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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism

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

Prelude

Ritonello on “Toplady”

Matthew Wachtman

Hymn in Procession #414 God, my King, thy might confessing

Stuttgart

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may please be seated.

The First Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.



The Lord is gra-cious and full of com-pas-sion.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever. [ANTIPHON]
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness. [ANTIPHON]
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness. [ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #660

O Master let me walk with thee

Maryton

The Gospel Acclamation



Verse: “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of

the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

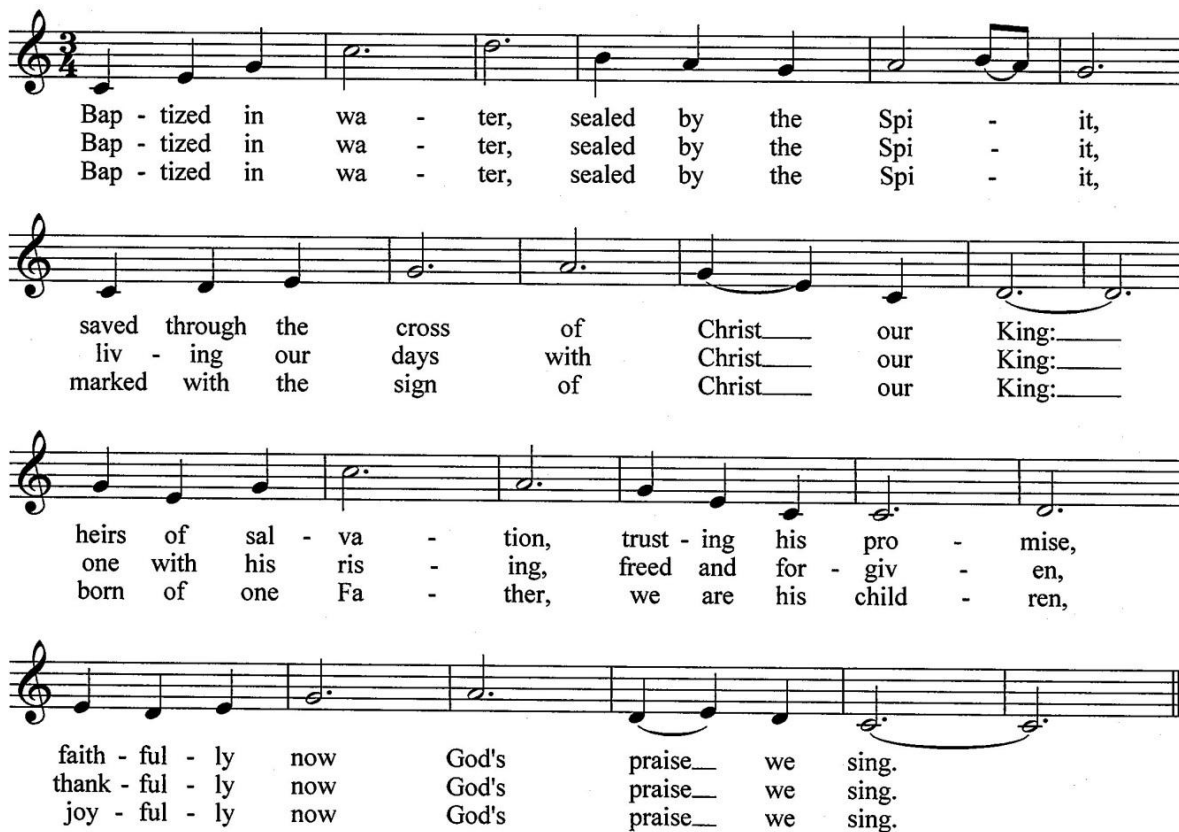
The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

Baptismal Hymn

Baptized in Water

Bunessan



Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - it,
Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - it,
Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - it,

saved through the cross of Christ our King:____
liv - ing our days with Christ our King:____
marked with the sign of Christ our King:____

heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his pro - mise,
one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,
born of one Fa - ther, we are his child - ren,

faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

The Holy Baptism of Walker Lane Reed

Parents: Nichole & Joshua Reed

Godparents: Dana Reed & Ralph Sandello

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents I present Walker Lane Reed to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you
present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to
grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of
wickedness that rebel against God?
Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which
corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the
love of God?
Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Walker in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us join with Walker, who is being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Walker who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may please be seated.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Walker, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Walker, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed on Walker the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant & People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

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Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

*For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

*For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

*For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn, of praise*

- Folliott S. Peirpoint

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

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.



