

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Costumes

October 27, 2024

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Today's Readings—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Welcome to Christ 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.

Cover image: "Christ healing the blind" by El Greco (1570)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople. We pray for Fr Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Scottish Episcopal Church, and St. Mary's Wind Gap. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and for leaders who serve with love. We pray for those who live in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. We pray today for those celebrating this week: Larry Whalen, Elizabeth Faust-Shucker, Courtney Tull, June Tull and Glenn and Judy Sillhart. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and who we name now either silently or aloud... As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made.
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.**

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us:

People: **and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

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.

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (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 34:1-8, 19-22 (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!**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

**He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**The LORD ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28 (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 Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 (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 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)

Intercessor: As Christ loved us,

People: **we walk in love.**

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 B, page 367)

The Sanctus

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The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

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

Celebrant: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Walk in love to 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
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey
and Brittany Underkofler

Usher
Chris Spohn

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Prelude *Duo, Basse de Cromorne, Flûtes* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Processional Hymn 293 *I sing a song of the saints of God*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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People: **and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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Kyrie

Kevin Hackett

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "Lord, have mer - cy." The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The music is in a key with two flats and a 3/4 time signature.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzlichster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

The Old Testament Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (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 487 *Come my Way, my Truth, my Life*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 (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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The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Intercessor: As Christ loved us,

People: **we walk in love.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements, Stewardship Moment and Blessing of the Costumes

Celebrant: Lord of everything tasty and sweet;

People: **Bless our costumes from our heads to our feet.**

Bless all of our tricks and all of our treats,

Keep us safe as we walk the streets.

From sports stars to animals to ghosts,

Guide us this Halloween, O Lord of hosts.

We hope that our bags are full of skittles and gummies,

And we pray that on our way we encounter no mummies.

At the end of the wonderful day of Halloween,

Remind us, before bed, to floss and get our teeth clean.

The Offertory Anthem

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;

Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

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 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.**

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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.

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne-ver be
hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

The Invitation to Communion

The Agnus Dei

Kevin Mayhew

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

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 209 *We walk by faith and not by sight*

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.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 427 *When morning gilds the skies*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Walk in love to serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in B major

Marcel Dupré

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Wayne Fanning

Gospel Book Bearer
Andrea Griffith

Lector
Victoria Wilson

Intercessor
Charlotte Hoare

Ushers
Wayne Fanning, Susan Doll, Christine
Keeler, Larry Whalen

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

Crucifer
Ben Frymoyer

Acolyte
Luke Weyandt and Lauren Hoelscher

Altar Guild
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey and
Brittany Underkofler



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.

On Thursday November 7th we will be joining with our Jewish brothers and sisters, and our entire community, as we take time to remember the tragedy of **Kristallnacht** and hope for the future. The Circle of Light is at 6:30pm outside Christ Church and the service begins at 7pm. Please join us as we continue to heal and to hope.

Courtyard Cleanup date is Saturday, November 2 from 9-11AM.

Morning Prayer will now be held in the chapel on Thursday mornings at 11:00AM.

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Beverly	Kristin	Liz
Joe	Cindy	Susan	Bruce Kleckner
Wendy and Ken	Evan Petras	Penny	Polly
Sue	Gigi	Brittany	Donna
Lucas	Rick	The Coakley Family	Joshua
Brenda	Jakob	Joseph	Fernando
Jon	Connie	Randall	Gabrielle
Linda	Terra	Brian and Fianna	Wyatt
Zachary	Veronica	Lori	Jacqueline
Kate	Max	Lola and Family	Kenny
Gwendolyn	Ray	MJ	Joe and Randy C
Jr. & Family	Pat	Stephen	Margaret
Sterling	Lynn	Duane	Bob

Fall Festival of the Arts 2024

A Few of My Favorite Things with Karen Eddinger

Sunday, November 3 | 4:00 PM Trinity Lutheran Church | 527 Washington

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.

Our Thursday morning **Bible Study** continues at 9am in the Library. Prior attendance is not required; please join us.



Don't forget: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 3rd. While most of our devices do this automatically it is still a good reminder unless you show up to church an hour early!

The ECW meeting is Monday, November 4, at 6:30 pm in the parlor. All women of the church are invited. **The Rummage Sale** will be held on November 6, 9 and 13 with all the Christmas goodies! Don't miss the bargains!

