

HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026



Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church! *We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower ministry to our community. We are an inclusive fellowship – without exception. There is a place for you among us at Christ Church. Join with us. All are welcome to receive communion. Speak with the Priest to learn about being baptized.*

Trust: Dear God, thank you for caring deeply about me. I'm deeply grateful that one day, You will take away all the pain and hardship I've experienced. But until that day comes, I will trust and place my hope in You. I will bring my struggles to You so You may comfort me. Through Christ. Amen.

About Holy Communion: *We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized persons, children and adults, are welcomed to receive. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the wafer to dip into the cup of wine. If you would prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to signal the Priest. (If you would like to learn more about being baptized, speak with Father Emanuel.)*

Mission Statement – At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may serve our community and the world.

Voluntary

Sonatina in C Major

Albert Biehl

(All stand.)

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

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.**

Song of Praise

Celebrate Songs for Renewal 47

Awesome God

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Awesome God 47

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The score is divided into five systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the bass staff. The first system includes the lyrics 'Our' and 'God'. The second system includes 'is an awe-some God, He reigns from'. The third system includes 'heav-en a - bove with wis - dom, pow'r and love— Our'. The fourth system includes 'God is an awe-some God! Our God! Our God is an awe-some'. The fifth system includes 'God! Our God is an awe-some God!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em Em/D

Our

G/B G D

God is an awe-some God, He reigns from

Em D/E Em C G/B G

heav-en a - bove with wis - dom, pow'r and love— Our

Am Em/B Bm7 1. Em Em/D Em Am Em/B Bm7 2.

God is an awe-some God! Our God! Our God is an awe-some

Em *Slowing* Am7 Em/B Bm7 Em

God! Our God is an awe-some God!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.***

Announcements

A Reading from Isaiah 45:1–7

(Lector)

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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Psalm 96:1–9, (10–13)

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new ‘song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole ‘earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his ‘Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to ‘day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the ‘nations *
and his wonders among all ‘peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be ‘praised; *
he is more to be feared than all ‘gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but ‘idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the ‘heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his ‘presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his ‘sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the 'peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and 'power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his 'Name; *
bring offerings and come into his 'courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of 'holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be'fore him.

10 [Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is 'King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with 'equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is 'in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is there'in.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he 'comes, *
when he comes to judge the 'earth.

13 He will judge the world with 'righteousness *
and the peoples with his 'truth.]

(Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

(Lector)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

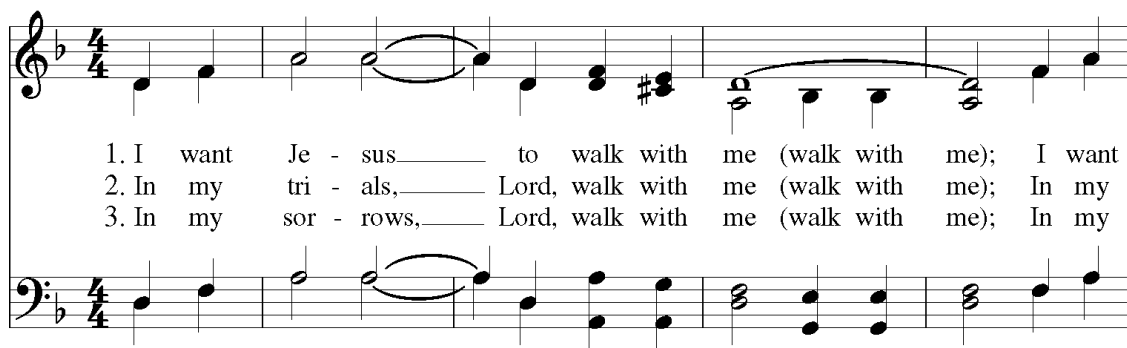
(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)

(Standing as able)

Sequence Hymn

LEVAS 70

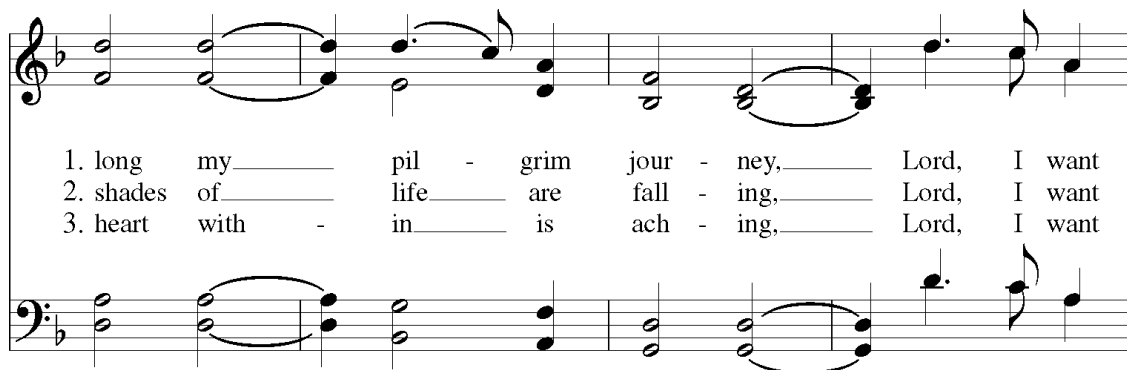
I want Jesus to walk with me



1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my



1. Je - sus _____ to walk _____ with me (walk with me); All a -
2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk _____ with me (walk with me); When the
3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk _____ with me (walk with me); When my



1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want



1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)

(Standing, as able.)

