

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II & Sermon

Prelude

Processional Hymn 460 *Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Gloria in Excelsis S 280

The Collect of the Day (Bulletin insert)

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Sequence Hymn 423 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Sermon: The Rev. Michael E. Snider II

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People VI

BCP p. 392

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Announcements

Blessing of Gospel Book (see insert)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: *All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name*

Larson

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes:

371 vs. 4

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus *S 129*

Memorial Acclamation *S 132*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem *S 152*

Communion Hymns:

311, 324, 483

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 688 *A mighty fortress is our God*

Dismissal: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude

SERVING TODAY

Lector: Louisa Sowers **Chalicer/Epistoler:** Becky Kersey

Chalicer: Don Williams

Acolyte: Philip Cyrus

Shane Cyrus

Altar Guild: Mrs. Betty Meachum

Mrs. Bea Paine

Mrs. Louisa Sowers

The **Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of **Dr. & Mrs. Frederick Dashiell White** and **Mr. & Mrs. James Earl Steorts, Sr.**, all departed loved ones, and in honor of all our military service people and their families who sacrifice so much.

We welcome all visitors to Christ Church in the Name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ! Everyone please join us Coffee Hour in the Library, hosted by **Mary Catherine Williams**, following the service. Please worship with us again!

CYCLE OF PRAYER 2007: Diocesan - We pray for the churches and congregations of St. Peter's, Huntington, WV and Ascension, Hinton, WV.

Companion Diocese – We pray for church and congregation of Turlough Church, The Rev. Canon Gary Hastings – Ireland.

COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. After the choir has received communion, the congregation will come forward to the altar rail. Those at the altar rail *should wait* until everyone has received bread and wine before returning to their pew.

PRAYER LIST: Members: Ralph McCue, Alan Goodykoontz, Dorene Dimes, Barbara Lilly, Charlotte Taylor, Eli Snider, Elizabeth Burton, and Peery Blackwell.

Family and Friends of Members: Sgt. Andrew Nelson, U.S.M.C., Iraq, Tech Sgt. Steven Taylor, Iraq, Corporal Adam Williams, USMC, Iraq, Susie Fox, Beth Hays, Vera Lee Austin, John Marra, Cherie Stevens Julie, and Louis Romano.

We also pray for the individual needs of our neighbors who visit the Food Pantry at our church.

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Choir Practice
Food Pantry Offering

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion – 7:30 a.m. in Library

FRIDAY: Office Closed

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 61 Adult Sunday School 12
Children's Sunday School: Elementary Class 9 Youth Class 8

Happy Birthday this week to **Penny Snider** and **Elizabeth Burton**

CANTERBURY CLUB: - **John & Becky Beckett** will host
Canterbury Club on **Sunday, December 9th** at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS NEWS: Christ Church will again give gifts to several families through the Union Mission at Christmas. Names and details will be available at the church on bulletin board in hall outside of Library. Contact **Louisa Sowers** if you have any questions.

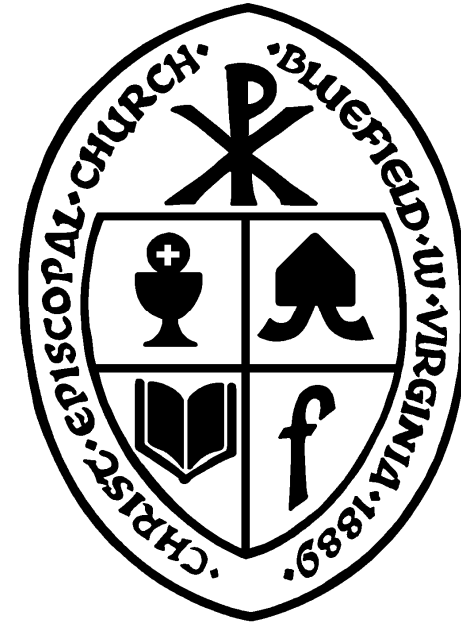
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to the Rector's Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 16 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Drinks will be provided. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. We hope to see all of you there!

Christ Church will help 3 families this Christmas season. Each family will receive a Gift Certificate to Food City. Union Mission will pay on each family's electric bill. Names of children have been distributed and each child will receive presents. Please be generous with your donation. Donations may be sent to the Church and marked as Christmas gift for Families or may be given to Louisa Sowers.

ECW Christmas Luncheon will be Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 12 noon. Brian Checchio from Wade Center will be guest speaker. Sign-up sheet is located in Narthex for luncheon and for cookies to be given to shut-ins. Bring cookies to church by 11:00 a.m. Call Louisa Sowers if you will be bringing cookies or have any questions.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MISSION STATEMENT

To know the Risen Lord and make Him known to others by ministering through worship, prayer, study, fellowship, and service. We obey the Gospel call by being the "Light on the Hill" to all people.

The Rev. Michael Ellsworth Snider II
Terry E. Whittington, Jr., Organist & Choirmaster
Patricia L. Wilson-Delp, Administrative Assistant
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BLESSING OF GOSPEL BOOK

Antiphon

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

- V. Jesus opened their minds
R. To understand the Scriptures.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O heavenly Father, whose blessed Son taught the disciples in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself: Accept this Gospel Book which we dedicate here today, and grant that we may so diligently search your holy Word that we may find in it the wisdom that leads to salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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