



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

The Day of Pentecost

Whitsunday

Holy Eucharist

And

The Rite of Holy Baptism

May 24, 2026



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Prelude

The people stand

The Processional Hymn *Come gracious spirit, heavenly Dove*

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Welcome!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Sentences

Celebrant continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The people remain standing.

Hymn of Praise

How wondrous and great thy works

H 533

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people remain standing.

Collect for the Day

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

The Psalm

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Benedic, anima mea

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

25. O Lord, how manifold are your works!

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26. Yonder is the great and wide sea

with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

27. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,

which you have made for the sport of it.

28. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

29. You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30. You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

32. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
33. He looks at the earth and it trembles;
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
34. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
35. May these words of mine please him;
 I will rejoice in the Lord.
37. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 `In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.' "

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

The people standing.

Hymn

In Christ there is no east or west

H 529

The Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors

We present Jessica Chambers-Paris Blevins, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate

I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant then speaks to the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with this who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

People Amen.



The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Candidate, her sponsors, and the Altar Party process to the font.

At the font, the Assisting Priest blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

The Celebrant then takes the person and pours the blessed water over her head saying:

Jessica, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People Amen.

Then Celebrant then places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
Jessica, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

The Celebrant then lights a candle from the Pascal Candle and passes to the newly baptized.

Jessica, receive this—the light of Christ—and carry it in your heart that your life may be a light unto the world.

People Amen.

The Celebrant then says to the People

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's love.



Announcements:

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Come down, O Love divine

H 516

After the Offertory piece has been played the People stand as the gifts are brought forward and sing the familiar tune of the "Old 100th"

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

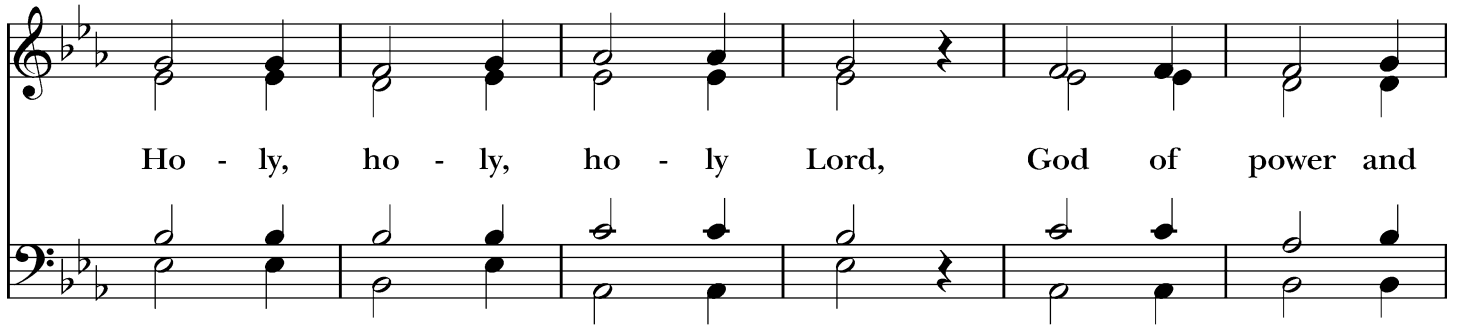
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

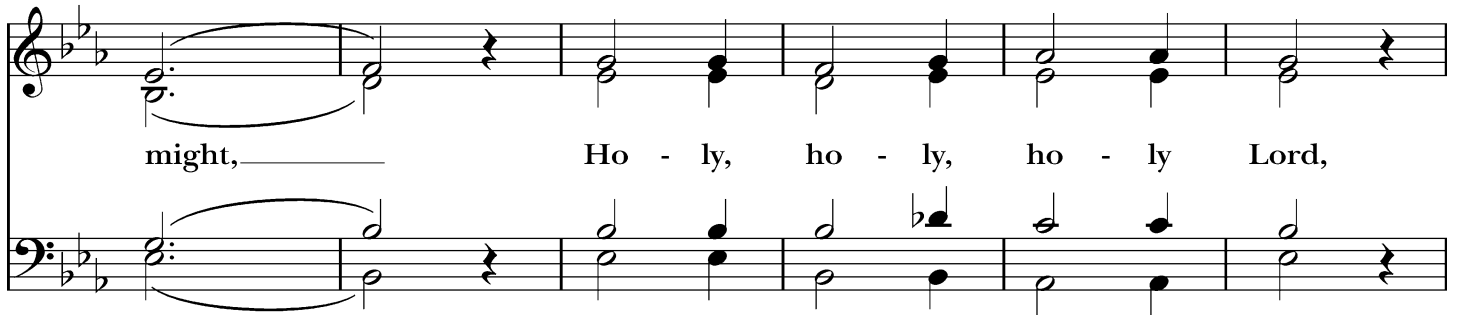
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #130



