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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026 **8:00 & 10:00 am**

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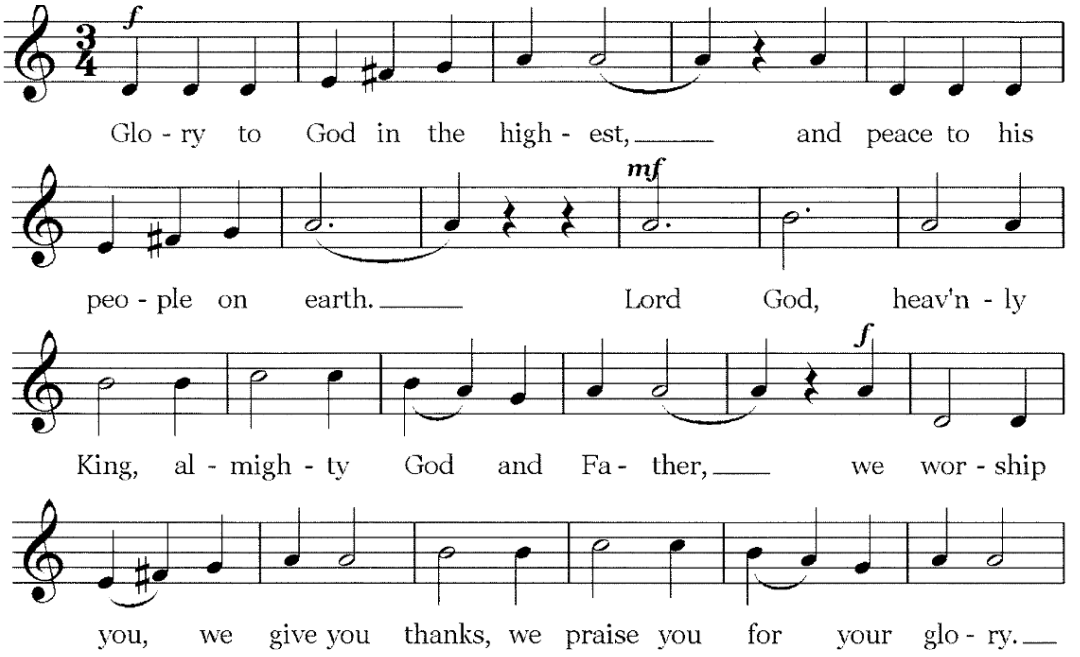
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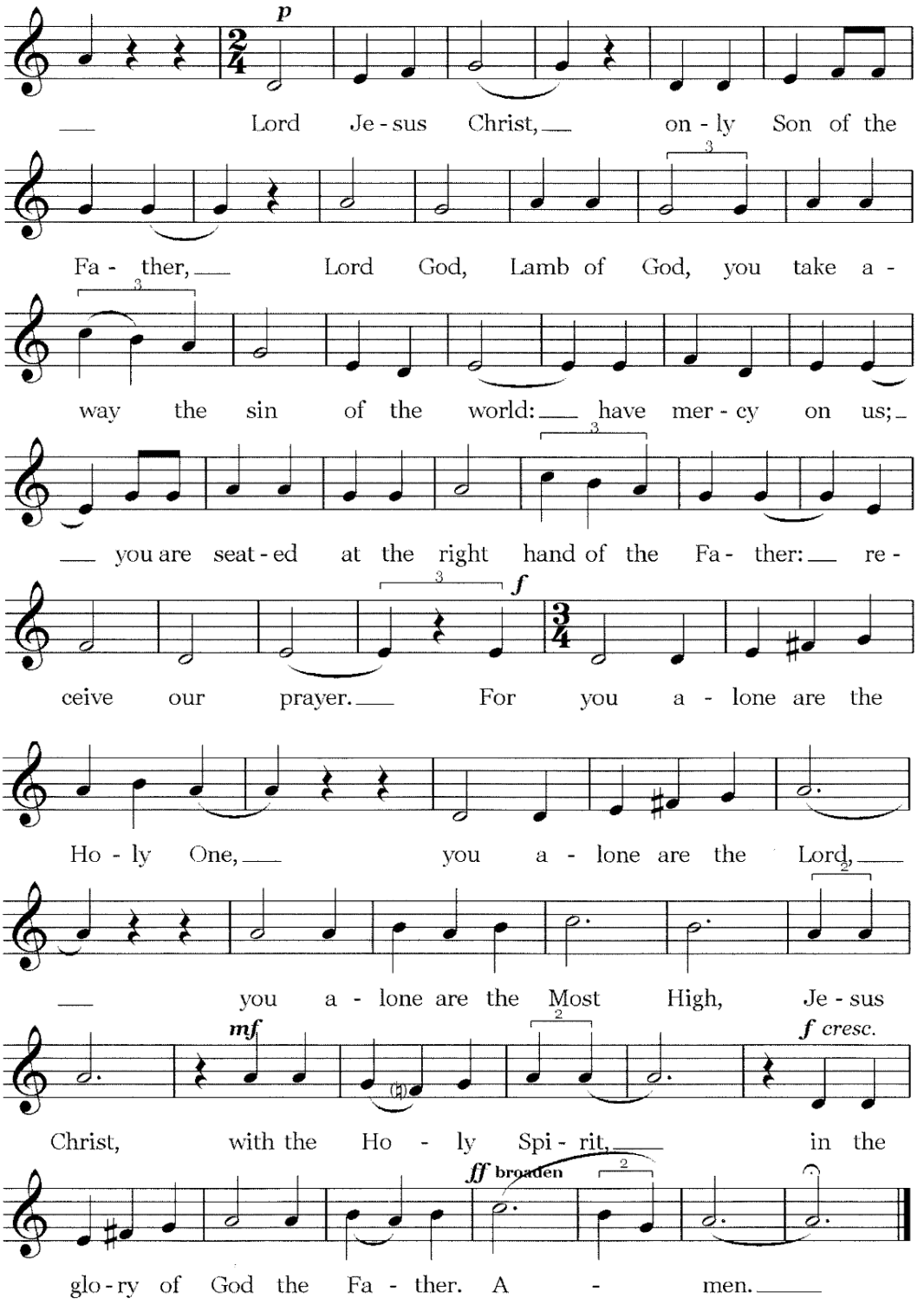
***Prelude** Two Settings of *Vater unser in Himmelreich, BWV 737, 683* *J.S. Bach*

