

The First Lesson

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Psalm

Psalm 1

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

*I Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals,

but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Hymn

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**H 423**

Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 22:34-46*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.



The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory

*Psalm of Praise*

Ivanov

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee, While in essence only One, undivided god we claim thee; Then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.*

From Hymn 366 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "A"

**BCP 361**

*Sanctus*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

*Memorial Acclamation*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S132

*The Lord's Prayer*

Traditional version, found on

BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem*

H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

*O saving Victim*

H 311

*Come with us, O blessed Jesus*

H 336

*How lovely is thy dwelling-place*

H 517

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

Hymn

*O God, our help in ages past*

**H 680**



### The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Linda Ammar.

This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

The Altar Flowers are given today by Mr. and Mrs. Buck Sowers in memory of her loved ones.

### Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>	Macon Clement	Kipp Cortez	
<u>Chalicer</u>	Kipp Cortez	Teresa Paine	
<u>Lector</u>	Linda Ammar	Teresa Paine	
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Mimi Merritt	Linda Ammar	Linda Thomas

Attendance Last Sunday 42

### Birthdays This Week:

Scotty Hagerman	Charlie Blevins	Rev. Grafton Cockrell
Chas Davis	Kate Tombillo	



Prayer Requests

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes	Wanda Myers	Rosemary
Bonnie Taylor	Joe Sanders	Tom Blevins
Marlene	Lee Puckett, Sr.	Edi
Linda	Valerie Mahood	Sierra
Mary Hawthorne	Hal Gusler	Thomas Jaworski
Alex B.	Toni R	Roy Abel
Phyllis & Nelson Walker		

### Calendar of Events

Wednesday-November 1	All Saints Service 6pm
Sunday-November 5	All Saints Sunday
Wednesday-November	Men's Dinner 6pm
	Vestry 7pm
Saturday-November 11	Canterbury club at the home of Dr. Kipp Cortez 6pm
Saturday-December 2	Godly Play Training
Sunday-December 3	Annual Meeting

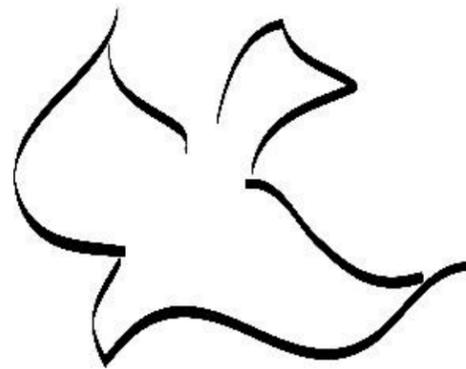
### Announcements:

Welcome! Today we welcome our guest celebrant, the Rev. Russ Hatfield!

Food Pantry: We will be collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for our November 16<sup>th</sup> Food Pantry. Donations may be left at the church.

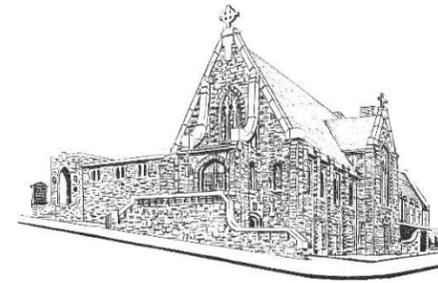
Godly Play Training: Through the generosity of the Diocese, Christ Church will host training for the Montessori based Sunday School curriculum Godly Play. This training will be on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> with an Open House following church on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in attending training, please see Fr. Chad.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one, there will be a sign-up sheet at the usher's station beginning next Sunday. Poinsettias are \$15 each.



### Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Mr. David Hardin	Senior Warden
Mrs. Dee Puckett	Junior Warden



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**October 29, 2017**

**The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost**

*Being the Sunday of Proper XXV of the Church Year*

### Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

### The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!* **H 450**

The Service Begins **BCP 355**

Gloria in Excelsis **H-S 280**

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*