# Christ Church (Episcopal)

## Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.

# 'GOOD STEWARDS'



10AM

The Rex. Bryce Wandley, left, taks with officials from the Promagnation Historical and Massaum Commission and workers from

#### State commends Christ Episcopal Church for restoration work

By Michelle Lynch
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gation threw there was a problem.

The church was empty and no one was hurt when the incident occurred just a few weeks before Christmass, and Chris Spohts. Chairman of the church's property commission.

"It was either Saturday night or seed Sunday morning." Sooks said. "It



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Final Stewardship Sunday with the blessing of Pledges November 16, 2025

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#### 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 please ask for a visitor's information card. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restrooms are near the elevator (ladies) and through the north doors (men). 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.

Altar Candle Memorials for November 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 to the greater Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Ida Mae Emes and Bernard E. Emes from their son, David Emes and In Loving Memory of her parents, Luther and Dorothy Kunkel from Linda Jones.

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## Christ Church (Episcopal) Reading, PA

10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

**Prelude** 

Consolation No. 3 in D flat major

Franz Liszt

Please stand

Processional Hymn

Come ye thankful people, come



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### The Liturgy of the Word

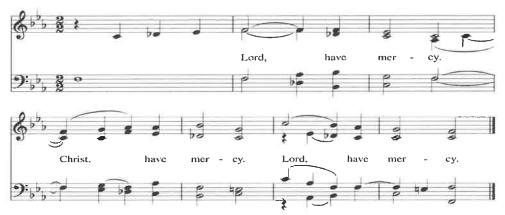
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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 Kevin R. Hackett



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#### The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

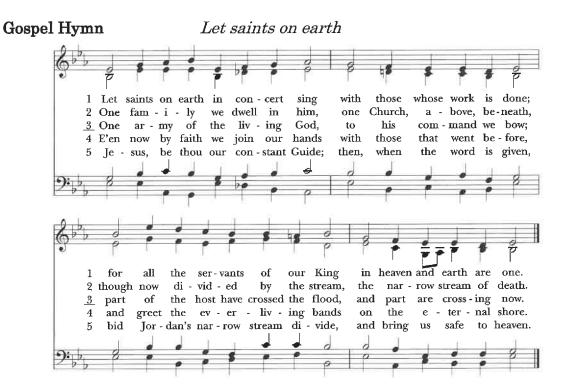
Please be seated

#### The First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not

build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Dundee, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Before the reading

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

Please be seated

#### The Homily

Please stand

#### The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople; for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria and for Trinity, Carbondale. Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.** 

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of Goodwill, especially for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice. Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord**.

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord**.

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now either silently or aloud... Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.** 

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We remember Ida Mae Emes, Bernard E. Emes, Luther and Dorothy Kunkel and Robert Sharadin. Tell Out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord.** 

I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. We pray for those celebrating this week: Britta Hyneman and Sara Achenbach. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as we Tell out my Soul, **The Greatness of our Lord**.

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in

eternal life.

All Amen.

#### The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

## Announcements, Stewardship Moment, Blessing of the Pledges and Children's Message

All: Gracious God, we give thanks for these gifts, our promises for giving in the year to come. We pray that you inspire us with the example of your freely-given love to serve our neighbors, heal the world, and strengthen our community. Bless these intentions, pledges, and promises of our wealth, works, and wisdom for the needs of our church. Amen.

The Offertory Anthem I will lift up mine eyes (Psalm 121) Leo Sowerby David Richie, tenor

Presentation Hymn By all your saints still striving (Hymn 231, v1)

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy Name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed.