***Hymn in Procession #436** Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*

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)*




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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
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you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
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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
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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. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
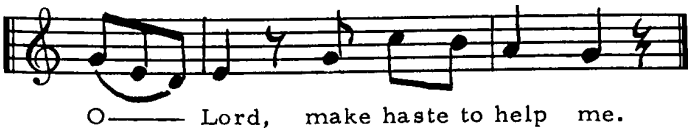
The First Lesson **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *8 am: spoken; 10 am: led by choir*



1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced. **[ANTIPHON]**

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!" **[ANTIPHON]**

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry. **[ANTIPHON]**
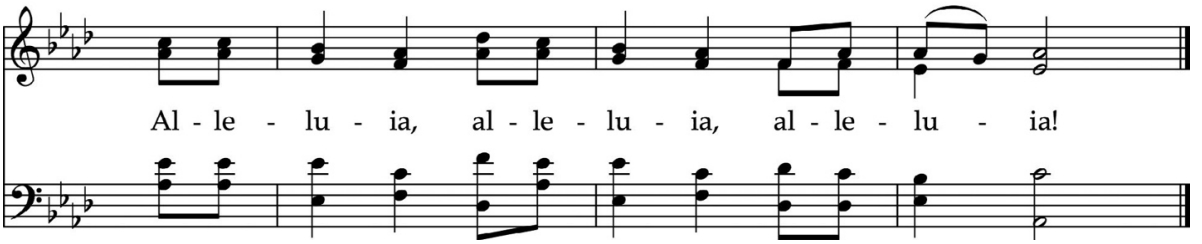
The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

