

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

*IN the City. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.*



**St. Mary, Mother of our Lord**

**August 11, 2024**

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## Today's Readings

### **The Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

### **The New Testament Reading:** Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

### **The Holy Gospel:** Luke 1:46-55

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

*Transforming Pain with Blessed Mary* by Richard Rohr,

All healthy religion shows you what to do with your pain, with the absurd, the tragic, the nonsensical, the unjust and the undeserved—all of which eventually come into every lifetime. If only we could see these “wounds” as the way through, as Jesus did, then they would become sacred wounds rather than scars to deny, disguise, or project onto others. I am sorry to admit that I first see my wounds as an obstacle more than a gift. Healing is a long journey.

If we cannot find a way to make our wounds into sacred wounds, we invariably become cynical, negative, or bitter. This is the storyline of many of the greatest novels, myths, and stories of every culture. If we do not transform our pain, we will most assuredly transmit it—usually to those closest to us: our family, our neighbors, our co-workers, and, invariably, the most vulnerable, our children.

...As an example of holding the pain, picture Mary standing at the foot of the cross or, as in Michelangelo’s Pietà cradling Jesus’ body. One would expect her to take her role wailing or protesting, but she doesn’t! We must reflect on this deeply. Mary is in complete solidarity with the mystery of life and death. It’s as if she is saying, “There’s something deeper happening here. How can I absorb it just as Jesus is absorbing it, instead of returning it in kind?” Consider the analogy of energy circuits: Most of us are relay stations; only a minority are transformers—people who actually change the electrical charge that passes through us.

Jesus on the cross and Mary standing beneath the cross are classic images of transformative spirituality. They do not return the hostility, hatred, accusations, or malice directed at them. They hold the suffering until it becomes resurrection! That’s the core mystery of Christianity. It takes our whole life to begin to comprehend this. It tends to be the wisdom of elders, not youngers.



Cover image: “The Annunciation, from “The Small Passion” by Albrecht Dürer German (1510)

### **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: Let us pray today that we will hear God's call in our lives and that, like Blessed Mary, we will have the faith and courage to respond and live out our vocation:

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for your grace, revealed in Blessed Mary, and for all that inspires us from her life, that following her good example, we may hear afresh your call to holiness of life: God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For your holy church, that it may persevere in its witness to you and continue building up the communion of saints. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Anglican Church of Korea and Trinity, West Pittston . God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That we who are gathered here may receive grace to grow into the likeness of Christ: We pray especially for those celebrating this week: Dail Richie, Robert Keeler, Nathanael Faust-Shucker, Drew Jones, William Widing, Scarlett Frymoyer, Jai Marie Gonzalez and Fernando Corona. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of this world may strive for justice and peace; and honor the common good. Be with those living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That all who are poor, homeless, or hungry may find refuge in you; and that the sick and the suffering may be relieved from affliction, especially those on the prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now... God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In communion with Blessed Mary and all the saints, let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God, that, with all the saints in ages past, we and all the departed may find a dwelling place in the habitations of your majesty and glory, remembering Mr. and Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Celebrant: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

People: **let us exalt his Name together.**

**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 Kyrie**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-11**

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34: 1-9** (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt his Name together.

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.

**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**The New Testament Reading:** Galatians 4:4-7 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

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*Before the reading*

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

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** 358

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

Celebrant: God, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer**

**Confession of Sin** 360

**The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 367)

**The Sanctus** 367

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368*

**The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread** 364

**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:*

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 James Rinehart

*Communion Assistant*  
Ellen Sunderman

*Lector and Intercessor*  
Terry Rowles

*Altar Guild*  
Victoria Wilson, Doris Schilpp,  
Helen Peemoeller and Sally Wilcox

*Usher*  
Chris Spohn

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For those in need of our prayers....