You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

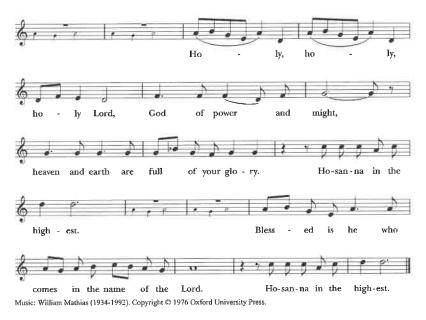
Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to

you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus William Mathias



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in your Christ and make them new, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

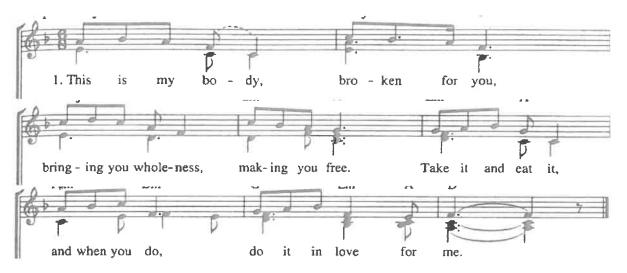
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Fraction Anthem

#### Jimmy Owen



 This is my blood, poured out for you, bringing forgiveness, making you free, Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me

#### The Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

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#### The Agnus Dei

#### Kevin Mayhew



The Communion Hymn O Christ, the Word Incarnate (see page 15)

If Eucharist visitors are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:

Celebrant:

In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of

Christ's body and blood.

All:

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

#### The Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

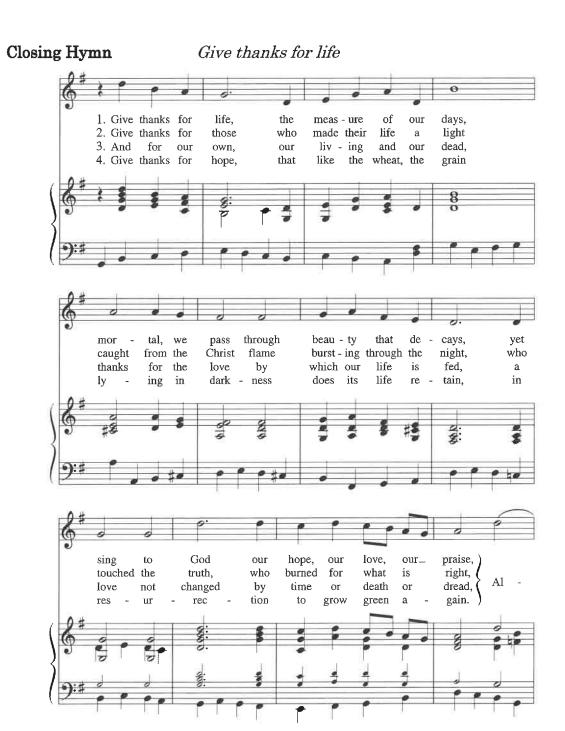
#### The Blessing

Celebrant

...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 



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Words: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931). Music: Sine nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); arr. Robert Roth (b. 1928).

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Join us at Adult Forum on November 30th at 9:05am to receive updates on our plaster work from

# **Ken Saul of Restoration Artisans**



#### 10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Lector Victoria Wilson

Intercessor
Diane Morris

Communion Assistants
Kate Fanning and Milah Smith

Verger Jeff Morris Ushers Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, Linda Jones and Sherry Faust

Acolytes
Cadence and Dahlia Carvalho

Crucifer Zoe Morris

Gospel Book Bearer Derek Morris

Altar Guild
Charlotte Hoare (Captain),
Christine Keeler, Fran Graeff,
Josephine Lawson and Mary Jane
Androne



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.



### **How My Soul Sings Out Through Artwork**

have a limited time on this earth, so it has been my goal to wake up every day and use my God given talents to the best of my ability. I don't think I am alone when I say I doubt myself in this process, but I do keep striving to create something that I hope will touch the lives of others and bring to recognition the light I see in the world around me. God is light to me. From an artist's perspective there is no color without light. I am thankful for the light because I love color.

In my travels I have learned to appreciate the differences of others and what they and their different surroundings, and lifestyles have to offer to all of us. I like to paint these and hope that my viewers can see the light that shines in them too. We are all people of God and I hope this shows in my art.

I also like to capture the light in landscapes. Whether it is shimmering water on the Caribbean Sea, a river in Virginia, lights on a dark road, or in a house late at night. That light tells me we are not alone. God is nearby. There is nothing to fear.

