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Today's Readings—Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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.

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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, Sean, our presiding bishop, Justin, and the Anglican Communion during this time of transition, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and Trinity, Athens. 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 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: Sara Achenbach. 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...; we also pray for all of those who have suffered abuse, may they know healing and restoration. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love**.

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn, remembering: Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes and Luther and Dorothy Kunkel. 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (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 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

"My heart exults in the LORD;

my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,

because I rejoice in my victory.

"There is no Holy One like the LORD,

no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,

let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,

and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,

but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,

but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,

but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life;

he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich;

he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;

he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes

and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,

and on them he has set the world.

"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,

but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;

for not by might does one prevail.

The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;

the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;

he will give strength to his king,

and exalt the power of his anointed."

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 (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 13: 1-8 (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 358

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

Intercessor: As Christ loved us, People: we walk in love.

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 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

Lector and Intercessor Rick Wolf

Usher Ellen Sunderman Communion Assistant Chris Spohn

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

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Prelude Voluntary in D William Boyce

Processional Hymn 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Liturgy of the Word

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

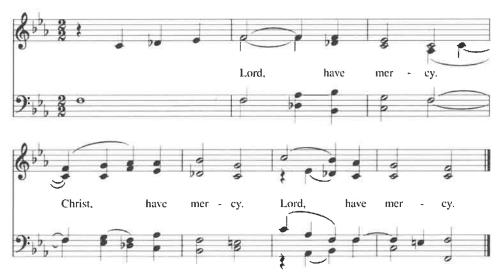
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The Kyrie Kevin Hackett



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The Collect of the Day

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Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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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 447 The Christ who died but rose again

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People: And also with you.

Announcements, Stewardship Moment and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem O salutaris hostia Giuseppe Concone Alison Whalen, soloist

O salutaris Hostia, O saving Victim, opening wide,

Quae caeli pandis ostium: The gate of heaven to man

Bella premunt hostilia, below!

Da robur, fer auxilium. Our foes press on from every

side; Thine aid supply, thy

strength bestow.

Presentation Hymn By all your saints still striving (Hymn 231, v1)

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.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B page 367)

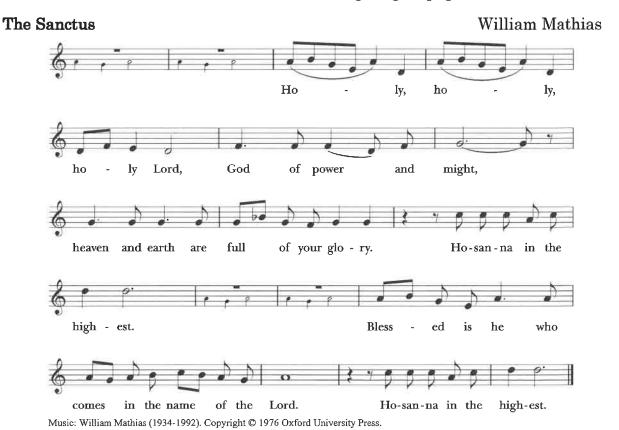
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

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



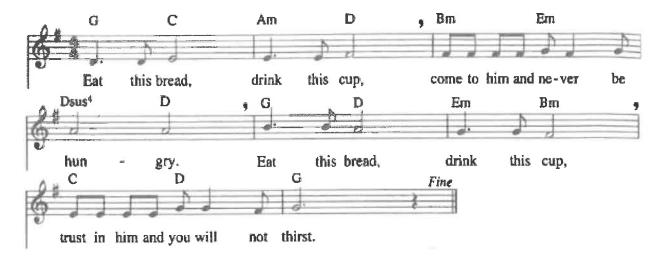
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The Lord's Prayer

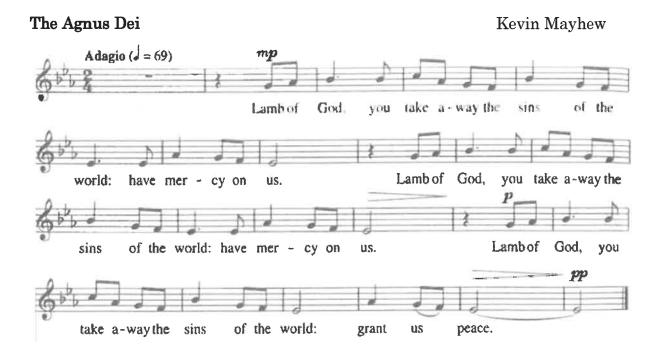
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The Fraction Anthem

Jacques Berthier



The Invitation to Communion



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The Communion Hymn Great is thy faithfulness (see pages 15 and 16)