Stephanie	Joe	Courtney
Runette	Karen	
Rick	Ellen	
Penny	Lola and Family	
Gigi	Ray	
Polly	Pat	
Howdy	Mart	
Kristin	Evelyn	
Terra	Angelica	

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**Prelude** *Prière*  
*On Eagle's Wings*

César Franck  
Michael Joncas

Andrew Maier II, soloist

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

4. You need not fear the terror of the  
night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand

5. For to His angels He's given a  
command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you  
up  
Lest you dash your foot against a  
stone

3. The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield

**Processional Hymn** 278 *Sing we of the blessed mother*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
Celebrant: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
People: **let us exalt his Name together.**

**The Collect for Purity** (said together)

**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.**

*Magnificat* Hymn 438, verses 1 and 2

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age the same;  
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

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### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 61:10-11 (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** 265 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 1:46-55 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*Before the reading:*

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

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

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Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

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

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*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

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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.**

**Announcements**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Leo Sowerby

Andrew Maier II, soloist

## Presentation Hymn

*Come, let us join our cheerful songs (verse 1) Hymn 374*

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Prayer B page 367)

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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 367*

## The Sanctus

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368*

### The Lord's Prayer

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### The Fraction Anthem

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord. **Fine**

### The Invitation to Communion

#### The Agnus Dei

#### Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

*mp* Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
*mp* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.

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**The Communion Hymn** 332 *O God unseen, yet ever near*

*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**

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**Amen.**

*Then all pray together on page 365.*

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn** 232 *By all your saints still striving* (see page 15)

**The Dismissal**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Toccata (from Suite gothique)*

Léon Boëllmann

1. By all your saints still striving,  
for all your saints at rest,  
your holy Name, O Jesus,  
for evermore be blessed.  
You rose, our King victorious,  
that they might wear the crown  
and ever shine in splendor  
reflected from your throne.

2. We sing with joy of Mary  
whose heart with awe was stirred  
when, youthful and unready,  
she heard the angel's word;  
yet she her voice upraises,  
God's glory to proclaim,  
as once for our salvation  
your mother she became.

3. Then let us praise the Father  
and worship God the Son  
and sing to God the Spirit,  
eternal Three in One,  
till all the ransomed number  
who stand before the throne  
ascribe all power and glory  
and praise to God alone.

*By all your saints still striving*, #232 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. *Hymnal 1982*. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Nyland*. Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

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### 10AM Service Participants

#### *Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend James Rinehart

#### *Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

#### *Vergers*

Linda Jones

#### *Gospel Book Bearer*

Milah Smith

#### *Lector*

Victoria Wilson

#### *Intercessor*

Lor Lowden

#### *Ushers*

Larry Whalen, David Thun,  
Christine Keeler and Walt Frankowski

#### *Communion Assistants*

Victoria Wilson and Milah Smith

#### *Crucifer*

Amelia Fanning

#### *Acolytes*

Julie Anna and Jai Marie Gonzalez

#### *Altar Guild*

Victoria Wilson, Doris Schilpp,  
Helen Peemoeller and Sally Wilcox

### 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.



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.

ECW is again participating in the Friends helping Friends event at Boscov's.

- **How:** Customers donate \$5 to a participating non-profit and receive a shopping pass.
- **Shopping discount:** 25% off\* lowest sale prices in-store and online
- For online discount, a one-time use unique code is provided on each shopping pass
- **Date:** Tuesday, Oct. 22
- **Store hours:** 8 a.m. – 11 p.m.
- **Register to win:** A \$100 Boscov's gift card (one winner per store)

\*Some exclusions apply. To learn more about the annual Friends Helping Friends event or to register, visit [www.boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends](http://www.boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends).





**Diocesan Convention.** The 153rd Diocesan Convention will take place on October 18 and 19, 2024 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College. Resolutions to be considered at Diocesan Convention are due by August 15th. Find more information (including resolution format), on the Diocesan Convention web page: <https://diobeth.org/diocesan-convention/>. Nominations for clergy and lay people to serve on the Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, and the Standing Committee are also due by August 15th. Find more information about positions to be elected on the website.

