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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026 **8:00 & 10:00 am**

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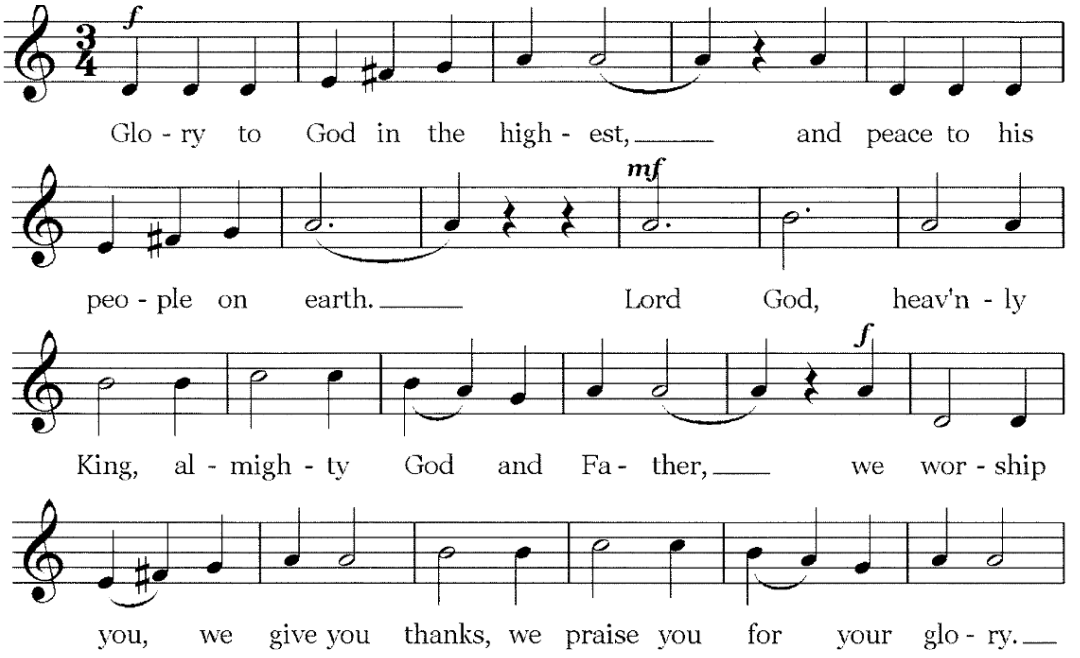
As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimum.

***Prelude** Trumpet Voluntary *John Bennett*

***Hymn in Procession #574** Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *St. Petersburg*

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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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8 *8 am: spoken; 10 am: led by choir*



1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God. **[ANTIPHON]**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night. **[ANTIPHON]**

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **[ANTIPHON]**

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **[ANTIPHON]**

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

***Sequence Hymn #551** Rise up, ye saints of God! *Festal Song*

***The Gospel Acclamation**



Verse: "For to all those who have, more will be given."

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

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be

taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Tricia 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 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.
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 Daniel D. Richards, 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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***Offertory Anthem** The Journey *Lloyd Larson*

Where is He,
O where is He?
His star blazes in the night;
As we trace the changing skies,
He is hiding from our sight,
Can you tell us
where He lies?
We would worship Him tonight,
And will journey
'Til we find,

And our search is turned to sight.
Your guiding light
shows us the way,
We see Your
Morning Star ascend!
To You, dear Christ,
all searches come,
In You our journey finds its end;
The star beams its golden ray
Over sleepy Bethlehem,

Where with joy
we find the Child,
And with gifts we worship Him.
While we thought
we came to You
In a little starlit place,
It was You who came to us,
You who came to us,
you came to us.