A Good God in
an Evil World:
Keeping Hope and
Faith Alive

Adult Forum on
October 27th,
November 3rd and
10th at 9:05AM

Investiture of
the Presiding
Bishop Watch
Party

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

9:30AM TO 12:30PM

COFFEE, DONUTS, PASTRIES AND
MORE WILL BE PROVIDED

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

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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 October 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 given in remembrance of Betty Lou and Bruce McLean's Wedding Day.

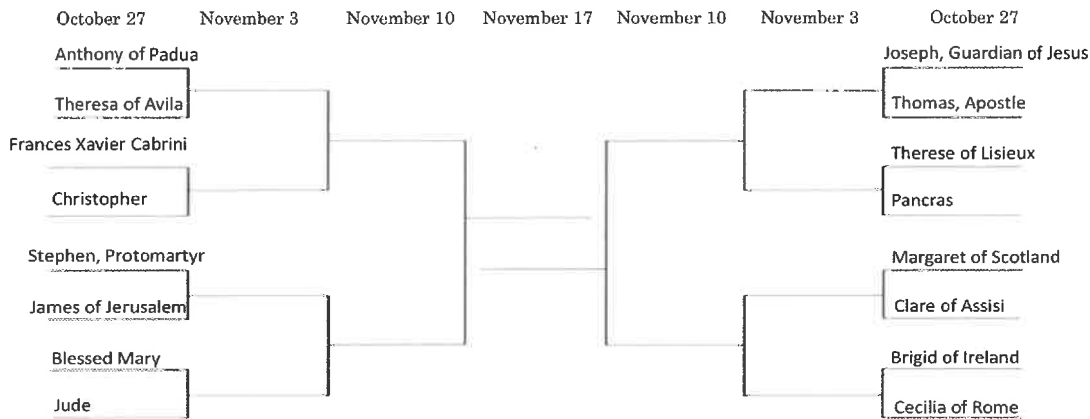
The preparations for our **Bicentennial Celebrations** are underway for May 10, 2026. Our committee has met a few times and we are now asking for volunteers to join three subcommittees: Archives, Merchandise and Events. The archives team will help us go through our historical documents and items and 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.

Are you interested in **Confirmation** or being received into membership of the Episcopal Church? If so please email brycepwandrey@gmail.com today. If you have any questions about what confirmation or being received into membership is please talk to Fr Bryce as soon as possible.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Our next two meetings are in November. On Friday November 8th our Senior EYC (ages 12-18) will meet at the church at 6pm. Then, on Friday November 22nd, our Junior EYC (ages 6-12) will meet at 6pm at the church. If you have any questions about EYC please speak to Milah (milahallison@gmail.com).

<p>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>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></p> <p>Parish Choir Bell Ringers Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Adult Forum Library Children's Ministries Education for Ministry</p> <p><u>Pastoral Care</u></p> <p>Cards and notes Prayer Lists Eucharistic Visitors Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits</p> <p><u>Fellowship</u></p> <p>Sunday Coffee Hour 50+ Club Hospitality Committee</p> <p><u>Business</u></p> <p>Property Ministry Church Maintenance Days Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign Security Taskforce</p>	<p><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>
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Christ Church Reading



This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, October 27—The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost/ Blessing of the Costumes

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Worship Committee Meeting
3-5:30PM Berks Youth Chorus
4-5PM NA meeting

Monday, October 28

12PM—1PM NA meeting
5:30-7PM NA meeting
6:30PM ECW meeting in the parlor

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

9AM Staff meeting
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
3:15-4:15PM Children's Choir rehearsal
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
7:15PM-Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 31

9AM Bible Study
9AM Citizenship Class
9:30AM Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA meeting

Friday, November 1

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, November 2

9:30AM Presiding Bishop Investiture Watch Party
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, November 3—All Saints Sunday

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
3-5:30PM Berks Youth Chorus
4-5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

November 2 Presiding Bishop Investiture Watch Party 9: 30AM

November 3 All Saints Sunday

November 6, 9 and 13 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

November 7 Kristallnacht service 6:30PM

November 8 Senior EYC 6PM

November 10 Veteran's Sunday

November 19 Vestry Meeting 6PM

November 22 Junior EYC 6PM

November 24 Blessing of Stewardship Pledges and Luncheon

November 27 Thanksgiving Eve service with David Cullen 6PM



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Christ is all and in all