Our **Bible Study** will begin on Thursday August 29th at 9am in the Library on the 2nd floor. We will begin by studying the letter of James. Bring your own bibles or use one provided in the library. Please note that street parking isn't available on Thursday mornings on Court Street. Please enter via our Courtyard door by ringing the doorbell. I look forward to joining you in this wonderful time of studying God's Word. Sincerely, Fr Bryce

Along with submitting names for our prayer list printed in the bulletin you may also now write names on the prayer list which you will find on the Orrick Table. Kim will add the names that you write down each week to the bulletin.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Vestry</u></b></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;"><b><u>Our Ministries</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Worship</u></b>            Acolytes     Altar Guild            Eucharistic Ministers            Lectors and Intercessors            Vergers            Guitar and Taizé Services            Healing Team            Centering Prayer            Morning Prayer     Ushers            Kristallnacht Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Music</u></b></p> <p>Parish Choir     Bell Ringers            Children's Choir            Fall Festival of Arts</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Education</u></b></p> <p>Adult Forum     Library            Children's Ministries            Education for Ministry</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Pastoral Care</u></b></p> <p>Cards and notes     Prayer Lists            Eucharistic Visitors            Flower Delivery     Pastoral Visits</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Fellowship</u></b></p> <p>Sunday Coffee Hour     50+ Club            Hospitality Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Business</u></b></p> <p>Property Ministry            Church Maintenance Days            Stewardship Team            Planned Giving            Communications            Capital Campaign            Security Taskforce</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Outreach</u></b></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>
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**Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

**IN the City. WITH our neighbors. FOR Everyone.**

We are grounded in the values of love, service and faithful stewardship. Firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all that come through our doors to experience the dignity, purpose and opportunities that God desires for everyone.

Please visit us at [www.rdgchristchurch.org](http://www.rdgchristchurch.org). The 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 August** are given for **Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; **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 Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes** by the Estates of Charles and Grace Parkes.

We are concluding our six-week **Pilgrim Course** today on the Eucharist. This is an innovative and inspiring program for people of all stages along the road of following Jesus. We meet in the Parlor from 9:05 to 9:45am. Please join us in this course for the Christian journey.

Upcoming Courtyard Clean up Dates: August 31 9-11AM and September 28 9-11AM. Three cheers for everyone who has pitched in with love and gusto in sprucing up our courtyard.

Last Sunday we collected over 30 bookbags for Mary's Shelter. Thank you so much for your generosity. Fr Bryce

The preparations for our **Bicentennial Celebrations** are underway for May 10, 2026. Our committee has met a few times and we are now asking for volunteers to join three subcommittees: Archives, Merchandise and Events. The archives team will help us go through our historical documents and items and prepare them for display; the merchandise team will work on creating fun items to sell in order to help us celebrate; the events team will help in planning and executing the celebratory events. Please email [brycepwandrey@gmail.com](mailto:brycepwandrey@gmail.com) today to volunteer to be one of the subcommittees.

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!

September 1st is our **Blessing of the Football teams Sunday**. Every team needs a blessing for the upcoming season (some more than others). This is a great day to wear and/or bring in your favorite football team's jerseys and memorabilia to be blessed (NFL or CFB). And, invite a friend who would enjoy being with us on this festive Sunday.

On September 8th we will take some time at both 8AM and 10AM to remember the tragedy of 9/11 and the sacrifices made that day. Please plan to be with us as we remember.

On Sunday September 15th, after our 10am service, we will have our annual **Service Participants training day**. This training is available to all of our vergers, crucifers, gospel book bearers and acolytes. This is also the perfect time to sign up your children to join our wonderful acolyting team (there is a sign up on the table near the Orrick Door). There will be a **pizza party** for all of our service participants as well!

ECW thanks all who so generously donate their clothing and household items to our rummage sale. We would like to remind you that we are unable to accept any items that are stained or damaged in any way. There will be no rummage sale in August. We will see you in September.

## **This Week at Christ Church**

**Sunday, August 11**—St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

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

**Monday, August 12**

12PM—1PM NA meeting

**Tuesday, August 13**

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

**Wednesday, August 14**

12PM Holy Eucharist  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

**Thursday, August 15**

9:30AM Centering Prayer  
11AM Morning Prayer Red Bridge Park  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

**Friday, August 16**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

**Saturday, August 17**

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

**Sunday, August 18**—The Thirteenth 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**

**August 18** Blessing of the Bookbags

**August 21** Taize service at 6PM

**August 29** Bible Study begins at 9AM

**August 31** 9 AM-11AM Courtyard Clean-up

**September 1** Blessing of Football Teams

**September 8** 9/11 Remembrance at 8AM and 10AM services

**September 15** Service Participants training day with Pizza Party

**September 18** Evening Guitar Eucharist at 6PM

**September 22** Rabbi Brian Michelson guest preacher and teacher



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