The Nicene Creed

Minister: We rise to join in the Nicene Creed.

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

(Silence)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For the leaders of the nations and for Donald, our President; Henry, our Governor, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through justice prevail and our country remain hospitable, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the homeless, immigrants and prisoners. For the addicted, victims of natural disasters, injustice, and violence; that they may be delivered from their distress. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; and Dorsey, Andrew, and Frank, our Bishops retired; and Phil, our Priest; and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick, in treatment, or recovery, especially **Michael Cauthen, Dianne Johnson*, Maxine, Rick, Michelle, Helen, Anita Christman*, Kip Carter*, David Ford*, Jim Abercrombie, Ben Murphy, Kristen Phillips, Erin Gardner, Julie Bowers, Melissa McPherson, Debbie, Cathy, Amanda Ford*, John, Kay Lamberton*, Mildred Wilmot, Diane Hood, Tric Deaton*, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Mike Lamberton*, Pam Giardiello*, Earle Holmes*, Aubrey Crawford*, Father Bill Walters.**

Silence

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remembering those celebrating birthdays and those celebrating anniversaries. We pray for The Ministry of Education Equals Hope in Ecuador. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for all who have died who rest in your loving embrace. *(Names)*

Just and Eternal God, Creator of All: Convince us to work earnestly so the earth remains habitable for present and future generations. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

We will exalt and give thanks to you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

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.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ+, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

(All stand.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence:

Celebrant: I ask you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1*

Hymn at the Offertory:

LEVAS 109

What a friend we have in Jesus



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

(We stand as the offering is presented.)

The Presentation of the Offering

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(The people remain standing.)

Sursum Corda S-120

The musical notation is arranged in four systems, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system is for the Celebrant and the People. The second system is for the Celebrant and the People. The third system is for the Celebrant. The fourth system is for the People. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you. O Lord, Holy Father through Christ our Lord. 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

WLP 851

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Celebrant and ***People:***

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Peter, Paul, Prisca and Aquila, Lydia, Andrew, James and John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and ***People:***

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Hymn

WLP 876

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine *Verses*

— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Celebrant: These are Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. Come for all is prepared.

(The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words.)

Music During Communion

(Standing or kneeling, as able.)

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

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All my hope on God is founded



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the grace of God uphold you the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you now and always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

TODAY

The flowers today are provided by Aubrey and Joan Crawford in memory of her Dad, Clarence Gill.

The restrooms downstairs are no longer in service. Please use the restrooms in the annex.

PLEASE COMPLETE FORMS FOR LISTING NAMES TO BE READ DURING THE PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED DURING SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st AND PUT IN THE COLLECTION PLATE. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH ENTRANCE.

Trunk or Treat at Christ Church

Saturday, October 31st

5:00pm – 7:00

Please contact Pam Giardiello if you would like to volunteer and/or donate candy. There is a collection box at the side entrance.

THIS WEEK

Fellowship/Discussion Group meets each Monday at 4:00 pm.

Support Group meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am

Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals every Saturday from 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Choir practice every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2026 Pledge and Plate Budgeted: \$100,000.00

Pledge and Plate Budgeted monthly: \$8,333.00

Pledge & Plate Received as of September 30, 2026: \$5,283.90 Priest Discretionary: \$22.00

This does not include any designated contributions such as EDUSC, HOPE, Sheltered, Ray's, etc.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary is this week.

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## **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

( \* Denotes member) **(Please contact office to add/remove names)**

**Michael Cauthen, Dianne Johnson\*, Maxine, Rick, Michelle, Helen, Anita Christman\*, Kip Carter\*, David Ford\*, Jim Abercrombie, Ben Murphy, Kristen Phillips, Erin Gardner, Julie Bowers, Melissa McPherson, Debbie, Cathy, Amanda Ford\*, John, Kay Lamberton\*, Mildred Wilmot, Diane Hood, Tric Deaton\*, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Mike Lamberton\*, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters**

## **PARTICIPATING TODAY**

| DATE                        | L E M              | ACOLYTE/<br>CRUCIFER | USHERS/<br>GREETERS                               | TELLERS                                | ALTAR GUILD             | LECTOR           | VIDEO<br>OPERATOR |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday,<br>October 18, 2026 | Caroline<br>Oliver | Ernest<br>Jenkins    | Mike Sistare, Jake<br>Wilson & Melton<br>Mayfield | Ernest Jenkins<br>& Nicki<br>Robertson | Mike & Kathy<br>Sistare | Sally<br>Higgins | Linda Baker       |

