

Christ Episcopal Church

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The 11th Sunday After Pentecost

being Proper XVI 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 *God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs!* **H 359**

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.*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

The Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

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

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hymn

Morning has broken

H 8



Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

From Hymn 380 vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer “A”

<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	BCP 361 H-S 129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>		H-S 132
<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i>		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

<i>Strengthen for service, Lord</i>	H 312
<i>I come with joy to meet my Lord</i>	H 304
<i>O what their joy and their glory must be</i>	H 623

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Hymn

Jerusalem the golden

H 624

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
Stand and Grey Kiser in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Sheila Brooks and Mary Catherine Williams. 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

Acolyte

Rob Merritt

Lectors

Don Williams

Rob Merritt

Chalicians

Rob Merritt

Altar Guild

Elizabeth Sudduth,
Patty Richardson,

Delia Kersey,
Elizabeth Clement,

Betty Nash
Mimi Merritt

Nursery Help: Elizabeth Clement

Birthdays This Week: Mary Lynne Williams, Dee Puckett, I.V. Sudduth, Delia Kersey, and Peyton Wimmer.

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, Edie Perkins, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Marion Lowe Eppard, Marlene, Becky Steorts, Amy Melvin.



Calendar of Events

Saturday – August 31

Lemonade Festival in Bluefield, WV

Wednesday – September 4

ECW will meet at the church 5:30pm

Monday – September 9-11

LARCUM Conference

Wednesday – September 11

Serve Dinner at Union Mission 3-5:30pm

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

Announcements:

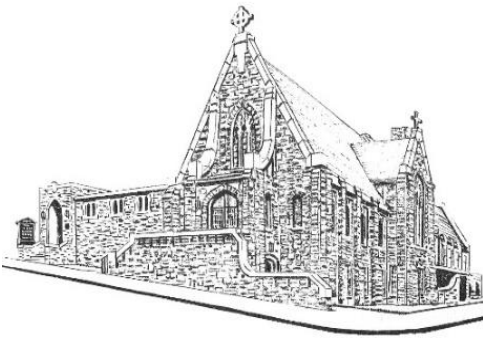
Women’s Conference: A weekend women’s retreat will be held at Peterkin Camp & Conference Center on Friday thru Sunday, September 20-22nd. Brochures are in the narthex.

LARCUM: An interdenominational forum on “Christianity and Civil Government: history, theology and implications” will be held in Charleston September 9th thru 11th. For more information see Fr. Chad.

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!

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.

Coffee Hour: We are in need of volunteers to provide refreshments for our weekly time of fellowship. If you have questions, please see Mary Catherine Williams.



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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