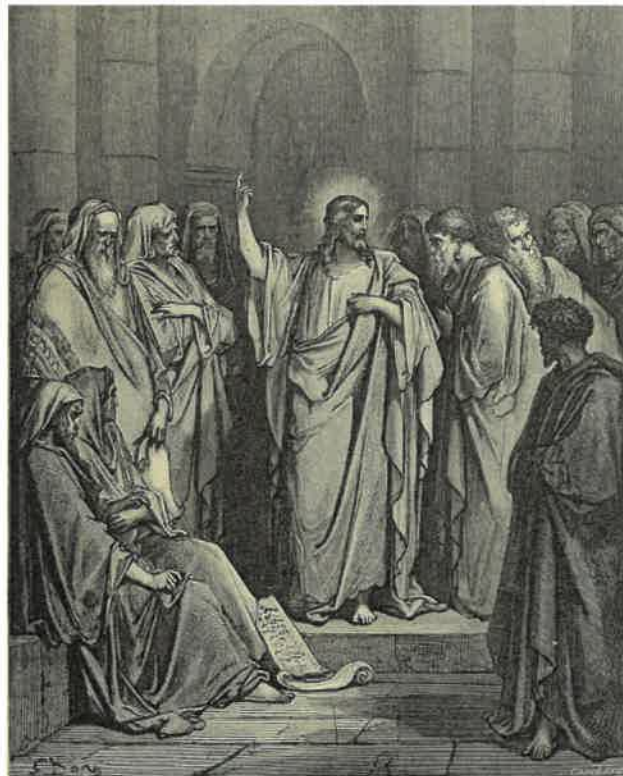


Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Cover image: "Christ in the synagogue" by Gustave Dore (1832–1883)

The Prayers of the People

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

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

We thank you for the wisdom of your Word. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will, especially Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Church of the Province of South East Asia and Grace, Kingston. Lord, come to bless us. **Fill us with your Spirit.**

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

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

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

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

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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

The First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (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 71:1-6 (Read responsively by whole verse)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

The Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29 (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 13:10-17 (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

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

Intercessor: Lord, come to bless us.

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

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A on page 361)

The Sanctus

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The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

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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:

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

Then all 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

Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant

Terry Rowles

Lector and Intercessor

Chris Spohn

Altar Guild

Charlotte Hoare (Captain,) Christine
Keeler, Fran Graeff, Josephine Law-
son, Mary Jane Androne and
Julie Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

Usher

Ellen Sunderman

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.

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Prelude

Prélude (Suite Op. 5)

Maurice Duruflé

Please stand

Processional Hymn 492 *Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness*

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

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Gregory Murray



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The Collect of the Day

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People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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Please be seated

The First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (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 538 *God of mercy, God of grace*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (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 to you, Lord Christ**

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem

O Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod

Runette Gabrielle and Andy Maier

Presentation Hymn Praise to God, immortal praise (Hymn 288 verse 1)

Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow.

The Holy Communion

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 celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

Richard Proulx

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 Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

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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

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The Agnus Dei

Gregory Murray



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The Communion Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness* (see page 14 and 15)

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.**

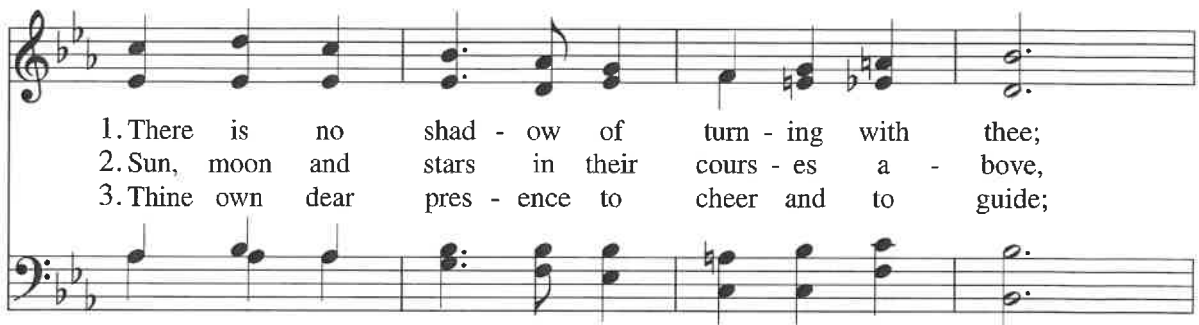
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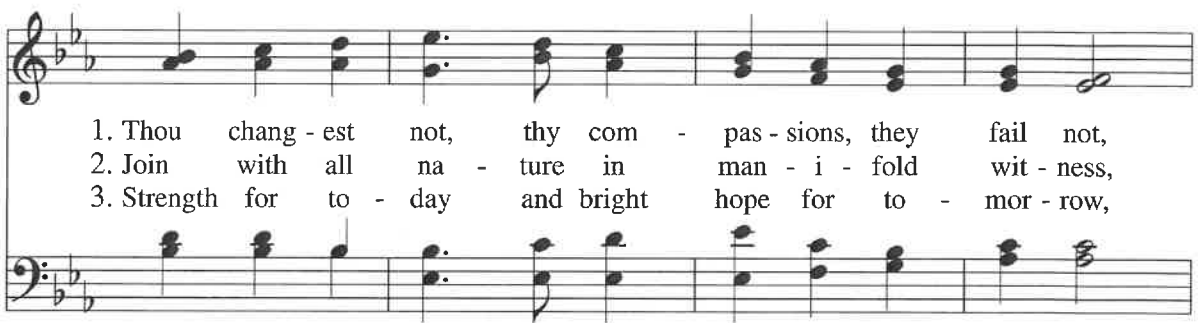
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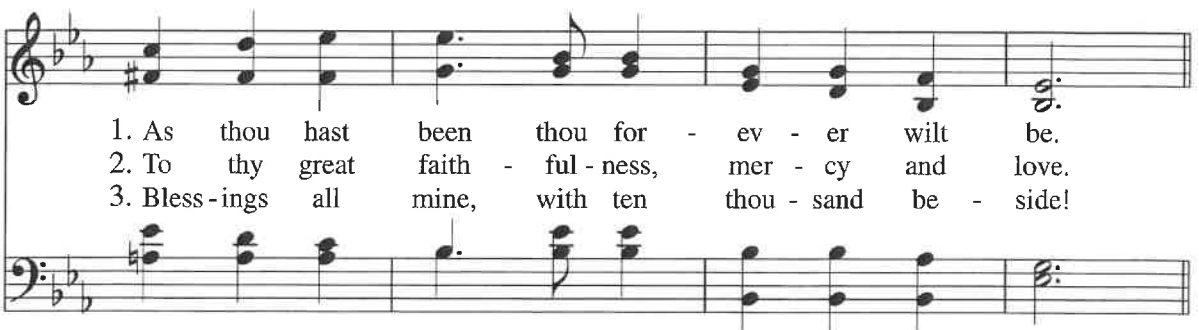
1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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Then all say together on page 365

