

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

***Prelude** Simple Gifts (*from Appalachian Spring*) Aaron Copland; arr. Andrew Lee

***Hymn in Procession #709** The God of Bethel, by whose hand *Dundee*

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. _____

_____ 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 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the 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. 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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

8 am: said responsively; 10 am: led by the choir



My help comes from the Lord, the ma-ker of heav-en and earth.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth. [ANTHYPHON]
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep; [ANTHYPHON]
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night. [ANTHYPHON]
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. [ANTHYPHON]

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

*Sequence Hymn #631

Book of books, our people's strength

Liebster Jesu

*The Gospel Acclamation



Verse *The word of the Lord endures for ever,* the word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.*

Clergy

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

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?"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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

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, O Lord, that they might not forget the trust imparted to them by your people.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

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, including Dean Booker and Flora Jean Smith. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

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

Come to the Water

Cary Ratcliff

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.
Let them come to the Lord without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water,
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.
Let them come to the Lord, all who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.
Let them come to the Lord without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

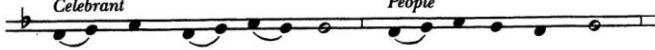
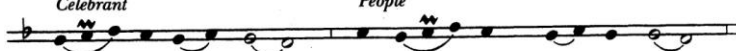
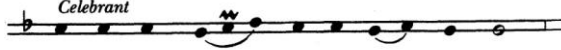
And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.
Bring them all to the Lord, bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light, O come to the Lord.

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

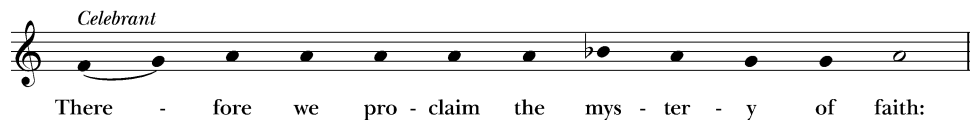
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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."

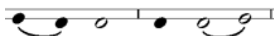
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



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.

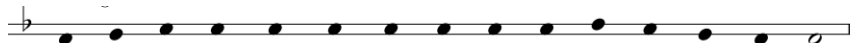
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your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

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 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** Come Thou Traveler Unknown (Candler) *arr. Dale Wood*

***Communion Hymn #711** Seek ye first the kingdom of God *Seek Ye First*

***Junior Choir Anthem** Psalm 121 *Timothy Shaw*

*I lift up my eyes to the hills;
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I will lift up my eyes to the hills!
The Lord who watches over you is your shelter.
The sun will never harm you by day,
Nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord who watches over you will not slumber.
Your foot will never, never be moved;
Your Keeper will not sleep.*

*The Lord who watches over you will protect you.
The Lord will keep you all your life.
The Lord will keep you, both now and ever,*

Now and evermore

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 #530** Spread, O spread, thou mighty word *Gott sei Dank*

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***The Voluntary** Rise Up and Serve the Lord *arr. Patrick Lou Harris*

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Joining us in worship & fellowship on October 12, 2025

8:00 am: 30

10:00 am: 127

Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Andy VanOrden

Ushers: Bill Haberman

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild Team

10:00 am

Crucifer: Adrienne Caggiano

Lectors: Tim Evans, Beth Batastini,
Brad Hodgins

L.E.M.: Pauline Josephs

Ushers: Randy Kurie, Diana Riker

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Dean Booker by Laura Booker.*

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Fred, Jennifer, Gizelle,Carolayne, Madeline, Gloria, Lorraine, Mark, Phyllis, Michael, Antoinette, Albie, Jackie, Carole, Linda, Michael Patrick, Charlie, Derek, Guy, Ryan, Tricia, Lauren, Tony, Sam, Marie, Antonia, Michelle, Ronnie, Colleen, Frances, Jenna, Deena, Dale, Karen, Becky, Laura, Ed, Brenda, Alex, Becky, Amy, Elaine, Judi, Jason, Angie, Sharon, Reid Family, Lou, Gabbie, Susan, Marlene, Ed, Trina, Barbara, Albert, Jane, Daryl, Jane, Judi, Debbie, Jeffrey, Amy, Alyssa, Katie, Laura, Janet, Stevie, Mookie, Emilie, Andy, Joyce, Lorraine, Tammy, Ann, Liz, Roberto, Ovidro, Aceneth, Louise, Mike, Art, Ray, Madeline, Sharon, Nadine, Mark, Michele, Ann and Marie

For those serving in the armed forces: Dean, Michael, Jonathan, Rich, Zach and Angel.

We rejoice with... Linda Scott, Matthew Salerno, Mikayla Caruso, Joanne Orichio, Grace Maruska, Kathleen Love, Chris Streeter, Debbie Mello and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Coray & Cindy Kirby on their anniversary.

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