

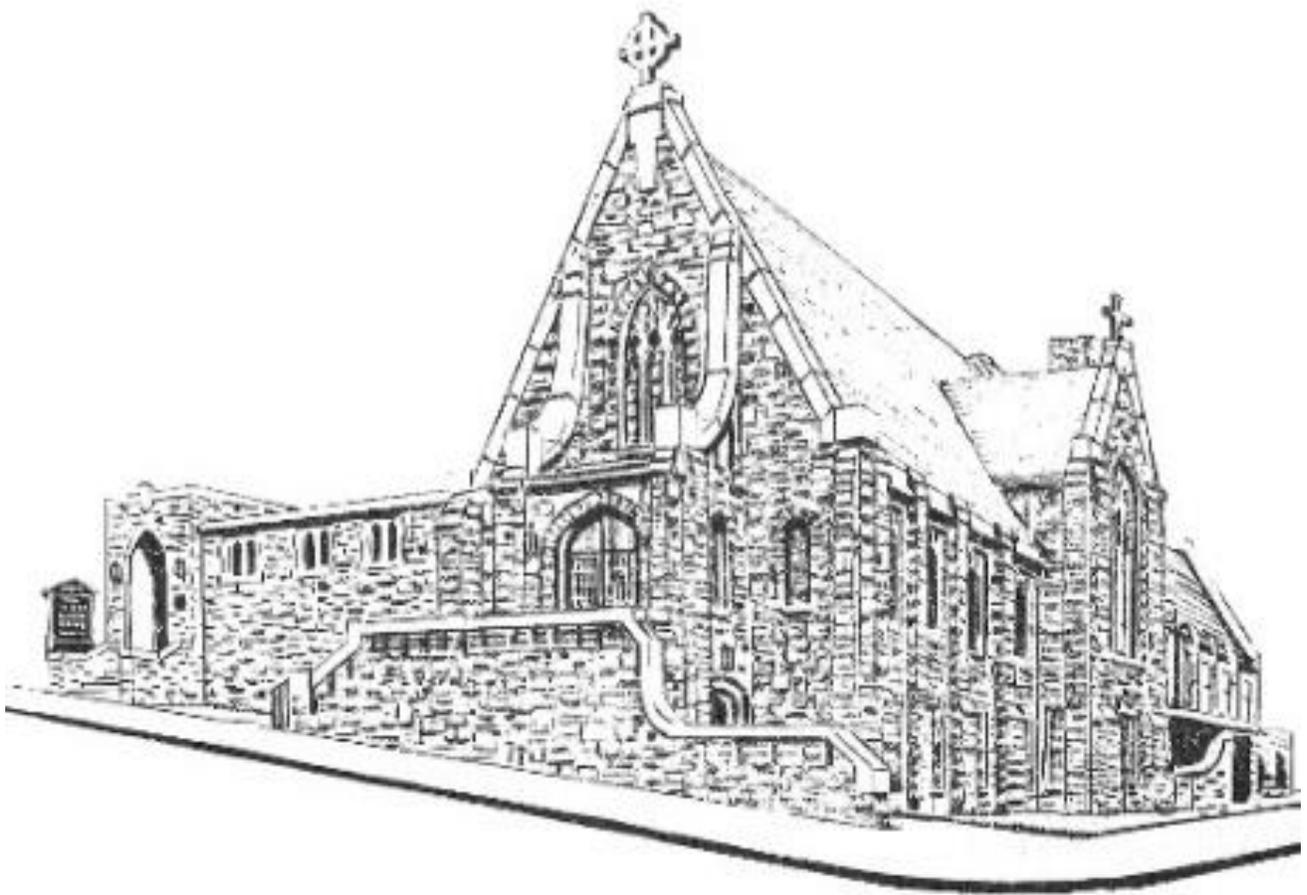


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022



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## Prelude

### The Processional Hymn

*At the Name of Jesus*

**H435**

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Collect for Purity

*Officiant*

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.*

### The Hymn of Praise

*The Gloria is then sung, all standing*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### The Collect for the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

*Hosea 11:1- 11*

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
 and out of Egypt I called my son.  
 The more I called them,  
 the more they went from me;  
 they kept sacrificing to the Baals,  
 and offering incense to idols.  
 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
 I took them up in my arms;  
 but they did not know that I healed them.  
 I led them with cords of human kindness,  
 with bands of love.