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 432 *O praise ye the Lord!*

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tocatta (suite Gothique)

Léon Boëllmann

Covenant Cup



Join us for the first annual Covenant Cup, a friendly golf outing between Trinity Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church, held at Heidelberg Country Club on Sunday, September 7th, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start.

The afternoon will feature men's and women's longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests, followed by a celebratory banquet buffet featuring brisket and salmon. Registration is \$100 per player, or become a \$1,000 sponsor and receive four player spots along with event recognition. Final registration deadline is August 30th.

Come enjoy fellowship, fairways, and a little friendly competition!



Scan the QR code to register today!

Mark your calendars for special guests at our Adult Forum (9:05am in the Parlor)

September 28 · Liz Cohen from Mary's Shelters

October 12 · Holly Wolf from Opportunity House

October 19 · Laura Biancone from LGBT Center

November 16 · Elizabeth Vendley from Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center

November 23 · Rabbi Brian Michelson from Oheb Shalom Reform Congregation (also our 10am guest preacher)

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Gospel Book Bearer
Benjamin Frymoyer

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Communion Assistants
Jill Braun and Milah Smith

Verger
Linda Jones

Crucifer
Andrea Griffith

Lector
Runette Gabrielle

Acolytes
Elizabeth West and Ozi Obara

Intercessor
Mary Arguelles

Altar Guild
Charlotte Hoare (Captain,) Christine Keeler, Fran Graeff, Josephine Lawson, Mary Jane Androne and Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

Ushers
Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp,
Linda Jones and Sherry Faust

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Cindy V.	Elaine
Chase	Parker-Stewart Family		Jeri
John Ryan	Ivar	Zach	Doris
Lisa S	Pat	Nancy	Kevin
Michael	Jeff	Earl	Cindy
Marlene	Lola	Sandi	MJ
Bowie	Mary Jo	Ralph, Carol, Shelly	Briana
Rory	Tim	Lauren	Scott
Angelica	Vincent	Byron and Sherry	Chase
Kim	Lisa	Elizabeth and David	

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

Are you ready for some football? On Sunday August 31st, at both 8am and 10am, we will be blessing the football teams again. Come dressed in your favorite teams gear and bring helmets and balls and anything else you would like to have blessed! This is another great chance to invite your football loving friends to Christ Church.



Two weeks ago our Vestry met and came to two important decisions. Upon recommendation from a Fundraising Task Force--which met numerous times over the past few months, consulting parishioners, local banks and our investment firm--we have decided to fund the next phase of our plaster restoration from our investment money market funds. We have already received a pledge of \$150,000, which will help to pay for the early phases of this work and keep our investment portfolio strong. Secondly, after months of consideration and comments, we approved a Protocol Regarding Interactions with Immigration Agencies on our church property. This Protocol will now proceed to the implementation stage in consultation with our Security Task Force and be available for anyone to view in the near future. Are you having a birthday or anniversary that we haven't mentioned? Please

Adult Forum

What is the Bible? How was it given to us? How can we read it today? This six week Pilgrim Course on The Bible will help us answer all of those questions and more. The Bible is one of the most influential books in the world and is still the bestselling book of all time. Join us in the Parlor at 9:05am every Sunday as we journey with the many books and authors of The Bible.

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.

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
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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 August are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar flowers are given today for the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Dale Shelly, her husband, from Nancy Shelly.

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.

The next monthly Dinner at Opportunity House will be on September 13th. The sponsor this month will be ECW.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, August 24—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, August 25

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

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

Friday, August 29

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, August 30

12PM-2PM NA meeting

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

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

Upcoming Events

August 31 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost with the Blessing of the Football Teams at 8AM and 10AM

September 3,6,10 ECW Rummage Sale
10AM-1PM

September 7 Sunday School Kick-Off in the parish hall 9-9:45AM

September 7 Christ Church and Trinity Covenant Golf Tournament at Heidelberg CC at 1PM

September 10 9/11 Remembrance with Eucharist at 12 noon
Interfaith Service at Christ Church at 7PM

September 12 Christ Church Night with the Fightin' Phils at 6:45PM

September 13 Dinner at Opportunity House hosted by ECW

September 14 Service Participants Training with a pizza party

Save the Date for our Bicentennial Events!

May 9-10, 2026 Consecration weekend Events Saturday afternoon and Sunday church-hours

July 18th, 2026 Neighborhood Block Party on Court St.