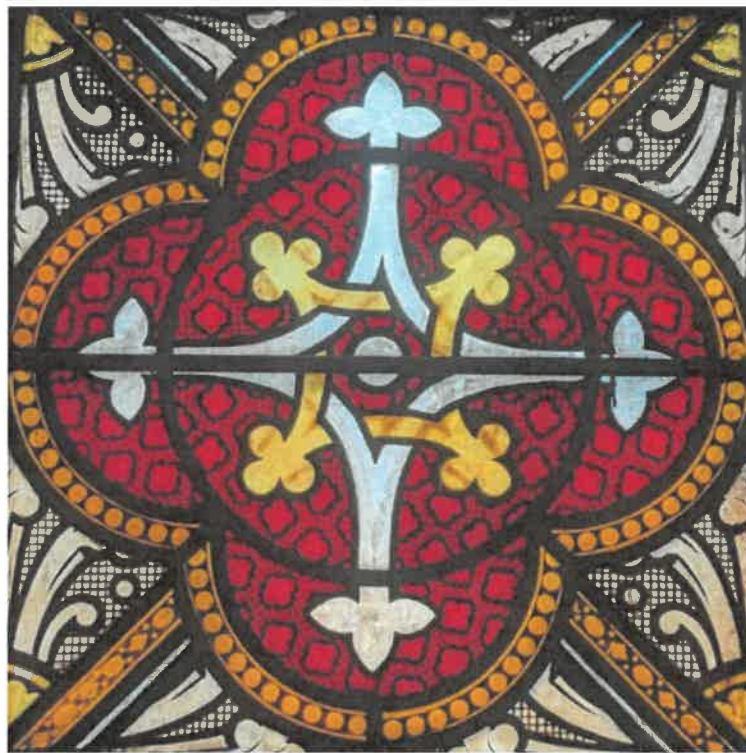


# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
with 9/11 Remembrance**

**September 8, 2024**

**8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (spoken)**

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## Today's Readings

**The Old Testament Reading:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

**The New Testament Reading:** James 2:1-10,14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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**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. (*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.*)

Cover image: Detail of stained glass window at Christ Church, Reading, PA

## The Prayers of the People

**Celebrant:** Let us pray to the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to give us life, saying, Lord graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son. Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet, especially those printed on the prayer list in our bulletin and any that we name now... Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes. Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims, and those whose hearts are hardened by their work. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in your kingdom. Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face. We pray for those living in danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

From the cross, Jesus entrusted Mary his mother and John his disciple to each other's care. Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of your love. We pray for those celebrating this week, Mia Achenbach, Bailey Allison, Cliff Buckwalter and Debbie Pearson. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The centurion was astonished to recognize your glory in the crucified Messiah. Open the minds of those who do not know you to grasp in your Son the meaning of life and death. We pray for the Church and its mission in the world, especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of the Province of Myanmar and St. James', Dundaff . Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph of Arimathea came to take your Son's body away. Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, gentleness to those who minister to them, and courage to those whose faith is secret, remembering Dolores Acosta, Dorothy Chiarchiaro, and Richard S. Gabrielle. Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**All: O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those of many nations and differing faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the rulers of our world that we may be brought through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of your Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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**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.**

**9/11 Remembrance**

Celebrant: No one has greater love than this,

People: **to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

On this day, we remember and lament the tragedy that happened on September 11th twenty-three years ago. We continue to mourn the loss of so many lives; may they know the joy of heaven and may their loved ones be comforted. We also honor those who made the greatest sacrifice to save others, not counting the cost but bravely acting and sacrificing. And finally, we pray that hearts of hatred may be turned to hearts of love and that intolerance for those who think and believe differently may be turned to openness and understanding. In a moment of silence, we lay before our merciful God all of these petitions and our own thoughts and prayers.

**Hymn 716** *God bless our native land*

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (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** 125 (The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

**The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to  
the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

**Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good  
and to those who are true of heart.**

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers;  
but peace be upon Israel.

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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)

Intercessor: Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**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 A, page 361)

**The Sanctus** 362

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**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**

Celebrant: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then all pray together on page 365.*

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

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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*  
Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson and Mary Jane Androne

*Usher*  
Chris Spohn



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.

**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. Find more information on the Diocesan Convention web page: <https://diobeth.org/diocesan-convention/>. Find more information about positions to be elected on the website.

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.

