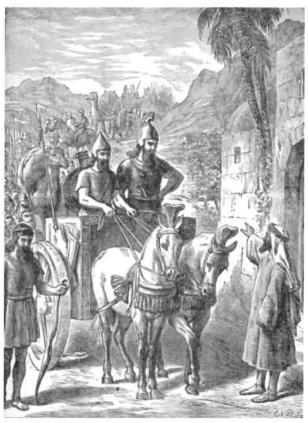
## Christ Church (Episcopal)

# Reading, Pennsylvania IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



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#### Today's Readings

#### The First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

#### The Second Reading: Galatians 6: 7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So

then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

#### **The Holy Gospel**: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Cover image: "Naaman comes to see Elisha" by Henry Davenport Northrop (1894)

#### The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray today for the family of faith, for loving relationships, and for the life of families around us, saying, Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all people of faith; especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our Bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, for The Church of Nigeria and for Trinity, Bethlehem, and for those who teach and guard the faith. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.** 

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. We also pray for everyone living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.** 

We pray for our cities and towns in which we live; for those who live and work here, and for those celebrating this week, Mary Jane Androne, Caroline Wandrey, Kortney West and Bryan Weyandt. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord**.

We pray for those who seek meaning and purpose in life, and yet who long to know you, the very Word of life. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to the knowledge of your love in Christ. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.** 

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness, especially those printed on our prayer list in the bulletin and those we name now... May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord**.

We give thanks for all those who have died in the faith of Christ, remembering Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bengtson and Charline Allen; and we rejoice with all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.** 

Celebrant: Merciful Father.

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Christ Church (Episcopal) 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.

#### 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: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (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** 30 (read responsively by whole verse)

I will exalt you, O Lord,

because you have lifted me up

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;

you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;

give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,

his favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night,

but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face,

and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?

will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

**The Second Reading:** Galatians 6: 7-16 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 Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

#### The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

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

Celebrant: Hear us,

People: Hear us, good Lord.

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A on page 361)

The Sanctus 362

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation to Communion

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Everyone is invited to receive. 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.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.

#### The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Then all say 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

Lector and Intercessor Juliana Gonzalez

> Usher Chris Spohn

Communion Assistant Ellen Sunderman

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain), Priscilla
Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith, Kim
Alarcon, Sally Wilcox and
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Prelude Cantabile Cesar Frank

Please stand

Processional Hymn 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

#### The Liturgy of the Word

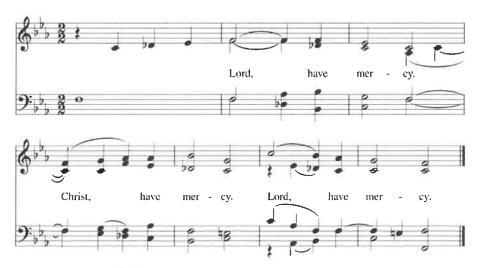
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

#### **Collect for Purity**

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Kyrie Kevin Hackett



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#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you: People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1-14 (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 541 Come, labor on

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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People: And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

**The Offertory Anthem** I walk a stranger on this land

Dale Wood

**Presentation Hymn** 380 From all the dwell below the skies (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.

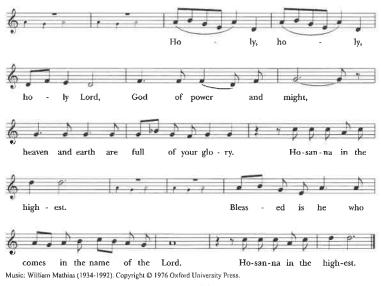
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The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A on page 361)

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 Sanctus William Mathias



The Lord's Prayer

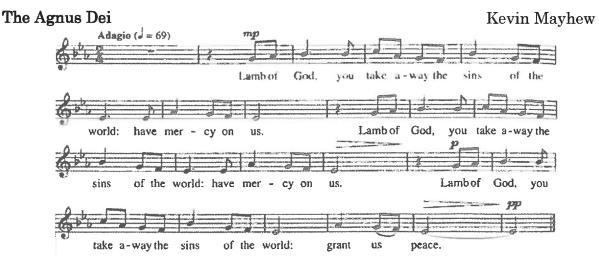
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#### The Fraction Anthem

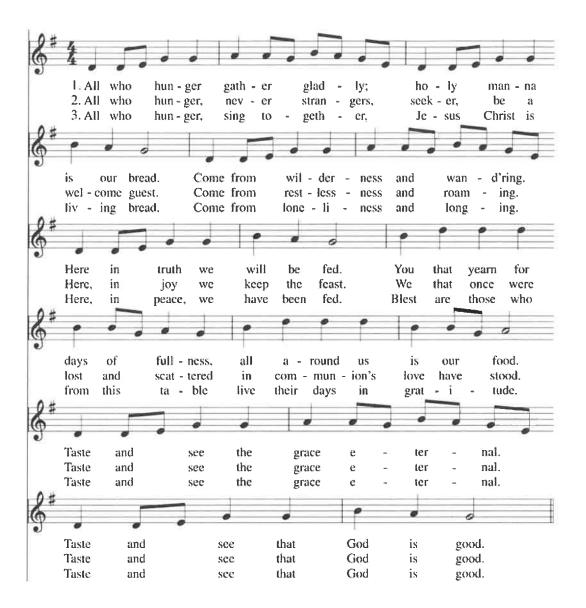


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#### Communion Hymn All who hunger gather gladly