I was to them like those  
    who lift infants to their cheeks.  
I bent down to them and fed them.  
They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
    and Assyria shall be their king,  
    because they have refused to return to me.  
The sword rages in their cities,  
    it consumes their oracle-priests,  
    and devours because of their schemes.  
My people are bent on turning away from me.  
    To the Most High they call,  
    but he does not raise them up at all.  
How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
    How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?  
    How can I treat you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils within me;  
    my compassion grows warm and tender.  
I will not execute my fierce anger;  
    I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal,  
    the Holy One in your midst,  
    and I will not come in wrath.  
They shall go after the LORD,  
    who roars like a lion;  
when he roars,  
    his children shall come trembling from the west.  
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
    and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
    and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

Psalm 107:1-9,43

*Confitemini Domino*

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse*

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.
2. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
3. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
4. Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
5. They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.
6. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
7. He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.
8. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
9. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
43. Whoever is wise will ponder these things and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

## The Second Lesson

*Colossians 3:1-11*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that

renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

*In Christ there is no East or West*

**H 529**

Gospel Lesson

*Luke 12:13-21*

A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke.



Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many

years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God

The Sermon

Mr. Brian Tracey

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand as they are able*

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, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for Mike and Matthew, our Bishops, for Lou our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Christopher, Charleston.

In our Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for The Province of West Africa.

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud

*Pause*

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone

before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud

*Pause*

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud.

*Pause*

Let us join together in our Prayer for this stage of the Transition

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks and praise for bringing us this far in our transition journey. We thank you for our parish profile and our hopes and dreams for the future. We pray that you will bring us candidates who you would have serve as our next Rector. Continue to bless the Search Committee and lead them to right decisions and give us patience and hope as we wait. In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

*Officiant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*.

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Officiant then calls the people to confess their sins to God*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

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 officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Officiant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        And also with you.



Recessional Hymn

*Christ is the world's true Light*

**H542**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude



Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Brian and Lisa Tracey. 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!



### **Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers:**

Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bea Paine, Bob and Peggy Walk, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Jay Kephart, Buck Sowers, Donna Fortune, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Ivy and the Gaines Family, Chris Justice, John Beckett, Brian, Lane, Loraine, Sherry, and Lilian Blackman, Scot, and Max.

### **Participants in Today's Liturgy**

<u>Officiant</u>	David Kersey
Preacher	Brian Tracey
<u>Organist &amp; Choirmaster</u>	Terry E. Whittington, Jr.
<u>Acolyte</u>	Rob Merritt
<u>Lector</u>	Don Williams
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Betty Nash



The Altar Flowers are given today for the greater Glory of God  
by Members of the Altar Guild.



**Birthdays This Week:** Michelle Parks, Sue Troutner, Bryce Wimmer, and Kyle Kersey.

**Attendance Last Sunday:**

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## **Calendar of Events**

Tuesday – August 16

DOK meeting 10:30am

Wednesday – August 17

Vestry Meeting 6:00pm

Thursday – August 18

Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00am

Sunday – August 28

Church Picnic

## **Announcements:**

**Wade Center School Supplies Project:** Daughters of the King will be undertaking a community project of collecting school supplies for The Wade Center until the end of August (and maybe longer). A plastic tub is in the Narthex for your donated supplies. If you wish to make a monetary contribution you may send cash or make your check out to Christ Church and notate in the memo “school supplies”. Please contact Mary Catherine Williams or Becky Beckett.

**Coffee Hour:** If you haven’t signed up for coffee hour, consider doing so. The sign-up board is outside the library. We need hosts for the first three Sundays in August. The church provides coffee, cups, and plates. For more information, speak with Linda Ammar or Mary Catherine Williams.

**Gardens Sign-up:** If you would like to help with planting and maintaining the flowers in the Columbarium and out in front of the Church, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**the annual church picnic will be held Sunday, August 28th...more info will follow as we get closer to the date!

**Fall Pansies:** Donations to purchase pansies to be planted in the fall are now being taken. You can mail your donation to the church or give it to Linda Ammar or Mary Catherine Williams. Thanks.

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

The Rev. Lou Hays

Interim Rector

Ms. Emma Bennett

Parish Administrator

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Organist & Choirmaster

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Sexton

Mr. David Kersey

Senior Warden

Mr. Peter Richardson

Junior Warden