

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Cover image: "Jesus preaching to the multitude" by Gustave Dore (1832-1883)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Holy God, creator, redeemer and life-giver; you have spoken the world into being and filled it with wonder and beauty. Hear us as we pray today, saying, hear our prayer:

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples; for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Trinity, West Pittston. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, for all in authority, and for those living in fear and danger, for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land, especially those suffering from malnutrition and starvation. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For this city of Reading, for every city and community, and for those who live in them; we pray especially for those celebrating this week, David Wheat and Kate Fanning. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for those printed on the prayer list in our bulletin and any we name now... Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, remembering Clara, Jack and Frank Donnely and Thelma and Chuck Rowles; Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: Hosea 11:1-11 (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 107:1-9, 43 (read responsively by whole verse)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.

**Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.**

They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.**

He put their feet on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.**

For he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

**Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.**

The Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11 (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 12:13-21 (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: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Announcements and Blessing of the Mary's Shelter's Bookbags

All: Lord, whose Son came to serve and not to be served, who called and blessed the little children and who told us that, to enter the kingdom of God, we must be child-like; bless these bookbags and the children who will use them, bless their families, their teachers and their schools; may these bags be a blessing to them and this coming year be a time of growth, strength and support; by the humble strength of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 364

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:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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

Ellen Sunderman

Lector and Intercessor

Rick Wolf

Altar Guild

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

Usher

Chris Spohn

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Prelude *Adagio (Concerto in A minor)* J.S. Bach after Vivaldi

Please stand

Processional Hymn *Lord, you give the great commission* (see pages 10-11)

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Kyrie


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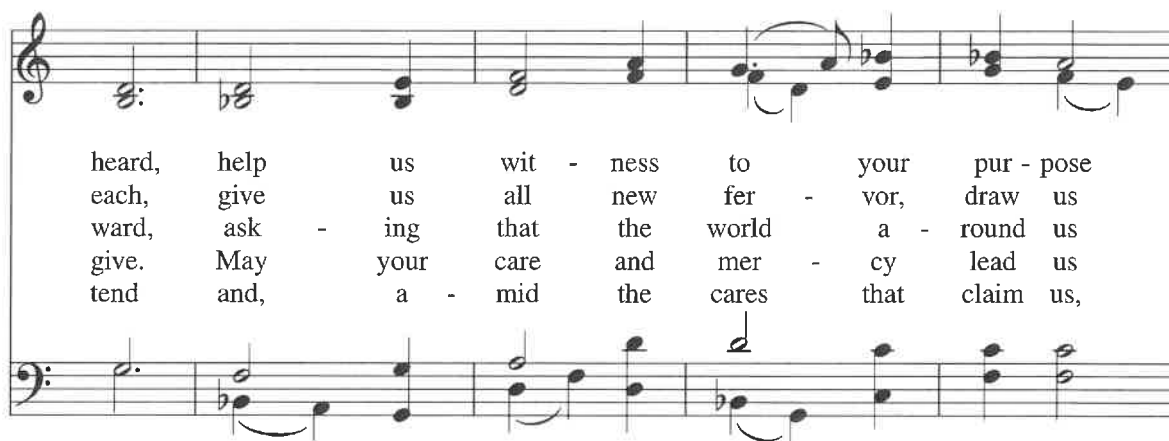
1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
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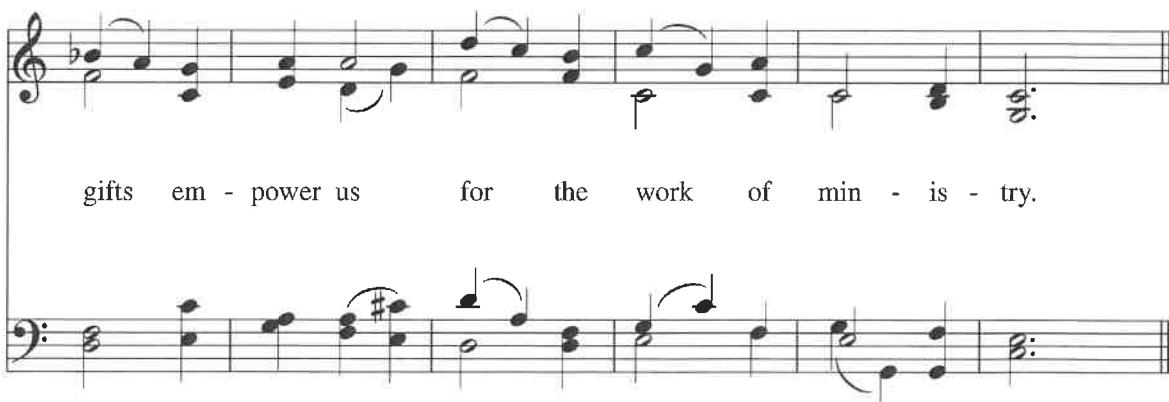
heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

With the Spir - it's



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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Gospel Hymn 533 *How wondrous and great*

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Before the reading

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People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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Announcements and Children's Message

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The Offertory

L'organo primitivo

Pietro Yon

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)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**


Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

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

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

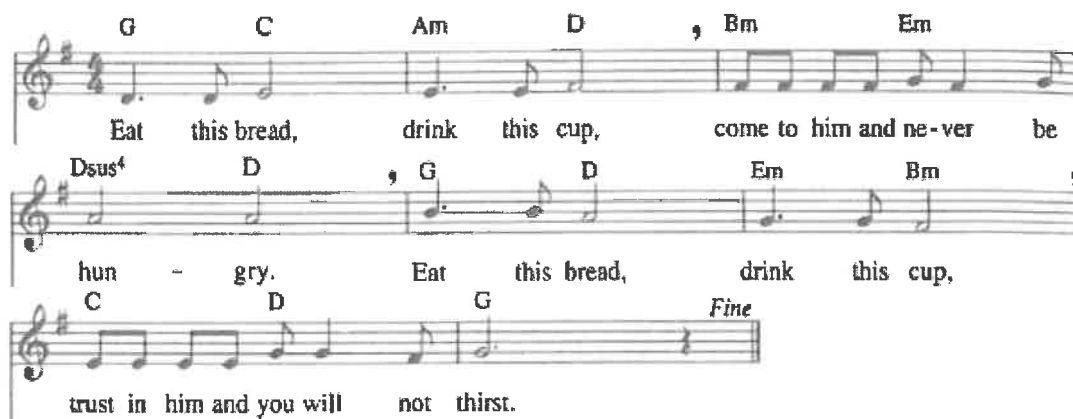
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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem



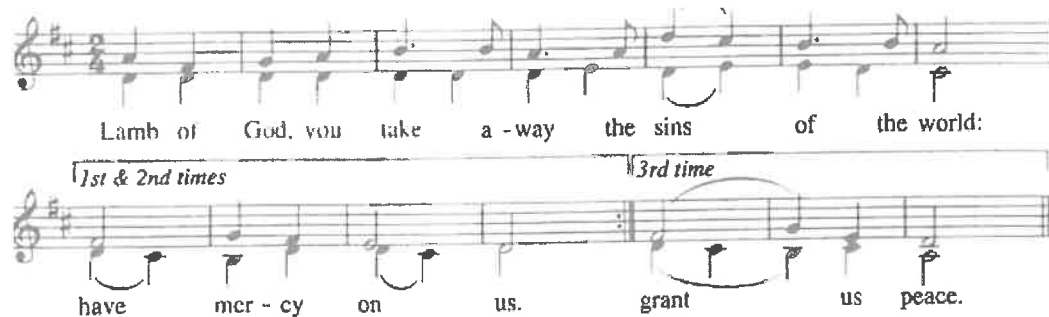
G C Am D , Bm Em
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne - ver be
Dsus⁴ D , G D Em Bm ,
hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,
C D G Fine
trust in him and you will not thirst.

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The Agnus Dei

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The Communion Hymn 684 *O for a closer walk with God*

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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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 410 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fugue in g minor*

Marcel Dupre

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Kathleen Harris

Lector
Victoria Wilson

Intercessor
Fran Graeff

Gospel Book Bearer
Emily Wandrey

Ushers

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, Linda
Jones and Sherry Faust

Communion Assistants

Andrea Griffith and Richard Laedlein

Crucifer

Andrea Griffith

Acolytes

Alex Brantman and Luke Weyandt

Altar Guild

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

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	

*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.



Christ Church and Trinity Covenant Golf Tourney! Mark your calendars today for a fun filled golf tournament on Sunday September 7th at 1pm at Heidelberg Country Club. Invite your friends to create the best foursome you can. More details are coming over the next couple of weeks.

It's Christ Church night out with the Fightin' Phils on Friday September 12th at 6:45pm. We have 50 reserved tickets available for purchase at \$12 each and they will be available to purchase on a Sunday morning soon. Mark your calendars today!



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

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.

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.



August 10th is Children and Youth Sunday!

Kicking it off at 9:05AM in the Parlor, our Appalachian Service Project Team will be presenting on their trip to West Virginia. Don't miss it!

Then, at the 10AM service, not only are we Blessing our Children's Backpacks but our children and youth will also be leading the service and there will be a special homily! Help us get our students and teachers ready for a new school year by joining us for this wonderful.

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?



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

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Healing Team
Centering Prayer
Morning Prayer
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Kristallnacht Service

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

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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 Clara, Jack and Frank Donnelly and Thelma and Chuck Rowles by Terry Rowles.

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, August 3—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, August 4

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, August 5

12PM Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, August 6

9AM Staff Meeting
12PM—Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
2PM Holy Eucharist at the Highlands
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, August 7

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

Friday, August 8

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, August 9

12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, August 10—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Children and Youth Sunday)

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9:05AM Adult Forum *featuring*
Appalachian Service Project Presentation
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) with
Blessing of the Backpacks and Sweet Ride
Ice cream
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

August 9 Dinner at Opportunity House—
Host: Vestry

August 10 Children and Youth Sundayu
with 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 at 8AM and 10AM

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

September 10 Special 9/11 Remembrance
at 12noon Eucharist and An Interfaith
Service at 7pm at Christ Church

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

September 14 Service Participants
Training with a pizza party