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 say together on page 365

#### The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 427 When morning gilds the skies

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Movement I. Trio sonata in E flat. J.S. Bach

#### 10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger Kathleen Harris

Lector
Kate Fanning

Intercessor Kat Brantman

Gospel Book Bearer Amelia Fanning Ushers

Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler, Kate Schuler and Zoe Morris

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

Crucifer Andrea Griffith

Acolytes
Alex Brantman and Ozi Obara

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain), Priscilla
Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith, Kim
Alarcon, Sally Wilcox and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

The **ECW Rummage Sale** will be featuring its summer goods this month, come check it out on July 9 from 10AM to 1PM. It is our bag sale, \$5.00 to fill a bag with shoes and clothes. Now is your time to purchase summer goods, we are closed in August to get ready for the new season.

For those in need of our prayers.... Runette Kristin Beverly Wyatt Connie Randall Bryan Nancy Jeff Doris Harry Lola M.J. Mary Sandi Brandon Kindly submit any names you would like to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table outside

the chapel



## Bookbag Drive August 3rd, 2025 at Christ Church, Reading

Below is a checklist of items needed to complete a full backpack which we will bless on August 3rd and then take to Mary's Shelter. You can team up with others to complete a backpack or go it alone! It's up to you.

Ш	1 backpack of any color
	2 spiral notebooks
	3 2-pocket folders
	1 pack of index cards
	1 box of crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
	1 coloring book
	1 pack of washable markers (pack of 8)
	1 safety scissors
	1 box of color pencils (10 in a box)
	1 pack of mechanical pencils (10 or 12 in a
	pack)
	1 ruler
	1 pack of erasers
	1 glue stick
	1 lunch box or an insulated lunch bag





We are utilizing another *Pilgrim Course*. For six weeks we will be "Turning to Christ." "These six sessions...explore the questions candidates are asked when they become a follower of Jesus, the beginning of the pilgrim way." The questions come from our baptismal covenant and this will be a great way for all us to dwell in that covenant no matter where we are on the pilgrim journey of faith. Please join us.



On August 10th we are
Blessing our Children's
Backpacks! Help us get our
students and teachers ready
for a new school year by
joining us at the 10am
service. After the service
Sweet Ride Ice Cream truck
will be parked on Court
Street and serving free ice
cream! Please invite a friend
who is going back to school



to be with us. They will receive a special gift to clip to their backpack and free ice cream · what could be better? [Please note that Mary's Shelter bookbag drive is on August 3rd and Blessing of the backpacks is August 10th]

#### Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

#### The Christ Church Mission

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.

#### 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.

We are again offering ALICE training to the congregation and those who use the building, ALICE is a "civilian active shooter response training program" used in schools, churches and businesses. The half day training will be held on Saturday August 2 at 1:00PM at the church. This is a free training. If interested, please contact the office (Officemgr@christchurch.org) or use the sign up sheet posted outside the chapel.

#### Vestry

Diane Morris (Senior Warden/Stewardship) Chuck Brantman (Junior Warden/Property) Anita Powell (Pastoral Care) Pam Wheat (Grants) Carolyn Handy (Hospitality) Rick Wolf (Finances) Bob Kappenstein (Worship) Kim Alarcon (Security Task Force) Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth) Jill Braun (Community Ministries) Matt Hoelscher (Community Ministries) Michelle Rowles-Cranmer (Daycare/Nursery Initiatives)

#### **Our Ministries**

#### Worship

Acolytes
Altar Guild
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors and Intercessors
Vergers
Guitar and Taizé Services
Healing Team
Centering Prayer
Morning Prayer
Ushers
Kristallnacht Service

#### Music

Parish Choir Bell Ringers Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts

#### Education

Adult Forum
Library
Children's Ministries
Education For Ministry
Bible Study
EYC

#### **Pastoral Care**

Cards and notes Prayer Lists Eucharistic Visitors Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits

#### Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship Hour 50+ Club Hospitality Committee

#### **Business**

Property
Churchyard Maintenance
Stewardship Team
Planned Giving
Communications
Capital Campaign
Security Task Force

#### Community Outreach

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 Youth Chorus **Sunday Service** Livestream **Berks County Community** Foundation

Altar Candle Memorials for July are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare; Charline Allen by Faith McKoy and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar flowers are given today for the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Bengtson, Mr. Bengtson's parents by Bruce Bengtson and family.

Lectern Flowers are given today for the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Charline Allen from her sister, Faith McKoy and the Allen family.



Do you need prayers? All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on the 3rd Sunday of

every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please come up to communion early (after the ushers and choir), commune with our prayer team, receive anointing with holy oil and then proceed to the baptistry for healing prayers.

#### This Week at Christ Church Sunday, July 6—The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, July 7 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, July 8 9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, July 9
9AM Staff meeting
12PM—Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

#### Thursday, July 10

9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, July 11 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, July 12 12PM·2PM NA meeting

Sunday, July 13—The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9:05AM Adult Forum 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 4PM—5PM NA meeting

## Upcoming Events July 9 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

August 2 ALICE training 1PM

**August 3** Mary's Shelter Bookbag Collection Day at 8AM and 10AM

August 10 Blessing of our School children's backpacks with free Sweet Ride Ice cream! 10AM

August 31 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost with the Blessing of the Football Teams

September 12 Christ Church Night with the Fightin' Phils