#### For those in need of our prayers....

Barclay	Scott	Black/Smith Family
Runette	Beverly	Nate
Sue	Bonnie	Betsy
Tanya	Jessica	Kathy
Michael	Rebecca	Karen
Randy	Kristin	Ellen
Steve	CK	Jeri
Nick	Dustin	
Pat	Joe	



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William Bolcom

**Processional Hymn** 599 *Lift every voice and sing*

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*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** 603 *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

**The Holy Gospel:** Mark 7:24-37 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

*Before the reading:*

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

People: **Glory be 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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**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcement and Children's Message**

**The Offertory Anthem** *It Is Well with My Soul*  
Jean Blicke, pianist

Philip P. Bliss

**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:

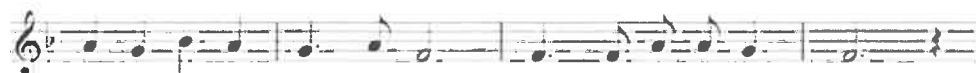
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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.

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## The Lord's Prayer

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# The Fraction Anthem

Graham Kendrick

*Unison*

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for e-ver.  
In this mo-ment, by the Spi-rit, Christ is with us here.

# The Invitation to Communion

## The Agnus Dei

Gregory Murray

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:  
*1st & 2nd times* have mcr-cy on us. *3rd time* grant us peace.

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*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** 493 *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

*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:*

Celebrant: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then all pray together on page 365.*

### **The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn** *I cannot tell* (see page 15)

William Young Fullerton

### **The Dismissal**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Free Fantasia on "How Firm a Foundation"*  
(Hymn #636)

William Bolcom



1. I can-not tell how he whom an-gels wor - ship should stoop to  
 love the peo - ples of the earth, or why as  
 shep - herd he should seek the wand - 'rer with his mys -  
 te - rious pro-mise of new birth. But this I know, that he was born of  
 Ma - ry, when Beth - l'em's man - ger was his on - ly  
 home. and that he lived at Na - za - reth and  
 la - boured, and so the Sa - viour, Sa - viour of the world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
 as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
 or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
 the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
 But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,  
 and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
 and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
 for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
 how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
 how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
 of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
 But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
 and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
 and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour  
 when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

## 10AM Service Participants

*Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Organist and Choir Director*  
John Painter

*Verger*  
Kathleen Harris

*Gospel Book Bearer*  
Milah Smith

*Lector*  
James Wilson

*Intercessor*  
Charlotte Hoare

*Ushers*  
Larry Whalen, David Thun, Christine Keeler, Walt Frankowski

*Communion Assistants*  
Kate Fanning and Milah Smith

*Crucifer*  
Andrea Griffith

*Acolytes*  
Elizabeth West and Lillian Arguelles

*Altar Guild*  
Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson and Mary Jane Androne

### 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.

ECW is again participating in the Friends helping Friends event at Boscovs. Please purchase a shopping pass for \$5.00 from any ECW member and you will get a 25% discount on most items in the store (Restrictions apply.) This will be held on Tuesday, October 22 from 8AM-11PM. See any ECW member for a pass!

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



## Fall Festival of the Arts 2024

### **Nancy Wissinger Art Show**

**Gallery Opening September 13, 2024 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Nancy Wissinger speaks of her work as a spiritual journey. Her paintings vibrate and pulse with energy. Some explode like shattered glass; others reflect the peaceful beauty of the Tulpehocken Farm, where she and her husband Paul have raised sheep, cows and goats since the early 1980s. Her goal is to share that energy with others.

### **St. George and the Dragon Puppet Show**

**Sunday, September 22, 2024 | 12:00 PM**

**Christ Episcopal Church | 435 Court STREET**

Puppetry, live music and dragons! The tale of St. George and the Dragon is brought to life by the Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theater. This Philadelphia-based group has been entertaining audiences since 1981. Based on early mummers' plays this tale of darkness versus light is presented with live music and historically-costumed puppeteers. Join us for an afternoon of merriment, frivolity and mirth for the whole family! 30-minute show followed by an ice cream party.

### **Life in Step with Danny Gardner**

**Sunday, September 29 | 3:00 PM**

**WCR CENTER FOR THE ARTS | 140 NORTH 5TH STREET**

**TICKETED EVENT | \$30 ADULTS; \$10 STUDENTS**

Tickets can be purchased online here or during our in-person presales on September 8, 15, and 22 at Christ Episcopal Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Soon after he began tap classes at the Marie Shaw School of Dance, Danny Gardner delivered his first lines onstage in the Reading High School production of "Mame." From that time on, it seemed he was destined for Broadway, and sure enough, three decades later he is living in New York City, with three Broadway shows, five off-Broadway shows and a host of regional theater performances under his belt.