I am not a portrait artist, but I do like to paint people. I try to paint the light that shines in their souls. Eyes tell us so much about a person. Recently, I have been painting the neighbors at my mother's memory care facility to recognize those lives who were once full. Their light should not be forgotten.

I do believe that something greater than me has guided me through this creative process using me as a paint brush to tell a story. I love that relationship. It is pure joy.  $$^{1}$$ 



Where do you see God's light?



Ellen Sinclair is from Virginia Beach; married to Deacon Carter Sinclair and now attends Eastern Shore Chapel after having been at Emmanuel Church for 8 years while Carter served as Deacon. www.ellensinclair.com

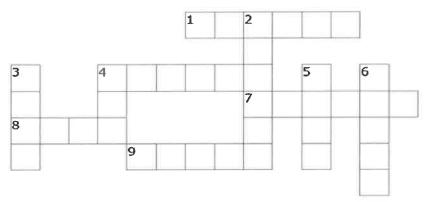


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Based on Luke 21:5-19





#### **ACROSS**

- A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government
- 4. To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
- 7. A building where people are kept as a punishment
- 8. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
- A piece of rock used in construction of the temple

#### DOWN

- 2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
- 3. The period between birth and death
- 4. Fighting between two or more countries
- Something that is given without compensation
- To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen

LIFE	STONE	TEMPLE	GIFT	WORRY
WISDOM	FEAR	PRISON	NATION	WAR

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For those in need of our prayers....

Runette Kristin Wyatt Beverly

Connie Randall Brian Bower Family
Randy Carol Kate Max

Barbara Sebastian Anna Lillian Reenie Jim Jack Sara and Tito Reichert Family Diann Angelica Betsy Stewart Lola and Family Sandy Scott

MJ Lynn and Bruce Dick Jena and family

Jaime Karen Glen Terra David Elizabeth Lisa Qunitana

Gonzalez Family Byron and Sherry Bill D.

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.

# Christ Church Night out with the Reading Royals

Saturday December 6th at 7pm
Scan the QR Code to buy your tickets
today







Please donate to our special collection
for the
Veterans Coalition of
Pennsylvania on
November 23
(non perishable food items please)

## All the Company of Heaven The Final

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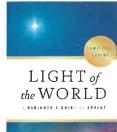




Julian

Join us for a wonderful
Thanksgiving Eve Service
Featuring musician David Cullen
Wednesday November 26 at 5:30pm







Our Thursday morning bible study continues at 9:30am every week. We are currently studying Paul's letter to the Galatians. Beginning on Thursday November 20th we are going to shift to a book study for the Advent season. We will be reading and discussing each week a chapter from Amy-Jill Levine's book "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent." Free copies of this book are available to anyone who would like to join the study.

#### 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.

#### This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, November 16—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost and Final Stewardship Sunday

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum with Elizabeth
Vendley and Kate Alley from Lighthouse
Women's and Children's Center
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, November 17 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, November 18
9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer
12PM—1PM NA meeting
6PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, November 19
9AM Staff Meeting
12PM—Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
6PM Ridam Dance

7PM Ridam Tone

Thursday, November 20
9AM Literacy Class
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, November 21 12PM—1PM NA Meeting Saturday, November 22 10AM Ridam Dance 11AM Ridam Tone 12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, November 23—The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King 8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken) 9AM Sunday School 9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room 9:05AM Adult Forum with Rabbi Brian Michelson 10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) 4PM—5PM NA meeting

#### **Upcoming Events**

**November 16** Final Stewardship Sunday with Blessing of Pledges

November 18 Opportunity House Dinner

November 23 Christ the King Sunday—Rabbi Brian Michelson (Guest Preacher)

**November 23** Food Collection for the Veteran's Association

**November 26** Thanksgiving Eve with Dave Cullen 5:30PM

**December 6** Christ Church night at the Reading Royals 7PM

**December 17** Blue Christmas at 5:30PM