Priest: Phil Emanuel, Parish Musician: Dana Lee Walters, Security: Ernest Jenkins

## **PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY**

| DATE                        | L E M             | ACOLYTE/<br>CRUCIFER | USHERS/<br>GREETERS                               | TELLERS                             | ALTAR GUILD             | LECTOR        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday,<br>October 25, 2026 | Ernest<br>Jenkins | Ernest<br>Jenkins    | Mike Sistare, Jake<br>Wilson & Melton<br>Mayfield | Kathy Sistare<br>& Joan<br>Crawford | Mike & Kathy<br>Sistare | David<br>Ford |

**Father Emanuel** is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life at a place of your choosing and at times by appointment. He may be reached via the following: [orionrigelstar@gmail.com](mailto:orionrigelstar@gmail.com) or 843-325-3362.

**SERMON:** Copies of the sermon are on the table across from The Gathering Space.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY**

**HOPE:** Shelf stable milk (store brand is fine) grits, beef stew, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, jelly, boxed instant potatoes, canned meats, dry beans, juice (any type.) Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers. Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Grocery bags are also needed. There are so many that are in need of basic food items.

Hello,

My name is Tim Howard, and I am the Volunteer Coordinator at HOPE in Lancaster.

**Would your team like to make a meaningful difference in our community this holiday season?** HOPE invites your team to partner with us as we work to address food insecurity and help ensure families throughout Lancaster County have enough to eat. From now until Christmas, we are welcoming teams to volunteer with us on most Thursdays. Your team will work together to receive donated food, sort and process it, and prepare it for distribution to families in need. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve together, strengthen team connections, and make a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors.

**Ready to join us?** Click the Sign-Up Link below to reserve a time for your team.

[HOPE in Lancaster Sign-Up Link](#) If your team has more than 10 people, please call me at 803.577.5466 so we can plan ahead and ensure everyone has a meaningful and productive volunteer experience.

Does another day or time work better for your team? Please give me a call, and we'll do our best to find a time that fits your schedule.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with HOPE. I look forward to hearing from you and working together to bring hope, nourishment, and a little extra joy to families throughout Lancaster County this holiday season!

Warm regards, Tim Howard 803.577.5466 [thoward@hopeinlancaster.org](mailto:thoward@hopeinlancaster.org)

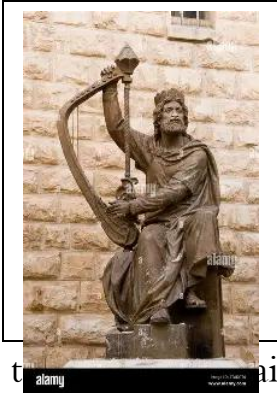


**Sheltered of Lancaster:** Sheltered is a non-profit in Lancaster, SC with the goal of providing housing, showers, food and other needs for members of our community. Please contact Jamie Miller at 803-287-7443 if you would like to volunteer at one of their events. Christ Church supports this ministry by individual contributions. **Items needed:** Gatorade, Sodas, Can food (pop tops only), Hygiene items: Towel, Tooth brush, Deodorant, Shampoo, 2-gallon zip lock bags, Please bring any items to our office. 713 S Main Street Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-noon and Monday-Friday 1pm-5pm. *Sheltered is in need of volunteers to help with clients at the office. Here are the days and times: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am-noon. Please call or come by to sign up.*

**Ray's Backdoor Ministry:** Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. The cost to purchase items for the kits is approximately \$220 every other month. We assemble and deliver kits every other month as funds allow. This ministry is supported by individual contributions.

**Cans for Kitties Project:** Please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans, bag them and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

## King David



King David (a name meaning “beloved one”) was, originally, leader of the Tribe of Judah who became the second king of the united Kingdom of Israel, according to the Hebrew Bible and Old Testament.

In the biblical narrative of the Books of Samuel, David is described as a young shepherd and harpist whose heart is devoted to Yahweh, the one who gains fame and becomes a hero by killing the giant Philistine warrior Goliath.

He becomes a favorite of Saul, the first king of Israel, but is forced to go into hiding when Saul suspects David of plotting to take his throne. After Saul and his son Jonathan are killed in battle, David is anointed king by the tribe of Judah and eventually all the tribes of Israel. He conquers Jerusalem, makes it the capital of a united Israel, and brings the Ark of the Covenant to the city. He is heralded as a mighty warrior. He commits adultery with Bathsheba and arranges the death of her husband, Uriah the Hittite, but repents of the deed and is forgiven by Yahweh.

David desires to build a temple to Yahweh, but is denied because of the bloodshed of his reign. He dies at age 70 and chooses Solomon, his son with Bathsheba, as his successor instead of his eldest surviving son Adonijah. David is honoured as an ideal king and the forefather of the future Hebrew Messiah in Jewish prophetic literature, and many psalms are attributed to him.

Early Christians interpreted the life of Jesus of Nazareth in light of references to the Hebrew Messiah and to David; Jesus is described as being directly descended from David in the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke.



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