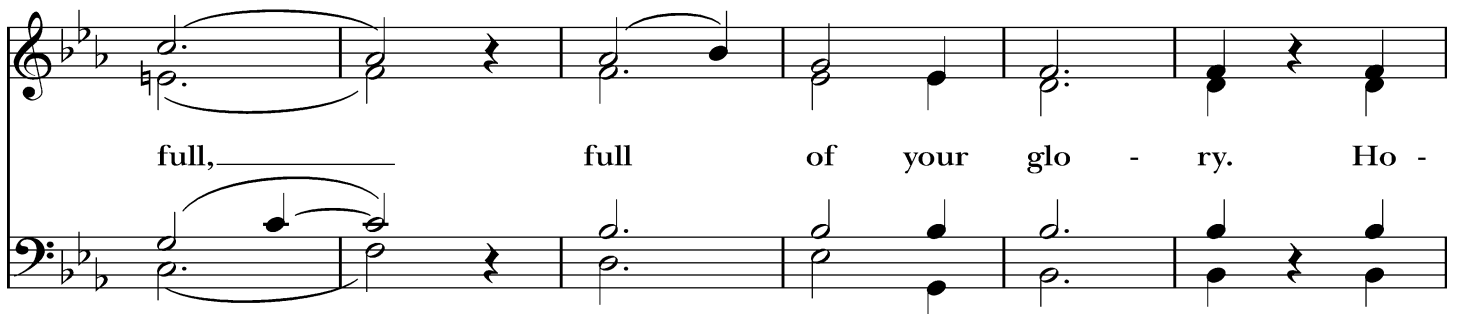
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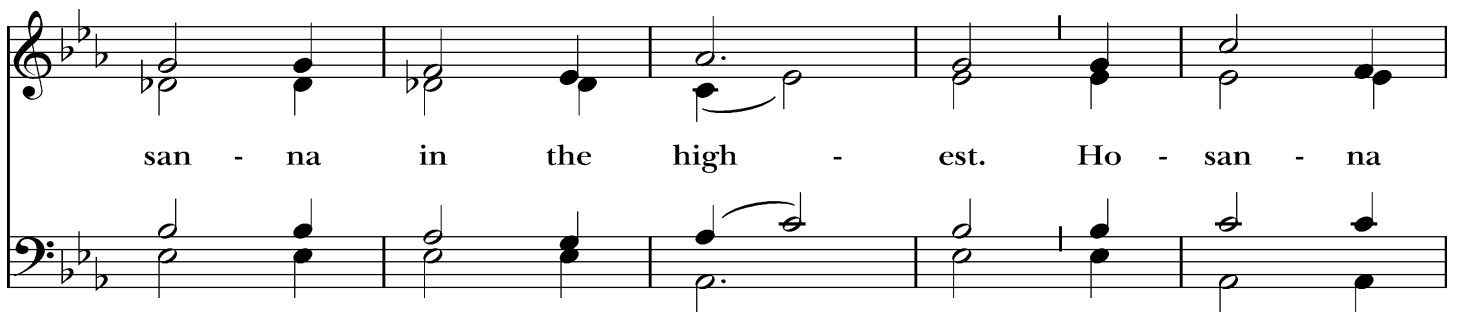
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new

Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant then breaks the Consecrated Bread and says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant then presents the Sacrament to the People

The Gifts of God, for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive the sacrament. Communion is distributed at the altar rail. 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 by asking the priest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please join us at the rail and cross your arms over your chest. Depart through the doors at either side of the rail, returning to your pew through the door by the reader's lectern.

Communion Hymn *Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire*

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Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

O Spirit of the living God

H 531

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers: Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bob Walk, Martha Linkous, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Ivy and the Gaines Family, Fr. Russ and Debbie Hatfield, Mary Lou, Don Harris, The Beckett Family, Jim Paine, Dee Puckett, Becky Steorts, Kathy Burge, Kaye, David Lindahl, Brandon Green, Haley and Alex Jusiel, Carolyn Ratcliffe, Felicia, Brad, Jerry and Debbie Hickman, Fran Alba, Rob Roush, Mya, Frederick Williams, George, Mark, Sandra, Dick, Betty Carol, Jim Crosby, Tim Angel Bailey, Patricia Taylor, and Frank.

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Following our service, we will have Coffee Hour hosted by Teresa Paine and Jerry Wood. With petals opening and color returning to the world, we are grateful to welcome you to join with us in fellowship, prayer, joy, and community.



Birthdays this week: Lori Hypes and Elizabeth Hart

The Altar Flowers are given today for the glory of God by
Jim and Susanne Pulse

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Celebrant

The Rev. Paul Barker

Deacon

The Rev. Brother Ray Escott

Organist

Hon. Canon Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Acolyte

Mike Lilly

Lector

Ted Lewis

Altar Guild

Betty Nash and Teresa Paine

Calendar of Events

Monday – May 25

Memorial Day



Wednesday – May 27

Union Mission 3:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer with Hand Chime Choir 6:00 p.m.

Sunday – May 31

Children's Sunday School 10:05 a.m.

Saturday – June 6 Stewardship Training: Bishop Matthew at CEC 10:00 a.m.

Sunday – June 7 Last Children's Sunday School 10:05 a.m.

Sunday thru Saturday – June 7 to 13 St. Paul's Mission Team

Tuesday – June 16 DOK meeting 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday – June 17 Vestry meeting 5:00 p.m.

Men's Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Thursday – June 18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Announcements:

Garden Workday: BRING YOUR GARDEN TOOLS and join us as we plant flowers in the Memorial Garden and out front on Tuesday, May 26, at 11:30.

Spring Collection for Food Pantry Recipients: Our Food Pantry will be collecting cleaning supplies including dish-washing liquid during May.

Coffee Hour: A Coffee Hour host is needed for **May 31**. Please sign up on the whiteboard located outside the library. If you have any questions, you may contact: Darla Olson at: 304-634-5655 darlanolson@outlook.com or Mary Catherine Williams at: 276-326-2411 mkw@dlwco.com. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry at Christ Church.

Altar Guild Members: Please don't forget to sign up for the week(s) you will be available to serve for the months of June, July, and August.

Stained Glass Ornaments order forms: Stained Glass Ornaments order forms are on the ushers' table. If you have any questions, please see Mary Catherine Williams or Patty Richardson.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Paul Barker	Rector
The Rev. Brother Ray Escott	Deacon
Hon. Canon Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mrs. Susanne Pulse	Office Assistant
Ms. Gina Vescio	Sexton
Dr. Ted Lewis	Senior Warden
Mr. David Kersey	Interim Junior Warden

