

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound

teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Cover image: "The People Mourning Over the Ruins of Jerusalem" by Gustave Dore (1832-1883)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to God, our heavenly Father for the humble spirit to receive the kingdom as little children, saying, hear your children's prayer.

Intercessor: Sovereign Lord, your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. You have made your Church a spiritual family, a household of faith. Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ. Deepen our unity and fellowship in him. Be with Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Anglican Church of Tanzania and St. Mark's, Moscow. Father of all: **hear your children's prayer.**

You sent your Son to give his life as a ransom for the whole human family. Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the world he died to save. Defend and guard all of those living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Father of all: **hear your children's prayer.**

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth. Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them, and to live sensitively within them. We give thanks with those celebrating this week: Barbara Batz, Kathleen Brantman, Adelaide Getty, Bruce McLean, Jeffrey Koller, Chiyo Miller, Michael and Terry Rowles and Milah and Marcia Smith. Father of all: **hear your children's prayer.**

Your Son drew around him a company of friends. Bring love and joy to all who are alone. Help us all to find in the brothers and sisters of Christ a loving family. We pray for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any that we name now... Father of all: **hear your children's prayer.**

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living. In confidence we remember those of the household of faith who have gone before us, Berta Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Lerch and Raymond W. Keller. Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven. Father of all: **hear your children's prayer.**

Celebrant: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Page numbers on the right side of this bulletin are from "The Book of Common Prayer" (BCP) - the black book in the pew racks.

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-6 (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: Lamentations 3:19-26 (The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

**My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.**

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;**

they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

**"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

**It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.**

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (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

The Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10 (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)

Intercessor: Father of all:

People: **hear your children's 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

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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 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

The Reverend Bryce P. Wandrey

Usher

Ellen Sunderman

Homilist

Chris Spohn

Communion Assistant

Chris Spohn

Lector and Intercessor

Dane Miller

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (Captain) Linda Lacey,
Brittany Underkofler, Armani
Rodriguez and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

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

Reverie

Claude Debussy

Please stand

Processional Hymn 665 *All my hope on God is founded*

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: Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding,

People: **Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.**

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

Kevin Hackett

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Please stand

Gospel Hymn 705 *As those of old their first fruits brought*

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Intercessor: Father of all:

People: **hear your children's prayer.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Children's Message

Milah Smith

The Offertory Anthem

O for a closer walk

C.V. Stanford

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. 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.**

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The Sanctus

William Mathias

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

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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;**

The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 369

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Jimmy Owens

1. This is my bo - dy, bro - ken for you,
bring - ing you whole-ness, mak-ing you free. Take it and eat it,
and when you do, do it in love for me.

The Invitation to Communion

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The Agnus Dei

Kevin Mayhew

Adagio (♩ = 69) *mp*
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. *p* Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: *pp* grant us peace.

The Communion Hymn

691 *My faith looks up to thee*

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 690 *Guide me O thou great Jehovah*

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

10AM Service Participants

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The Reverend Bryce P. Wandrey

Verger

Linda Jones

Homilist
Chris Spohn

Acolytes
Lillian Arguelles and Elliott Brantman

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Crucifier
Derek Morris

Lector
Joann Hyneman

Gospel Book Bearer
Zoe Morris

Intercessor
Terry Rowles

Altar Guild
Linda Jones (Captain) Linda Lacey,
Brittany Underkofler, Armani Rodriguez
and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Victoria Wilson

Ushers

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp,
Linda Jones and Sherry Faust

Fill-A-Truck Donation collaboration with Opportunity House from 9:00am-11:30am on Sunday, October 12th.

Opp House Truck will be parked outside Christ Church for your donations. Skip the extra trip and keep your donations local!

Lots of accepted items, including clothing, books, household items, knick knacks, CDs, DVDs, working small appliances.

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Cindy V.	Vincent
Tony	Rory	Scott	Pat
Jeff	Beverly		

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.

The ECW is again participating in **Bosco'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.)



The ECW Rummage Sale will be held on October 8th from 10AM to 1PM, come check out the fall merchandise and clothes! Special this month: Buy any purse or shoes and get one free!

Save the Dates 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.

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 October 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 glory of God and in loving memory of Berta Brooks and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Lerch from Dr. Clifford W. Brooks, Jr.

Lectern Flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Ben Simon from Helen Peemoeller.



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.

Adult Forum

This Sunday our Adult Forum will feature Pilgrimage Reflections. Fr Bryce will be sharing thoughts, inspiration and photos from the pilgrimage to Normandy that he and others from Christ Church and Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston (SC) just returned from. Join us at 9.05am in the Parlor.





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>

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.

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.

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

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)

This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, October 5—Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, October 6

Plaster works begins in church
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, October 7

12PM Zoom Centering Prayer (Chapel)
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, October 8

9AM Staff Meeting
10AM Rummage Sale
12PM—Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
6PM Ridan Dance
7PM Ridan Tone

Thursday, October 9

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, October 10

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, October 11

10AM Ridam Dance
11AM Ridam Tone
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, October 12—Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost. Stewardship Kick-off

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM-11:30AM Opp House Fill a Truck
Donation Drive
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

October 6 Scaffolding and Plaster work
begins in the church

October 8 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

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

October 12 Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday

October 12 Opp House Fill a Truck Donation
Drive 9AM-11:30AM

October 17 Junior EYC 5:30PM

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

October 22 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
event

October 26 Blessing of Halloween Costumes
10AM

October 26 DOK Meeting at 11:15 am in the
Parlor

October 29 All Souls Taizé 5:30PM