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

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 477 All praise to thee

The Dismissal

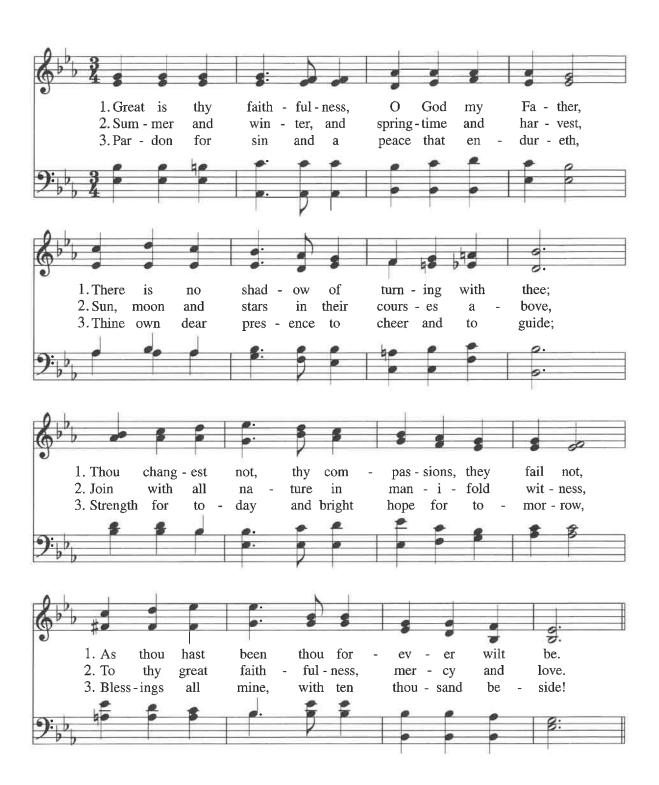
Celebrant: Walk in love to serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Basse et dessus de trompette Louis-Nicolas Clerambault



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10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger Jeff Morris

Gospel Book Bearer
Andrea Griffith

Lector
Kate Fanning

Intercessor Kathleen Brantman Ushers
Wayne Fanning, Susan Doll,
Christine Keeler, Larry Whalen

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

Crucifer
Amelia Fanning

Acolytes
Jae Gonzalez and Luke Weyandt

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain),
Pricilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea Grif-

"We are taking our Walk of Love on the road! Please join us Saturday, Nov. 23rd as we walk, contemplate and pray at the Penn State Berks Labyrinth Garden. This permanent garden is located on the PSU Berks campus, Janssen Conference Center Complex https://berks.psu.edu/labyrinth-garden. Parking is available. On Sunday, Nov 17th, Christ Church's own labyrinth will be set up in the parish hall following services. These are excellent opportunities for meditation, centering and opening yourself to God's light. Let's all Walk in Love Around the Labyrinth together." We will Walk in Love in place of Adult Forum on November 17th. Next Sunday, November 24, we will conclude our study of "A Good God in a World of Suffering."

This week, starting on Monday November 18th, scaffolding will be erected in our sanctuary. Full details of this work are available on the handout "What's Happening @ CCR?" and in our enews. We will be worshipping in the chapel at 8am and in the Fellowship Hall at 10am for at least Sundays November 24th,

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette Beverly Kristin Bethany Randall Wvatt Connie Alli Brian and Fianna Karren and Ken Beverly Donna John Bruce Lor Duane Bob Gigi Penny Joe Lola and Family Sandi and Tom Thun Family Ray Barbara Ted Brian The Kraras Family Margy Jakob Joshua Lucas Angelica JoJo Bryce Jonathan Fernando Brenda Joseph Jesus Terra Penny Matt and Britt

Kindly submit any names you would to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table inside the church.

Our **Annual Food Collection** this year benefits the Veterans Coalition of Pennsylvania. Items needed are Breakfast cereals, Canned "hearty" soups (which include a protein, starch and vegetable), Pasta sauce and canned fruit/vegetables. On November 24th, we will collect your donated food items at the altar and bless them.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) 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).

All the Company of Heaven Final is Set! Blessed Mary had no trouble defeating Teresa of Avila 14 to 9. Joseph and Clare needed overtime though where Clare emerged victorious 12 to 11. Our final saintly square off is Blessed Mary vs Clare of Assisi. Voting is this Sunday, November 17th.

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

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 November 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 to the Greater glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes from the estate of Charles and Grace Parkes and Luther and Dorothy Kunkel from their daughter, Linda Jones.

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.

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.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, November 17—Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Labyrinth walk
9AM Sunday School
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Labyrinth Walk
11:15 Children's Choir Practice
3-5:30PM Berks Youth Chorus
4-5PM NA meeting

Monday, November 18

12PM—1PM NA meeting 5:30-7PM NA meeting

Tuesday, November 19

9AM Citizenship Class 9:30AM Centering Prayer in the Chapel 12PM—1PM NA meeting 6PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

8:30AM 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, November 21

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 22

12PM—1PM NA Meeting 6PM Jr. EYC

Saturday, November 23

12PM-2PM NA meeting 1:30PM Labyrinth walk at PSU Berks

Sunday, November 24—Last Sunday after Pentecost-Christ the King.

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Stewardship Luncheon
11:15 Children's Choir Practice
3-5:30PM Berks Youth Chorus
4-5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

November 19 Vestry Meeting 6PM

November 22 Junior EYC 6PM

November 23 Walk in Love around the Labyrinth PSU Berks 1:30PM

November 24 Blessing of Stewardship Pledges and Luncheon

November 27 Thanksgiving Eve service with David Cullen 6PM

December 18 Blue Christmas 6PM

December 22 Christmas Lessons and Carols 5PM