- Based on Matthew 2:1-12 & 1 Corinthians 4:6

***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.

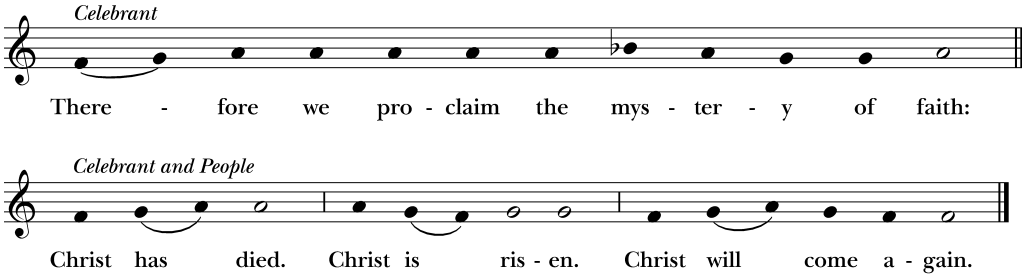
10 am: S-130 (Schubert)

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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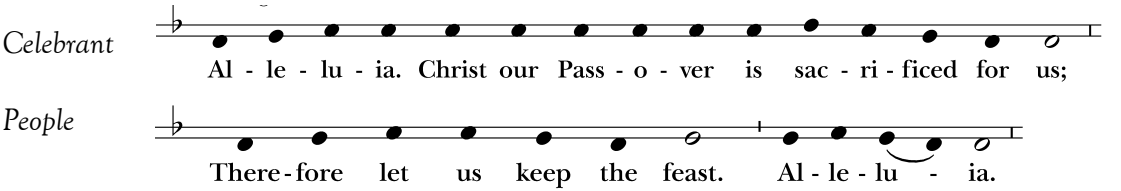
The Lord's Prayer

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** Bread of the World *arr. Daniel Burton*

***Communion Hymn #312** Strengthen for service, Lord *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 #598** Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth *Mit Freuden zart*

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***The Voluntary** Chorale Fughetta on *St. Anne* *Gilbert Martin*

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am
Lector: Randall Kurie
L.E.M: Mitch Hillard
Usher: Shari Hillard

Altar Guild: Gail Orcheski, Beth Batastini

10:00 am
Crucifer: Josh Szelesta
Lectors: Lori Parks, Beth Batastini
Prayers: Cecilia Clayton
L.E.M.: Geri Livengood
Ushers: George & Barbara Wink

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, Clifford, Dan, Daryl, David, Deanna, Derek, Ed, Elaine, Elaine, Emily, Erin, Ernie, Florez Family, Gary, Grace, Harry, Helise, Holly, Jack, Jason, Jay, Jennifer, Jerry, Joe, John, Jon, Joyce, Kate, Lindsay, Linda, 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:
Dawn Charlton, Coray Kirby, Amber Seames,
Danise Tellefsen, Anna Yerofeyev, *(November 15)*
Tara Dietz, Laurie Dubel, *(November 18)*
Joy Chapman, Wade Grover, Alexander Ragsdale, *(November 20)*

The Altar Flowers this morning are **given to the Glory of God**
and in loving remembrance of **Daniel D. Richards.**

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 15, 2026
8:00 am: 34 10:00 am: 122

Announcements & Events



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.**

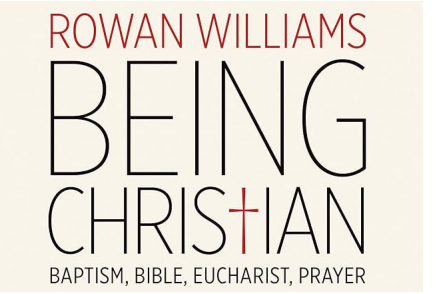
"You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor." James 3:18 (MSG)



New Member Classes with Father Chris
CONTINUE TODAY!
11:30 am in the Church Parlor

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

Adult Formation Series: <u>Being Christian</u>
Final Session: This Wednesday, November 18
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.

Join us for our final session <u>this Wednesday, November 18, starting at 7:00 pm</u>.
For more information, please speak with **Rev. Tricia Lyons.**

Annual Stewardship Dinner
This 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 **Evening Song:**
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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