



# Christ Episcopal Church

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## October 20, 2019

The 19th Sunday After Pentecost

*being Proper XXIV 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 *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* **H 535**

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, 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.*

## The First Lesson

*Jeremiah 31:27-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## The Psalm

Psalm 119:97-104

*Quomodo dilexi!*

97 Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.

*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

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

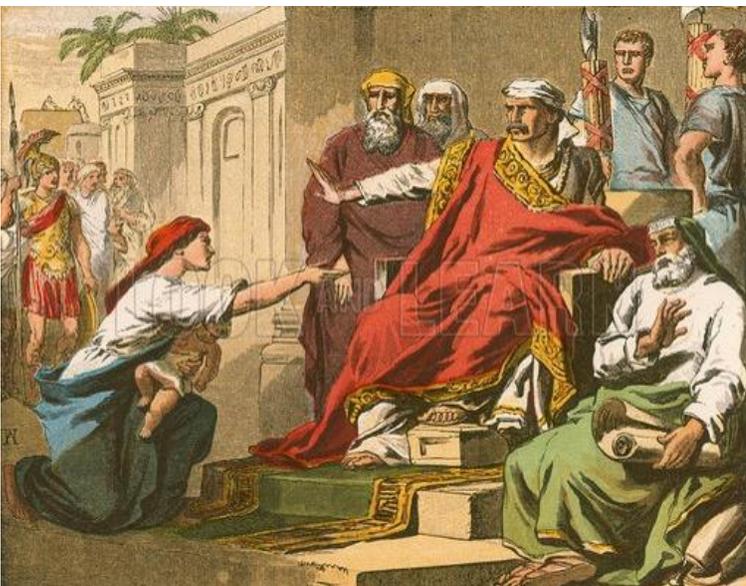
As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## Hymn

*Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace*

**H 627**



## Gospel Lesson

*Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though

I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

### 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!*

### Announcements

### Offertory

#### Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To thee, great One in Three,  
The highest praises be,  
Hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.*

From Hymn 365 vs. 4

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Traditional version*

**BCP 364**

#### The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the

blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Hymn

*O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling*

**H 539**

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!*

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The Altar Flowers are given today by  
Stan and Grey Kiser in memory of loved ones.

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Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by John and Delia Kersey. 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**

Lay Reader Bill Denney

Acolyte

Macon Clement

Lectors David Kersey

Rob Merritt

Altar Guild Linda Ammar

Teresa Paine

Mimi Merritt

Nursery Help Linda Ammar

Vestry Member of the Month: Elizabeth Clement

**Birthdays This Week:** Bruce Puckett, David Faber, Phyllis Walker, William Joseph Allen, Bernadette Dragotto.

**Last Sunday's Attendance**

**54**

## **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, Amy Melvin, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Judy Anderson, Michelle Coleman, Hilendorf Family, Martha Linkous.

## **Calendar of Events**

Wednesday – October 23	Serve dinner at Union Mission 4:30pm
Sunday – October 27	Coffee Hour Presentation on Dio. Convention
Wednesday – November 13	Serve dinner at the Union Mission 3:00pm
Sunday – November 10	Hymn sing at the Paine's 4:00pm
Sunday – November 17	Bagging Groceries after church
Tuesday – November 19	DOK meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – November 20	ECM Dinner 6:00pm
	Vestry 7:00pm
Thursday – November 21	Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00am

## **Announcements:**

**Nursery Help:** Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Sign-ups are now open for the remainder of this calendar year! For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

**Stickers and Decals:** There are bumper stickers and window decals on the usher's table for anyone who would like them.

**Loose Offering:** Any loose offering collected in October will go to the Food Pantry.

# SHINING OUR LIGHT

2019 Stewardship Program: This year's theme is "Shining Our Light". Each week we will have a written reflection included with your bulletin and a special presentation on how we "Shine our light" here at Chris Church from one of our members. Estimates of Gifts and Tithes cards will be collected in the month of November

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of September thru January. For your convenience the list is as follows:

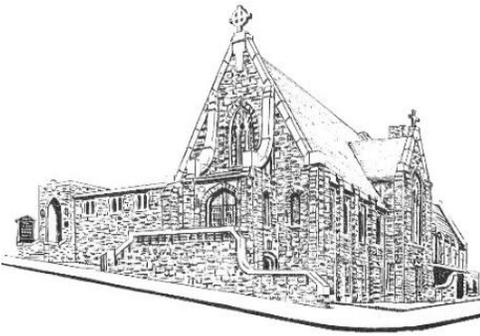
**October** - Health and Personal Items

**November** - Blankets and Christmas decorations

**December** - Hats, scarves and gloves

**January** - Socks

We will accept monetary contributions also. See Patty Richardson or Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.



## 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

Rector

Parish Administrator

Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Nursery Attendant

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

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*welcomes you*