillard

L.E.M.: Andy Van Orden

Usher: Mitch Hillard

Altar Guild: Julianne Gerdes, Luz Quintero

10:00 am

Crucifer: Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Tim Evans, Randall Kurie,

John Beasley

L.E.M.: Tim Profeta

Ushers: Pauline Josephs & Kurt Lutz

Joining us in worship & fellowship on October 11, 2026

8:00 am: 34

10:00 am: 89

Christ Church Prayer List

We offer our prayers for those who are ill, including:

Amy, Ann, Antonia, Arlene, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Carolyn, Carolyne,
Christie, Cindy, Dan, Daryl, David, Deanna, Derek, Ed, Elaine, Elaine, Emily,
Erin, Gary, Grace, Harry, Helise, Holly, Jack, Jason, Jay, Jerry, Joe, John,
Joyce, Kate, Lindsay, Lisa, Lynn, Madeline, Mary, Mary, Michael, Mike, Paul,
Peggy, Richard, Ryan, Sharon, Shawna, Shelagh, Stacy, Sue, Thomas, Tracy.

We offer our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, including:

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Hannah Kirby, Leigh Kramer (October 18), Jennifer Scuralli (October 19),
Matthew Salerno, Linda Scott (October 20), Alec Rutherford (October 21),
Mikayla Caruso, Shelby Garno (October 22), JoAnn Orichio (October 23),
Matthew Amaro, Kathleen Love, Grace Maruska (October 24).

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Coray & Cindy Kirby (October 20).

We want to be praying with you!

Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

Announcements & Events



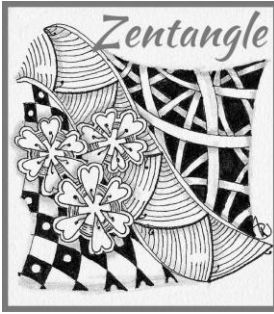
**Annual Giving
at Christ Church**

Today we distributed annual giving materials, inviting you to make a financial pledge to support Christ Church in the coming year. We ask you to prayerfully consider your level of support, and return a completed pledge card by **Sunday, November 22.**

Annual Giving Guiding Verse

“You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.”

James 3:18 (MSG)



Christ Church Women's Friday Fun Night This Friday, October 23 at 7:00 pm

All women of the parish are invited to an evening learning the therapeutic art technique *Zentangle*, taught by our own **Maureen Slamer**. For more information, please contact **Teresa Krueger** at teresaakrueger@gmail.com.

Adult Formation Series: Being Christian Wednesday Evenings starting October 28 7:00-8:00 pm in Holley Hall

What does it actually mean to be Christian?
Not as a set of ideas to agree with,
but as a life shaped by four simple things:
baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist, and prayer.

ROWAN WILLIAMS
**BEING
CHRISTIAN**
BAPTISM, BIBLE, EUCHARIST, PRAYER

This fall we will read **Being Christian** by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and talk together about the practices at the heart of our common life. Williams writes with warmth and clarity, and the book is short enough to read a chapter a week without adding stress to your evenings. Whether these topics are brand new to you or you have been hearing them in church for decades, there is more here than any of us has finished discovering. Come for the conversation, the questions, and the joy of learning alongside one another. All are welcome. Books at no cost are available in the parish office or at the first session. For more information, please speak with **Rev. Tricia Lyons**.



New Member Classes with Father Chris Sunday, November 8 & 15 11:30 am in the Church Parlor

New to Christ Church? Join Chris for two sessions after our 10 am service for an overview of the Episcopal Church and to learn more about our special parish.

All Souls Requiem Mass

Sunday, November 1

4:00 pm

Fauré Requiem with Orchestra

Join us in the afternoon on
Sunday, November 1 as we
give thanks to God for all the
blessed souls who now dwell in heaven.



Our talented choir will offer the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré,
featuring orchestra and soloists. A festive reception will follow.
Consider inviting friends to come hear this beautiful work in our sacred space.

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