***Sequence Hymn #11** Awake, my soul *Morning Hymn*

***The Gospel Acclamation**



Verse: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

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 us to be faithful stewards of your good creation, caring for this earth and the gift of its resources.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all who exercise authority in the communities and nations of the world. Preserve them from temptations of power and privilege, and grant them the wisdom and the will to serve the common good. We pray for all those elected this week, and for the peaceful transition of political power.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the blessings we share in this holy place, and for the members of our Christ Church family who carry forward the ministry and mission of the church in your name. Bless us, and continue to make us a blessing to those we serve.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the uncountable blessings of our lives. Grant to us the gift of generosity and the joy and freedom that come with it. Help us to grow in understanding that the life we prize, filled with joy and spiritual depth, is closely tied to giving generously and with thankful hearts.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, because of illness, troubles or addictions, and all whose struggles are known to you alone. Guard them with your healing presence, and restore them to health and wholeness in your good time and way.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer, including Genie Dunstan, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning. Grant them peace, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
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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Scan the QR Code with your phone and you will be directed to our online giving portal.

***Offertory Anthem** Keep Your Lamps! *arr. Andre Thomas*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.
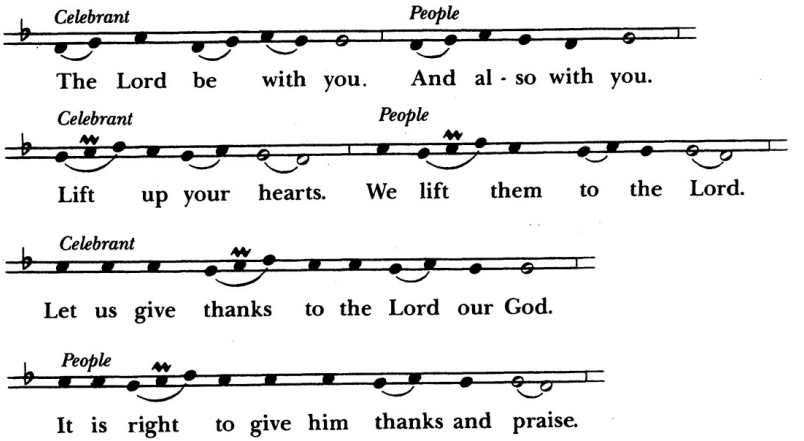
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

- Traditional Spiritual

***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

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.

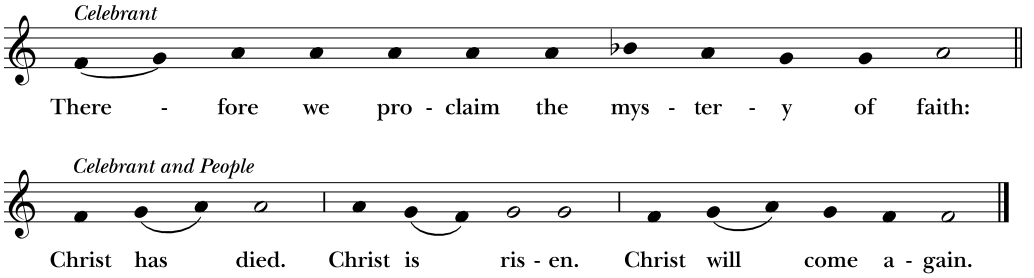
10 am: S-130 (Schubert)

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.

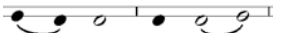
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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,
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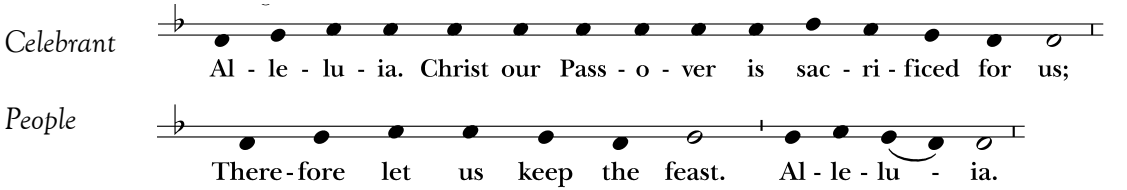
The Lord's Prayer

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** I Come with Joy *arr. Daniel Burton*

***Communion Anthem** Every Morning Sun *Sue Ellen Page*
Junior Choir

Every morning sun follows every evening's night,
And every day I know that it will come.
Every day of the year I know it will appear,
Even though the clouds may hide it some.

