



Christ Episcopal Church

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The 14th Sunday After Pentecost

being Proper XIX 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 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* **H 410**

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.*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Psalm

Psalm 14

Dixit insipiens

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

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

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence.

But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost.

But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

H 448



Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

First composed in 325, this is the ancient statement of faith

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP 388

The Confession and 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

Praise, O Praise our God and King

Wilkes

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 “B”

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| <i>Sanctus</i> | Words in BCP, Musical Setting | BCP 367 H-S129 |
| <i>Memorial Acclamation</i> | Words in BCP, Musical Setting | H-S138 |
| <i>The Lord’s Prayer</i> | Traditional version, found on BCP | 364 |
| <i>Fraction Anthem</i> | | H-S 152 |



The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. 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

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| <i>Bread of the world, in mercy broken</i> | H 301 |
| <i>What wondrous love is this</i> | H 439 |
| <i>Savior, like a shepherd lead us</i> | H 708 |

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

H 645

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!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by Wanda Myers, with thanksgiving for all the help received from CEC members.

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!

Participants in Today's Liturgy

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| <u>Acolyte</u> | | Macon Clement |
| <u>Lectors</u> | Don Williams | Rob Merritt |
| <u>Chalicians</u> | | Rob Merritt |
| <u>Altar Guild</u> | Linda Ammar, Teresa Paine, Mimi Merritt, Patricia Taylor | |
| <u>Nursery Help</u> | Linda Ammar | |

Birthdays This Week: Will Czarnik, Becky Beckett.

Last Sunday's Attendance

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Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Michelle Parks, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Paul Anderson, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Marlene, Becky Steorts, Amy Melvin, Bob and Peggy Walk.

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday – September 15 | Bagging groceries after church |
| Tuesday – September 17 | DOK meeting 10:30am |
| Wednesday – September 18 | ECM Dinner 6:00pm Vestry 7:00pm |
| Thursday – September 19 | Food Pantry 9-11:00am |
| Friday – September 20-22 | “Graced” Women’s Conference |
| Wednesday – September 25 | Serve Dinner at Union Mission 4:30pm |
| Sunday – September 29 | Altar Guild meeting after church |

Announcements:

UTO: Have you been saving up in your Blue Box? September is United Thank Offering Month and we will be collecting our Blue Boxes and other donations for this important ministry of the Episcopal Church Women. Stay tuned for more!

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of September thru January. There is a container in the Narthex for September's Cleaning Supplies.

Altar Guild: There will be a meeting of all altar guild members on Sunday, September 29th after church. Please make every effort to attend.

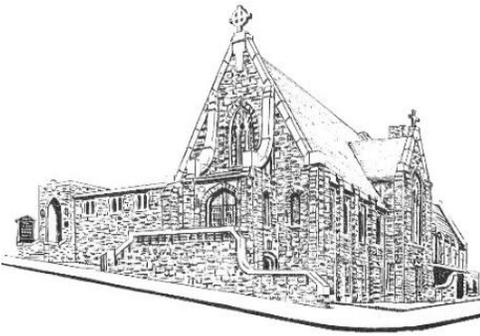
ECM: A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to volunteer for supplying dinner for the Episcopal Church Men's Meeting. All men of the parish are welcome to attend for fellowship each month.

Women's Conference: A weekend women's retreat will be held at Peterkin Camp & Conference Center on Friday thru Sunday, September 20-22nd. Brochures are in the narthex.

"Women of the Bible": Is being presented by First Presbyterian Church Ladies on Saturday, September 21st at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$15. For more information: (304)-327-9727.

Trip to Israel Opportunity: Pastor Gerald Manning of Fincastle Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, VA is leading a ten-day trip to Israel in February 2020. There are a couple more vacancies to fill, so if you are interested in going, more information can be found in the narthex.

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Susan Jewell

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Tom Coughlan

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Parish Administrator

Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Nursery Attendant

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

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