

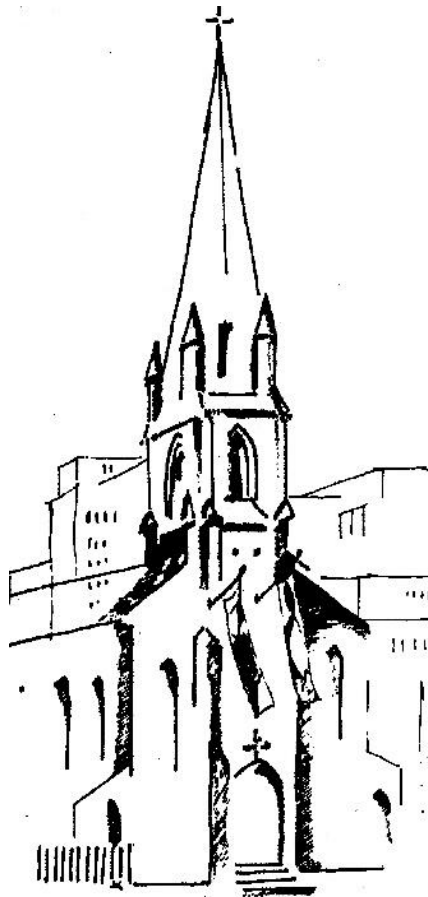
# Christ Church Episcopal

*Reading, Pennsylvania*

*Christ Is All and In All*

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

August 7, 2022



## VESTRY

**Senior Warden:** Rick Wolf, **Junior Warden:** Wayne Fanning, **Secretary:** Carolyn Hand. Connie Fegley, Ashleigh Hoelscher, Diane Morris, Anita Powell, Chris Spohn, Terry Rowles, June Tull, Michael West, and Pam Wheat.

## Morning Prayer

**Prelude:** Elevation

Alexandre Guilmant

**Processional Hymn: 7**

*Ratisbon*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Philippians 1:2*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

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.

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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.

**Invitatory (Hymnal S 35)**

*Venite*

**Psalm 33:1-12**

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
For all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*  
On those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

### **Genesis 15:1-6**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah**

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

### **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

### **Hymn 129**

*Mowsley*

### **Luke 12:32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action

and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Word of the Lord.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

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

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.

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. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

**Suffrages**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Collect of the Day*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God

*Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work:

***People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

***People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

***People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***



Leader: For your guidance to the search committee and vestry as they seek our next rector,

***People: That we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for, and equip us for our ministries.***

*Leader:* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

*Leader:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember those on our prayer list [names read] as well as those whom we name silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

***People: For your mercy is great.***

Leader: We pray for all who have died; remembering especially Clara and Frank Donnelly and Thelma and Chuck Rowles and those whom we may now name silently or aloud (long pause); Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***People: Who put their trust in you.***

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

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.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn 137**

*Wareham*

**Postlude**          Invocation in A minor

*Alexandre Guilmant*

**Liturgical Ministers:**

**Officiant:** Michael Molina

**Organist/Choirmaster:** James K. Wilson

**Lectors:** Beverly Flatt/Runette Gabrielle

**Ushers:** Terry Rowles/Larry Whalen

**Altar Guild Team:** Charlotte Hoare (captain) Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson, Mary Jane Androne

**Altar Candle Memorials for August** for Blessings received by Susan Frankowski, to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of: Lois Feick** by David and Judy Feick and **Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hoare.

**Altar Flowers for today** are given to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Clara and Frank Donnelly and Thelma and Frank Rowles** by Terry Rowles.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly @ **610-375-7925**. Thank you! Sunday, October 30, 2022, is now available if you would be interested in sponsoring altar flowers. Please contact either Nancy Shelly or Linda Lacey and they would be happy to help arrange this. Thank you on behalf of the Altar Guild.

### **Weekday Worship Services**

**Zoom Bible Study**, Wednesday @ 8 am; **Zoom Centering Prayer sessions**, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 A.M.; **Morning Prayer**, Thursday @ **11:00 am** at Red Bridge Park (led by David Emes)

**We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Donald Helwig (8/6), David Wheat (8/6), Kate Fanning (8/8), Stephen Curry (8/10), Carolyn Richie-Taveras (8/10), Penny Brubaker (8/11), Dale Richie (8/11), and Nathanael Faust-Shucker (8/12)** with joy, gratefulness and thanksgiving for your gifts of unconditional love and the life given.

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**Sharing God's Love with All**

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