Christ Church (Episcopal)

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



St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

	For those	in need of our prayers	
Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Cindy V.	Vincent
Max	Kate	Randy	Junior V
Cindy V	Ron	Jeri	Tena
Josh	Brenda	Ralph and Carol	\mathbf{Shelly}
Brianne	Angelica	Rory	Anita
Judy Sillhart	Todd	Byron and Sherry	Elizabeth
David	Lisa	Tony	Beth
Jena and Dan	Jay	Randy	Kale
DiAnn	Bally	Heather and Jeremy	Morgan
Lisa	Antonio	Anna	Jeffrey
Betsy			·

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.

Welcome to Christ Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

Cover image: "The Calling of St Matthew" by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571-1610)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray today that we will hear God's call in our lives and that, like Blessed Matthew, we will have the faith and courage to respond and live out our vocation:

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for your grace, revealed in Blessed Matthew, and for all that inspires us from his life, that following his good example, we may hear afresh your call to holiness of life. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For your holy church, that it may persevere in its witness to you and continue building up the communion of saints. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin our bishop, Sean our presiding bishop, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and St. Luke's, Lebanon. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

That we who are gathered here may receive grace to grow into the likeness of Christ: We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: John Hyneman, Benjamin Frymoyer, Sally Wilcox, Bev Munsing and Ellie Marie Weyandt. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

That the leaders of this world may strive for justice and peace; and honor the common good. Be with those living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

That all who are poor, homeless, or hungry may find refuge in you; and that the sick and the suffering may be relieved from affliction, especially those on the prayer list printed in our bulletin and any we name now... God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

In communion with Blessed Matthew and all the saints, let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God, that, with all the saints in ages past, we and all the departed may find a dwelling place in the habitations of your majesty and glory, remembering Harold, Mary and Dan Lambert, Frank, Dorothy and Kay Laedlein, Anna Bard Frame, Emily Louis Bard, Patricia K.J. Mathews-Davis and Charles Davis God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; 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: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

People: let us exalt his Name together.

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:

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Proverbs 3:1-6 (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 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin) At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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

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Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

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

Intercessor: God, 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.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B on page 367)

The Sanctus 367

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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 Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

8:00 AM Service Participants

 $\frac{Celebrant}{\text{Reverend Bryce Wandrey}}$

Communion Assistant Rick Wolf

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

Lector and Intercessor Chris Spohn

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.

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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Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Prelude Arioso J.S. Bach

Please stand

Processional Hymn 232 By all your saints still striving



Words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. Hymnal 1982, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund, Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt, and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

2. We praise you, Lord, for Matthew, whose gospel words declare that, worldly gain forsaking, your path of life we share.
From all unrighteous mammon, O raise our eyes anew, that we, whate'er our station may rise and follow you.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

Celebrant: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

People: let us exalt his Name together.

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.



2. Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin; Lamb of God have mercy, grant us peace within. You O Christ are <u>holy</u>, you alone are Lord; With the Holy Spirit, evermore adored. Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise! Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise! Text: Edwin Le Grice; Tune: Maccabaeus

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray:

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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The First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 483 The head that once was crowned with thorns

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

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

Intercessor: God, 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

And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem My shepherd will supply my need

Virgil Thomson

Presentation Hymn 380 From all the dwell below the skies (vs 3) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

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. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B on page 367)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: And also with you.

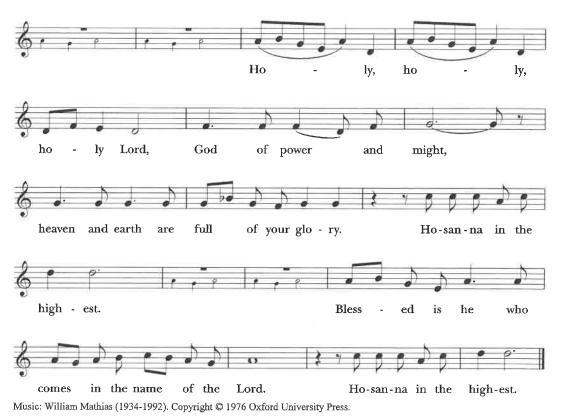
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts: People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

The Sanctus William Mathias



The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All: We remember his death,

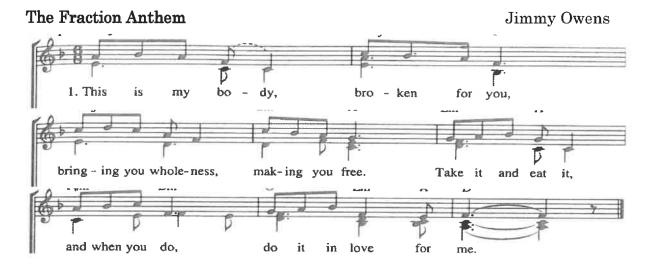
We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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The Lord's Prayer

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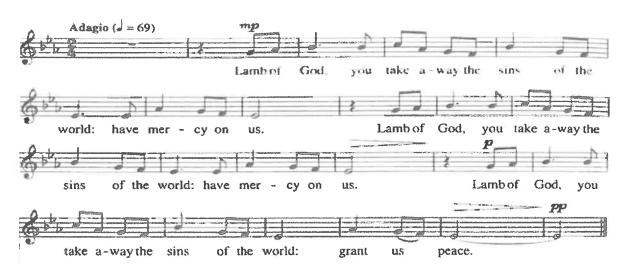