Every springtime's bloom follows every winter's cold,
And every year I know it will come.

All the trees and flowers need sunshine and showers,
And every year they get rain and sun.

Everywhere I look I see the work of God,
And everywhere all nature calls His name!
Everywhere I go in sunshine, wind, or snow,
I know that He will always be the same.

- Jonathan Streeter, glockenspiel

***Communion Hymn #324** Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

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 #620** Jerusalem, my happy home *Land of Rest*

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***The Voluntary** Fugato in e minor, *BWV 962* *J.S. Bach*

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am
Lector: John Beasley
L.E.M: Andy Van Orden
Usher: Mark Dubel

Altar Guild: Susan Mittelstadt, Mitch & Shari Hillard

10:00 am
Crucifer: Josh Szelesta
Lectors: Patricia Taggart, Eric Dietz
Prayers: John Beasley
L.E.M.: Gail Orcheski
Ushers: Nick Pachnos, John Jaqueth

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, Ernie,
Gary, Grace, Harry, Helise, Holly, Jack, Jason, Jay, Jennifer,
Jerry, Joe, John, Jon, Joyce, Kate, Lindsay, Lisa, Lynn, Madeline,
Mary, Mary, Michael, Mike, Paul, Peggy, Richard, Ryan, Sharon,
Shawna, Shelagh, Stacy, Steve, Sue, Suzanne, 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:

Bradley Batastini, *(November 8)*
Spencer McLoughlin, *(November 9)*
Maxime Ulrich, *(November 10)*
Natalia Quintero, *(November 12)*
Julia Ragenthal, *(November 13)*
Erin Dietz, *(November 14)*

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

George & Barbara Wink, *(November 7).*

The Altar Flowers this morning are **given to the Glory of God**
and in loving remembrance of **Genie Dunstan.**

We want to be praying with you!

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

Joining us in worship & fellowship on November 1, 2026

8:00 am: 36 10:00 am: 118 4:00 pm: 101



New Member Classes with Father Chris
STARTING TODAY!
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 **starting today** for an overview of the Episcopal Church and to learn more about our special parish.



Annual Giving at Christ Church

Extra Stewardship packets and pledge cards can be found in the back of the church. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge of financial commitment to Christ Church for 2027, and return a completed pledge card by **Sunday, November 22.**

"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)

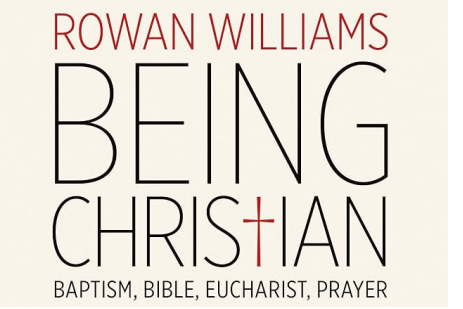
Sussex County Oratorio Society
Handel's Messiah Sing-Along
TODAY at 3 pm

Add your voice to this annual tradition. Scores and tickets are available at the door. For more information, please speak with Deacon Jeanette Hile.



Adult Formation Series: <u>Being Christian</u>
Continuing on Wednesday Evenings
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.



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.
For more information, please speak with **Rev. Tricia Lyons.**

Annual Stewardship Dinner
Friday, November 20 at 5:30 pm

Bring a favorite entrée or dessert to share.
Prizes awarded for best dishes!
During our dinner, our Christ Church in Stiches group will hold a **Silent Auction**,
with proceeds supporting Christ Church programs!





Violin & Piano Recital
featuring our own Diana Greene
Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 pm

Join us for <u>**Evening Song**</u>**:**
Music of Beethoven, Chopin,
Amy Beach and Arvo Pärt.

We will be welcoming violinist **Nicholas Currie** to Christ Church and enjoy the talent and musicianship of **our own Diana Greene** on piano!

A reception will follow - all are welcome!



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