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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 & Benedictus

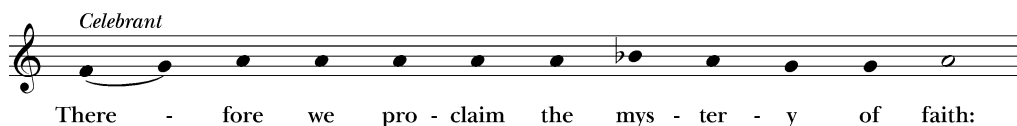
Hymnal #S-130 (Schubert)

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.

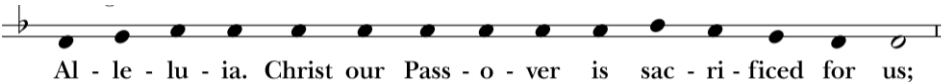
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for
ev - er. A - MEN.

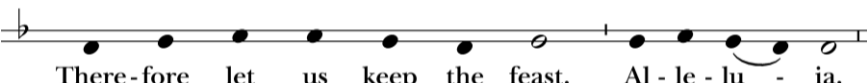
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

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

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm.

Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest.

*The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking
(placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it).*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest
and receive a blessing from the priest.*

Communion

Fantasy on "Holy Manna"

Colin Curtis

Communion Hymn #312

Strengthen for service

Malabar

Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #551

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Festal Song

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Voluntary

Dear Christians Let Us Rejoice Together, BWV 734

J. S. Bach

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Serving in God's House Today

10:00 am

Crucifer: Brad Hodgins

Lectors: Mary Ann Risley, Walter Thies, Randall Kurie

L.E.M.: Pauline Josephs

Ushers: Kurt Lutz & Nick Pachnos

Altar Guild: Susan Mittelstadt

Joining us in worship & fellowship on September 13, 2026

8:00 am: 35

10:00 am: 118

Christ Church Prayer List

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

Amy, Ann, Arlene, Betty, Bill, Brenda,
Carolyn, Carolyne, Christie, Dan,
Daryl, David, Derek, Ed, Elaine,
Erin, Gary, Gizelle, Grace, Harry, Jack,
Jason, Jay, Jerry, John, Joyce, Karen,
Kate, Lee Ann, Lisa, Lisa, Madeline,
Mary, Mary, Michael, Nancy, Paul,
Peggy, Richard, Richie, Shelagh, Thomas.

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

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert.

We rejoice with those expecting a child, including:

Arthur & Stephanie

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Jo Ann LaCarrubba (September 21),
Merry Alessandro-Gross (September 22),
Jamie Grover, Fred Stevenson (September 23),
Abigail Streeter (September 24),
Jared Marquard, Mike Ragsdale (September 26).

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

George & Vanessa Compton (September 20),
John & Candace Sandfort (September 24),
Bob & Kathi Hoffman, Michael & Anne Reed (September 26).

We want to be praying with you!

*Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list,
or to add a birthday or anniversary to our list.*

Please note: names will be removed after three months, unless otherwise requested.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith • Friendship • Fun
Preschool–6th grade

September–June

9:30–11AM

- **Learn** Bible Stories and about Jesus
- **Pray** and grow closer with God
- **Create** through crafts, music and activities
- **Connect** with friends, faith and our community



Everyone Welcome!

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CHRIST CHURCH NEWTON MINISTRY FAIR



Sunday, September 27th • 8:00 a.m. - noon

Our parish offers many ways for us to be Christ's presence in our community – *and we need you!*

Whether it's a few minutes or a few hours, a hidden talent or a skill you would like to learn, we would love to have you join us!

Worship Volunteers

- Altar Guild
- Acolytes & Crucifers
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Ushers

Feeding Ministries

- Brunch in a Bag
- Coffee Hour
- Manna House
- New Beginnings Breakfast
- Parish Breakfast

Facility Maintenance

- Property Committee

Christian Education

- Sunday School Teachers
- Summer Workshop Leaders
- Bible Study Leaders
- Youth Group

Music

- Junior Choir
- Senior Choir
- Summer Soloists

Community Outreach

- Christ Church in Stitches
- Helping Hands

Care Packages for Christ Church College Students!

Granola or Protein Bars –
Tissues – Laundry
Detergent – Microwave
Popcorn – First Aid
Supplies – Pens & Pencils –
Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
– Cereal – Religious Items –
Toiletries – Stamps – Gift
Cards – Note Cards



The academic year has started and it's time to show our students some love!
If your child or grandchild is enrolled in college,
Christ Church would like to send them a care package.

If you have the time and resources,
please contribute an item from our list and bring it to the church,
September 27 - October 18.

Monetary contributions are also welcome!

If your child or grandchild is enrolled in college, here is what we need from you:
First and last name; Educational Institution; Mailing Address

Please email this information to the parish office **by Sunday, October 11.**

Got questions? Contact Randy Parks, randolph.parks@atlantichhealth.org.
Thank you for supporting our college students!



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