### **Broadway Goes to Church**

**Directed by Faye Warmkessel & Stephen Longenecker**

**Friday, October 11 | 7:30 PM and Sunday, October 13 | 3:00 PM**

**Christ Episcopal Church | 435 Court Street**

**TICKETED EVENT | \$20 ADULTS; \$10 STUDENTS**

Tickets can be purchased online here or during our in-person pre sales on September 8, 15, and 22 at Christ Episcopal Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Broadway has been taking us to church for decades: from the Salvation Army's Rockin' the Boat, to Tevye's family Shabbat, to Purlie Walking Up the Stairs, to singing nuns in an Austrian convent and the hilarious, high-kicking sisters of Nonsense. The Fall Festival is proud to present, from the creative minds of Faye Warmkessel and Stephen Longenecker, this brand new, joyful, uplifting and often very funny, singing and dancing revue of Broadway's celebratory spirit.

### **A Few of My Favorite Things with Karen Eddinger**

**Sunday, November 3 | 4:00 PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church | 527 Washington Street**

At the end of 2024, Trinity's Minister of Music, Karen Eddinger, will be retiring. She offers this musical gift, A Few of My Favorite Things, to express her gratitude to her congregation and the local music community for their support during her fifty years as a church musician.

**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 September** 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 Dolores Costa and Dorothy Chiachiaro** by Mary and Frank Arguelles and **Richard Gabrielle** by James and Victoria Wilson, all who perished in the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11/01.

**Lectern Flowers for today are to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Cliff Buckwalter** for his birthday by Anita Powell.

Jean Blickle, our guest pianist today, is a member of First Baptist Church and is the pianist/substitute organist there. She taught piano for many years. Jean is active on several community boards including musical organizations such as the RSO.

This Sunday, in **Adult Forum**, we continue the three week series entitled *Meeting God in Mark*. Our Sunday morning gospel readings are chosen on a three year cycle and this is Mark's year. Considered the earliest gospel to be recorded, how does Mark uniquely proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ? Join us at 9:05am in the Parlor as we explore this important witness to the life and works of Jesus of Nazareth.

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

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's famous **rummage sale** is back with all the fall things on September 11 from 10AM to 1PM. 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.

**Fall Festival of the Arts: In-person Ticket Presales at Christ Episcopal Church September 8, 15 and 22 after worship in the Entrance Foyer.** This year the Fall Festival of the Arts is pleased to offer in-person presale opportunities at both of our partner congregations! At Christ Church, tickets for "Life in Step" and "Broadway Goes to Church" will be available for sale after worship in the Entrance Foyer on September 8, 15, and 22. Cash, check, and credit card will be accepted.

Woof! Meow! Those are the sounds you will hear on Thursday October 3rd at 6pm at Christ Church! Our annual **Blessing of the Pets** takes place with musician David Cullen leading our music. We will sing, pray, bless your pets and give you a "#Blessed" collar tag as well. Our friends from Trinity Lutheran will be joining us on this joyous occasion where we celebrate all of God's creation and creatures.

## This Week at Christ Church

### Sunday, September 8—The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost with 9/11 Remembrance

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

### Monday, September 9

12PM—1PM NA meeting

### Tuesday, September 10

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

### Wednesday, September 11

10AM-1PM Rummage Sale  
12PM Holy Eucharist  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
7:15PM-Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, September 12

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

### Friday, September 13

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### Saturday, September 14

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

### Sunday, September 15—The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

### Upcoming Events

**September 9** ECW meeting 6:30PM in the parlor

**September 11** ECW Rummage Sale 10AM- 1PM

**September 13** FFA Art Show Opening and reception 6-8PM Trinity Lutheran

**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

**September 29** St. Michael and all Angels

**September 29** FFA Life in Step with Danny Gardner WCR 3PM

**September 29** DOK meeting 11AM Parlor

**October 3** Blessing of the Pets with Musician David Cullen 6PM

**October 11 & 13** Broadway Goes to Church 7:00PM and 3:30PM

**October 15** ESL Conversation and Dinner 6pm



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