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The Agnus Dei

Kevin Mayhew



The Communion Hymn 332 O God unseen yet ever near

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant
Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Homilist Rick Wolf

Organist and Choir Director John Painter

> Verger Matt Hoelscher

 $\frac{Lector}{\text{Runette Gabrielle}}$

 $\begin{array}{c} Intercessor \\ \textbf{Charlotte Hoare} \end{array}$

Ushers
David Emes, Joann Hyneman,
'Garrett Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

Verger Kat Brantman

Acolytes
Ozi Abara and Elliott Brantman

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



Art Show

Works by Pam Shields Roule and Elaine Soltis

8 pm Show runs through September 21 Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading A former Christ Church Member, Pam Shields Roule lives and works in West Reading, and exhibits her works at the Ceres Gallery in NYC where she has been a member since 2011. Elaine Soltis is a major studio artist at GoggleWorks.

Our Class

A readers theater production Sunday September 28, 3 · 5 pm Christ Church A powerful story that follows the lives of a group of Polish children from 1925 into WW II and the Holocaust

The Beauty of Ukrainian Music

Organ Recital by Gail Archer Friday, October 3, 7 pm Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading A program deeply rooted in the rich tapestry of Ukrainian musical heritage.

Barynya - Uniting with Ukraine

Slavic Music and Dance Sunday, October 5, 3 pm WCR Center for the Arts 140 North Fifth Street, Reading Spirited traditional folk performances presented by Ukrainian Kozak Dancers, a group dedicated to honoring the Slavic arts and culture.

Faith Healer

Drama

October 10, 7:30 pm, October 11, 7:30 pm and October 12, 3 pm
WCR Center for the Arts
140 North Fifth Street, Reading
A play portraying an artist as a charlatan/
miracle worker who tours with his wife. The cast includes Christ Church's own Kat
Brantman.

Dogs in Space

Puppet Theater Sunday, October 19, 12 pm Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading Tucker's Tales Puppet Theater returns, as dogs and cats hilariously compete to be the first to conquer space.

Fuller details are listed at https://www.fallfestivalofthearts.org/2025-events

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

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 ctober 19 · Laura Biancope fro

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)



The ECW is again participating in **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends** event which will be held on Wednesday, October 22. You can shop in person or online from 8Am to 11PM. You can purchase your shopping pass from any ECW member for \$5.00 and get 25% off your purchase price (some exceptions apply.)

"Your Body deserves love, attention and gratitude"

Ramón López

Ridam Dance

Ridam Tone

Opening New Classes

Saturday, September 27 th 10 am Ridam Dance (Cardio) 11 am Ridam Tone (Strength)

Wednesday, October 1 st 6 pm Ridam Dance (Cardio) 7 pm Ridam Tone (Strength)

First Class \$10 Single Class \$13 5 Class Pack \$55 (\$11/class) 10 Class Pack \$100 (\$10/class) Special Opening Offer: Bring a friend & your next class is FREE ∴ or grab a 10-Class Pack for just \$90 (\$9/class)!



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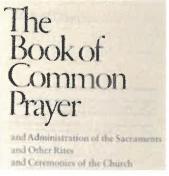
@ridamdance

Altar Candle Memorials for September 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 in loving memory of Harold, Mary and Dan Lambert and Frank, Dorothy and Kay Laedlein from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laedlein Lectern Flowers for today are given in loving memory of her mother, Anna Brad Frame, and her aunt, Emily Louis Bard from Emily Bard Frame. Columbarium Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Patricia K.J. Mathews-Davis and Charles L. Davis from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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.



Adult Forum

We continue our series on BCP · NJS on October 5th. What's that? These will be sessions on The Book of Common Prayer · Not Just for Sundays. We will be taking time looking at particular parts of The Book of Common Prayer, discovering the richness of our prayer book and also understanding how we can use this resource of spirituality every day of our lives. Join us every Sunday in the Parlor at 9:05am.

This Week at Christ Church Sunday, September 21—St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM What's happening @ CCR?
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11:15AM DOK meeting
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, September 22 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, September 23 9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 12PM—1PM NA meeting 5PM-7PM Habitat for Humanity meeting

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

9:30AM Bible Study 9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting 7PM Parish Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 26 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, September 27 10AM Ridam Dance 11AM Ridam Tone 12PM-2PM NA meeting 3PM Mast Farm Fall Fest for Youth

Sunday, September 28—St. Michael and All Angels

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum—Mary's Shelter
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
3PM Fall Festival of the Arts "Our Class"
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

October 6 Scaffolding and Plaster work begins in the church

October 11 Opportunity House Dinner sponsored by Altar Guild and 50 plus club

October 12 Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday

October 17 Junior EYC 5:30PM

October 19 All the Company of Heaven Nominationtide 8AM and 10AM

October 26 Blessing of Halloween Costumes 10AM

October 29 All Souls Taizé 5:30PM

Save the Date for our Bicentennial Events! February 10th, 2026, 6:00pm: CCR Game Night at Saucony Creek Brewing Company

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

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