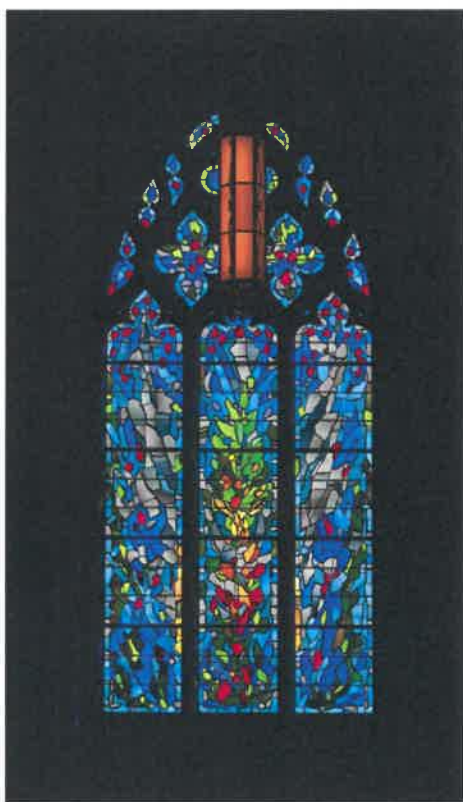


Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



Independence Sunday

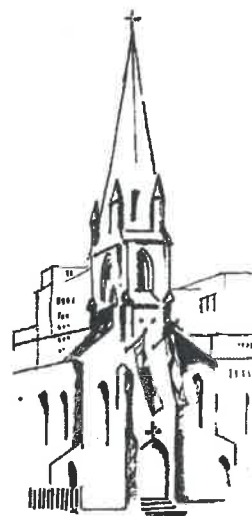
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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 10:17-21

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11: 8-16

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 Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

For those in need of our prayers....

Steve	Gigi	Craig
Penny	Kristin	Frank
Beverly	Lisa	Liza
Rose Marie Innocent	Nick	Beth
Stacey	Polly	Barb
Joe	Sally	Seth
Beverly	Wyatt	Ellen
Barbara	Jim	Peter
Marjorie Harrison Thomas	Annie	Mary Ann
Jerry	Liz	Bob Kappenstein
Cindy	Denise	Connie
Stephanie	Terra	Kathy

Cover image: "Founding of a New Nation" (Stained glass window in Washington National Cathedral); photograph by Todd Henson

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Hear us today as we pray:

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the church, bless all of those who serve you in any capacity; we pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our Bishop, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and for St. Stephen's Pro-cathedral, Wilkes-Barre; Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, who provides with such rich abundance, we pray for all of those who celebrate this week, Charlotte Hoare, Carolyn Baird, Jonathan Day, Marinelly Rivera Obando, Nancy Shelly, Bonnie Goetz, Daniel Lawson, James and Victoria Wilson and June and Courtney Tull; Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord of healing and comfort, who brings the gentle touch of the great physician into our lives, we pray for all of those in need of prayers this day, especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now...; Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord of new life and eternal beginnings, we remember George and Barbara Houghton Myers, their son Bradford, and all of those who have died and now rest in your loving arms, Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Finally O Lord, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. **Amen.**

**Christ Episcopal Church
Reading, PA
8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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 National Anthem Hymn 720 (verse 1)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 10:17-21 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-9

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:8-16 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:43-48 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

People: **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Lord in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361)

The Sanctus

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The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

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The Invitation to Communion and Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant

Ellen Sunderman

Lector and Intercessor

Terry Rowles

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey
And Brittany Underkofler

Usher

Chris Spohn

**Christ Episcopal Church
Reading, PA**

10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Prelude

L'organo primitivo

Pietro Yon

Processional Hymn 718 *God of our fathers*

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 10:17-21 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 607 *O God of every nation*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Lord in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem

Here We Are

Mary Smull Arguelles

Mary Arguelles, soloist

I am here to raise my voice. I am here to make some noise.
Tell of God's love to one and to all.
Just listen and hear God's loving call.

You are here to join my song. You are here to right the wrong.
We will be strong and we will be true.
Together as one! Carry us through.

We are here to sing God's love. We are here to bring the dove.
All of God's children of every hue,
The peace of God's love makes us brand new.

Presentation Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow (Hymn 380, vs 3)

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.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A page 361)

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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.**

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

Richard Proulx

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *A Community Mass*: Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

G C Am D , Bm Em
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne-ver be
Dsus⁴ D , G D Em Bm ,
 hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,
C D G Fine
 trust in him and you will not thirst.

The Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

Healy Willan

1, 2 O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. 3 O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Communion Hymn 680 *O God, our help in ages past*

If Eucharistic visitors are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup, Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

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Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 292 *O Jesus, crowned with all renown*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

Garrett Hyneman, trumpeter

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Jeff Morris

Gospel Book Bearer
Milah Smith

Lector
Joann Hyneman

Intercessor
Diane Morris

Ushers

Wayne Fanning, Susan Doll,
Dale Goodyear and Larry Whalen

Communion Assistants

Victoria Wilson and Richard Laedlein

Crucifer

Andrea Griffith

Acolytes

Ian Hoelscher and Lillian Arguelles

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey
And Brittany Underkofler

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vestry</u></p> <p>Wayne Fanning (Senior Warden) Diane Morris (Junior Warden) Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care) Pam Wheat (Grants) Carolyn Handy (Stewardship) Michael West (Finances) Connie Fegley (Worship) Anita Powell (Hospitality) Kim Alarcon (Outreach) Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth) Chuck Brantman (Security/Property)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>Parish Choir Bell Ringers Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Education</u></p> <p>Adult Forum Library Children's Ministries Education for Ministry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pastoral Care</u></p> <p>Cards and notes Prayer Lists Eucharistic Visitors Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outreach</u></p> <p>Opportunity House Rummage Mary's Shelter Narcotics Anonymous Literacy Council of Reading Berks ESL Dinners Daughters of the King Episcopal Church Women Helping Harvest Veterans Coalition of PA Angel Tree Berks Community Health Center Berks Youth Chorus</p>
<p>Our Ministries</p>		
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Bookbag Drive August 2024 at Christ Church, Reading

Below is a checklist of items needed to complete a full backpack which we will bless on August 4th and then take to Mary's Shelter. You can team up with others to complete a backpack or go it alone! It's up to you.

- 1 backpack of any color
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 3 2-pocket folders
- 1 pack of index cards
- 1 box of crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
- 1 coloring book
- 1 pack of washable markers (pack of 8)
- 1 safety scissors
- 1 box of color pencils (10 in a box)
- 1 pack of mechanical pencils (10 or 12 in a pack)
- 1 ruler
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 glue stick
- 1 lunch box or an insulated lunch bag

There will be no Morning Prayer this Thursday in honor of the 4th of July holiday. This service will resume next week.

On Sunday, August 18th at our 10AM service we will be **blessing our children's bookbags** for the new school year. This is a wonderful chance to send our children back to school with God's blessing and a Christ Church carabiner!

Join Education for Ministry (EfM) to:

- Deepen your Christian faith.
- Learn how to articulate that faith.
- Let that faith inspire you into action!

Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. More than Bible study, EfM participants read and discuss the Bible, Church history and theology. In person groups are forming around the Diocese and virtual options are available. If interested or for more information, email EfM Diocesan Coordinator Cathy Bailey (cathybaileynnp@gmail.com).

Get on the Hogwarts Express this summer with our **Vacation Bible School!** From Monday, July 29th to Thursday, August 1st from 5:30 to 7:30PM we will be at Hogwarts and opening our Bibles to explore our faith through the exciting world of Harry Potter and related Bible Stories. Click the QR codes below to **Enroll** and take the **quiz!**



Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

The Christ Church Mission

Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-news and newsletters.

Altar Candle Memorials for June are given for **Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare; **Sherry Feick Chandler** by David and Judy Feick.

Altar Flowers for today are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of George and Barbara Houghton Meyers, the most wonderful parents in the world, and their loyal son, Bradford** by Robert and Ruth Meyers.



Did you forget your checkbook this morning? Have you been wanting to set up a pledge but keep forgetting? Life just got a whole lot easier: scan the QR code on your phone and it will take you directly to our giving homepage.

The **ECW Rummage** sale will be having their Bag sale in July. The dates are 3, 6, and 10. For \$5.00, you can fill a bag with clothes and shoes. What a deal! Come see our selection!

We are continuing our six-week **Pilgrim Course today**. This is an innovative and inspiring program for people of all stages along the road of following Jesus. We will be exploring **The Lord's Prayer** by looking at each powerful line of this prayer, week by week. We meet in the Parlor from 9:05 to 9:45am .Please join us in this course for the Christian journey.

Remember: Next week starts a new prayer list. Please send to Kim anyone you would like included. (Officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org.)

Resources for the celebration of Independence Day

Thanksgiving for National Life (From The Book of Common Prayer, pgs 838-839)

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them. Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them. Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them. Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light. Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again. Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. Amen.

God Bless our Native Land

God bless our native land;
firm may she ever stand
through storm and night:
when the wild tempests rave,
ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save
by thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise
to God, above the skies;
on him we wait;
thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

God bless our native land, #716 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Siegfried August Mahlmann (1771-1826); tr. Charles Timothy Brooks (1813-1883) and John Sullivan Dwight (1812-1893), alt. Music: America, from Thesaurus Musicus, 1745.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, June 30—Independence Sunday

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, July 1

12PM—1PM NA meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

Tuesday, July 2

9AM Citizenship class
12PM—1PM NA meeting
12:30AM Centering Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday, July 3

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

Thursday, July 4

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Friday, July 5

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, July 6

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM—2PM NA Meeting

Sunday, July 7—The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

July 3, 6, and 10 ECW Rummage sale.
Bag sake this month, all clothes and shoes, fill a bag for \$5.00

July 29 to August 1 VBS 5:30 to 7:30PM

August 4 Transfiguration Sunday and Mary's Shelter's Bookbag Drive

August 11 St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

August 18 Blessing of the Bookbags

September 1 Blessing of Football Teams



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