

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Cover image: "Solomon" by Gustave Dore (1832–1883)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit so that we may have the words of eternal life guiding us at all times, showing us where to go and guarding our steps.

Intercessor: Generous God, we thank you for the power of your presence. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Lord, come to bless us. **Fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Word. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will, especially Fr Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico and Christ Church, Susquehanna. Lord, come to bless us. **Fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your governance. We ask you to keep us confident of your love, wherever you call us. Be with those living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. Lord, come to bless us. **Fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your mercy. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. Be especially with those printed on our prayer list in the bulletin and any that we name now... Lord, come to bless us. **Fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Be especially with those who are celebrating this week: Beverly Flatt, Janet Koller, Stephen Hoare, Will Fanning and Mary and Frank Arguelles. Lord, come to bless us. **Fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your life, given by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life, remembering Dale Shelly. Lord, come to bless us. **Fill us with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room. In your mercy fill us with your Spirit. Hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

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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 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:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 (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 84 (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.

**O Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you**

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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, come to bless us.

People: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

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 Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361)

The Sanctus

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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:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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 Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant
Chris Spohn

Lector and Intercessor
Dane Miller

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain), Pricilla
Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith and
Kim Alarcon

Usher
Ellen Sunderman

For those in need of our prayers....

Stephanie	Joe	Courtney	Dick	Archie
Runette	Karen	Beverly	Jose	
Rick	Ellen	Carson	Kathleen and Family	
Penny	Lola	Mike	Dolerse	
Gigi	Ray	Scott	Frankie	
Polly	Pat	Jeri	Mia	
Howdy	Mart	Shelly	Ean	
Kristin	Evelyn	MJ	Maria	
Terra	Angelica	Carol	Kelly	

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Prelude *Méditation (from Thais)* Jules Massenet

Processional Hymn 517 *How lovely is thy dwelling place*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

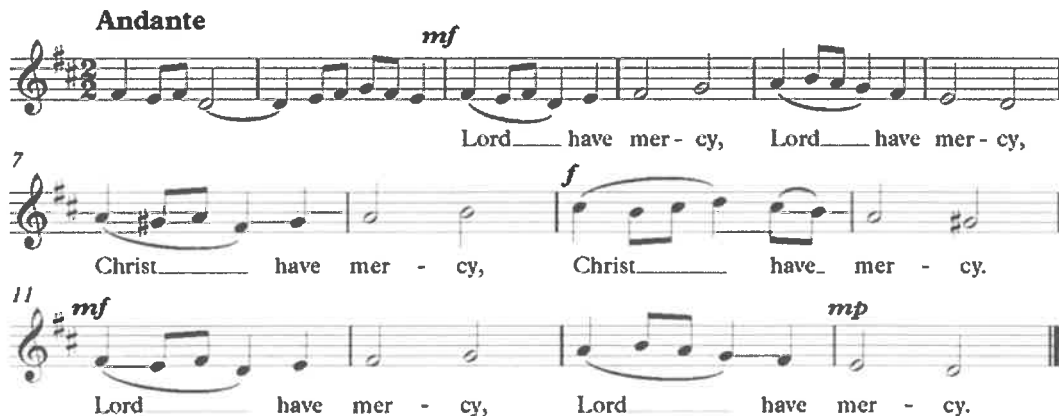
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

Kyrie David Thorne

Andante *mf*



Lord____ have mer - cy, Lord____ have mer - cy,
7 Christ_____ have mer - cy, Christ_____ have mer - cy.
11 *mf* Lord_____ have mer - cy, Lord_____ have mer - cy. *mp*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

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At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 511 *Holy Spirit ever living*

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading:

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

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

After the reading:

Gospeller: The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

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

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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Intercessor: Lord, come to bless us.

People: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

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 and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem *Ave verum*

Gabriel Fauré

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis prægustatum
in mortis examine.

O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

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 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

William Mathias



Ho - ly, 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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

The Lord's Prayer
The Fraction Anthem

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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

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are: '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.' The word 'Fine' is written above the final measure of the third system.

The Invitation to Communion

The Agnus Dei

David Thorne

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

Detailed description: This is a musical score for 'The Agnus Dei'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two sharps (D major), and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us peace.' The word 'mp' (mezzo-piano) is written above the first measure of the second system and below the first measure of the third system.

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The Communion Hymns 335 *I am the bread of life*

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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Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 401 *The God of Abraham praise*

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fugue in a minor, BWV 543*

J. S. Bach

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
Charlotte Hoare

Intercessor
Victoria Wilson

Ushers
Walt Frankowski, Richard Androne,
Doris Schilpp and Linda Jones

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

Crucifer
Amelia Fanning

Acolytes
Derek Morris and Joshua West

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain), Pricilla
Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith and
Kim Alarcon

Christ Church is going live (soon)! You have probably noticed the new command center, wire runs and cameras in the church. The installation of our new live-streaming video/audio equipment is almost finished. We are still in the process of making sure the cable runs are properly installed and we will be getting an attractive looking command center desk in the near future as well. **Before we can go live we need your help.** We are looking for **volunteers** who are willing to be trained in running the cameras and live-stream. Our hope is that we get at least four volunteers to share this on a monthly basis. Please speak to Fr Bryce or Carolyn Handy if you are interested in volunteering or learning more about what it would take to volunteer. (*NB. We were the lucky recipients of a grant from the Diocese of Bethlehem that has paid for the entirety of the equipment and installation*).

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.



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

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.

I'm Hungry: A Prolouge to Studying the Gospels. Join us during Adult Forum as we share our thoughts, beliefs, and questions about the Gospels to set the stage for Father Bryce's upcoming study of The Gospel of Mark. Chris Spohn will lead this session in the parlor at 9AM.

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 today to volunteer to be one of the subcommittees.

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 25—The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, August 26

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, August 27

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

Wednesday, August 28

12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 30

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, August 31

9AM-11AM Courtyard clean up
12PM—2PM NA Meeting

Sunday, September 1—The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Blessing of the Football Teams

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

Upcoming Events

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 9 ECW meeting 6:30PM in
the parlor

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

September 22 12PM Fall Festival of the
Arts Puppet Theatre



Christ Episcopal Church

Christ is all and in all