

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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**

Beside the Still Waters

Guyneth Walker

***Hymn in Procession #7**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
that we may continually be given to good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may please be seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ev—er.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. [ANTIPHON]
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. [ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

*The Gospel Acclamation



Verse: "For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons, Associate Priest

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, 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. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. **Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant may offer a concluding 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**

Wondrous Love

arr. Marie Pooler

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul What wondrous love is this, O my soul What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse For my soul, for my soul To bear the dreadful curse for my soul	To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing To God and to the Lamb, I will sing To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing While millions join the theme, I will sing	And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on And through eternity, I'll sing on
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- Southern Folk Hymn c. 1811

***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.

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.

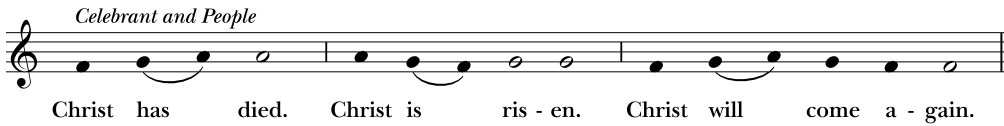
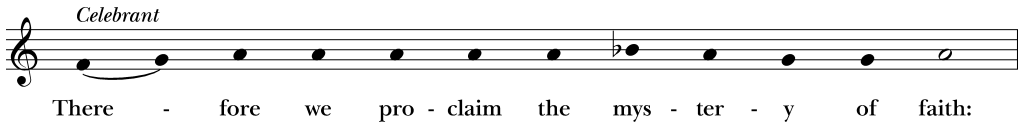
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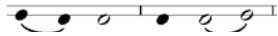
Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, 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.

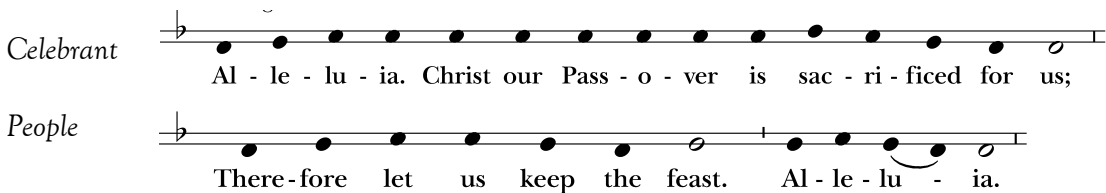
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for 
ev - er. A - MEN.

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.



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**

Aubade

Thomas Keesecker

***Communion Anthem**

Psalm 121
Junior Choir

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.*

*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*

***Communion Hymn #321**

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

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 #481**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Gopsal

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The Voluntary

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Michael Burkhardt

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Shari Hillard

L.E.M.: Geri Livengood

Usher: Mitch Hillard

Altar Guild: Janet Jenkins

10:00 am

Crucifer: Josh Szelesta

Lectors: Eric Dietz, Cecelia Clayton,

Brad Hodgins

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: John Jaqueth & Nick Pachnos

Joining us in worship & fellowship on October 4, 2026

8:00 am: 32

10:00 am: 127

Christ Church Prayer List

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

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

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:

Jeanette Hile (October 11), Peter Van Orden (October 15), Curt Wilson (October 17).

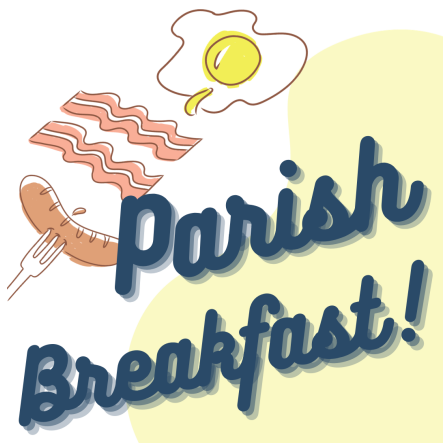
We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Keith & Ginny Smith (October 17).

We want to be praying with you!

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

Announcements & Events



Monthly Parish Breakfast

Next Sunday, October 18 starting at 8:45 am

Join us **next Sunday** in between morning services
for our monthly parish breakfast.

This month's menu will feature the always popular
Fantastic French Toast.

All are welcome!

This is a great opportunity to introduce
family and friends to our wonderful parish!

CPR Class at Christ Church

This Saturday, October 17

9:00 am – 12 noon

Parishioner **Nick Pachnos** will offer basic
CPR training and the use of our defibrillator.

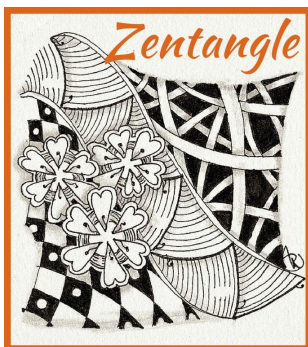


Cost is \$25; (\$50 if certification is required.)

To register, please contact Nick at npachnos@gmail.com or 908-256-6355.

College Care Package Project Submit names & addresses TODAY!

Please be sure you've submitted information for our College Care Package project. Items will be packaged next Sunday. Questions? Contact Randy Parks at randolph.parks@atlantichealth.org.

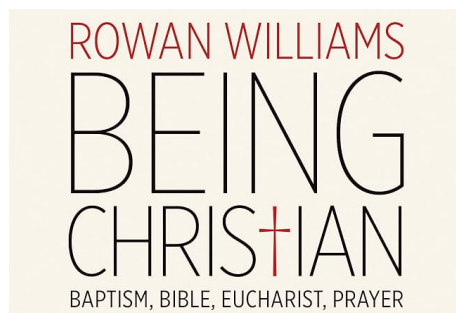


Christ Church Women's Friday Fun Night Friday, October 23 at 7:00 pm

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 Kruger** at teresaakruger@gmail.com.

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

Join us for a four-part adult formation series as we read through Being Christian by former Archbishop of Canterbury **Rowan Williams**. Come for the conversation, the questions, and the joy of learning alongside one another. 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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