

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

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 Prelude on Deo Gracias Healey Willan

*Hymn in Procession #473 Lift High the Cross Crucifer

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.

p
 — 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
mf *f cresc.*
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, — in the
ff *broaden*
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. —

- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well. [ANTIPHON]
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living. [ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue~ a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*Sequence Hymn #525

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

*The Gospel Acclamation



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

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became

incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

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 adds a concluding collect.

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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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: S130 (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

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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

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

for ev - er. A - MEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

*Communion Two Elevations from Mass XVIII Dom Paul Benoit

*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 #675 Take up your cross, the Savior said Bourbon

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The Voluntary Allegro moderato from Voluntary in D William Croft

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Joining us in worship & fellowship on September 8, 2024

8:00 am: 29

10:00 am: 107

Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Kiechel
L.E.M.: MaryAnn Risley
Usher: Bill Habermann

10:00 am

Crucifer: Brad Hodgins
Lectors: Debbie Mello, Lori Parks,
Mark Hoyer
L.E.M.: MaryAnn Risley
Ushers: George & Barbara Wink

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Guenter, Jennifer, Joyce, Dawn, Bart, Lorraine, Kevin, Jane, Al, Susan, Joseph, Giana, Elijah, Patricia, Laura, Jacqueline, Rich, Daryl, Tom, Margaret, Mark, Michael, Phyll, Angela, Erik, Derek, Linda, Tina, Ryan, Julie, Antonia, Dave, Jesus, Gloria, Karen, Lavren, Tricia, Sunny, Ohelsi, Roger, Georgeann, Jennifer, Marie, Karen, Darlene, Laurney, Maria, Mary, Jim, Ruth, Gizelle, Marie, Carolyn, Mary, Madeline, Madalyne, Antonia and Diana

For those with child: Jessica, Meredith

For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel and Nicholas.

We rejoice with... Kyle Gerth, Sarah Love and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Jim & Johanna Osborne and George & Vanessa Compton on their Anniversary.

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



**Sunday School Classes
and Junior Choir Rehearsals begin today!**

**Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 am.
Junior Choir rehearses after our 10 am service.**

**For more information about our programs,
please see Sue Mittelstadt or Debbie Mello**



Church Breakfast & Ministry Fair
 Next Sunday, September 22

Join us **next Sunday** for our first parish breakfast of the season and annual ministry fair to learn about opportunities to deepen your faith here at Christ Church!

College Care Packages

Over the next few weeks, boxes will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for collections on Sunday or you could drop them by the office during the week.

Please register your college student with full address and parent or family name on or before October 6. This is the deadline for receiving names. **Our Collection will run through Sunday, October 13.** Care packages will be put together that day after the 10 am service. For more specific information, please contact Randy Parks: randolphparks@atlantichhealth.org or 862-266-0513.

Suggested Items for Donation	
Granola or Protein Bars	Cereal
Tissues	Religious Items
Laundry Detergent	Toiletries
Microwave Popcorn	Stamps
First Aid Supplies	Gift Cards
Pens and Pencils	Note Cards
Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate	



Contemplative Prayer develops and deepens our relationship with Christ by resting in and opening to God's transformative presence. It provides a time and space for silence, stillness, prayer, meditation, and reflection.

An information session on this new offering will be held in the Parlor, Sunday, September 29th, 11:45 a.m., immediately following the 10:00 a.m.

services. For more information, please see Diana Greene.

Christ Church Calendar: Week of September 15, 2024

- Sunday September 15, 2024 - Pentecost 17
8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
9:30 am Sunday School classes begin
10 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, with music)
Fellowship & Coffee following
11:45 am Sunday Brunch in a Bag
- Monday September 16 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm*)
7:30 pm Sussex County Oratorio Sociey
- Tuesday September 17 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm*)
5:30 pm Pathways for Prosperity
- Wednesday September 18 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm*)
4 pm Literacy New Jersey
7 pm Vestry Meeting
- Thursday September 19 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 12pm*)
11:30am CCW Meeting
6:30 pm Sussex County Gardening Club
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday September 20
- Saturday September 21
9:30 am Literacy New Jersey
- Sunday September 22 - Pentecost 18
8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
9 am **Parish Breakfast & Ministry Fair**
9:30am Sunday School
10 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, with music)
Fellowship & Coffee following
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Thursday Morning Worship...resumes on Thursday, October 3 at 10 am in the church parlor. All are welcome for a time of discussion, worship and fellowship.

New Member Classes – Episcopal 101

Mark your calendar now and plan to join Father Chris for this 5-week series on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm beginning Wednesday, October 23!

Christ Church Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, 11th Bishop of Newark

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