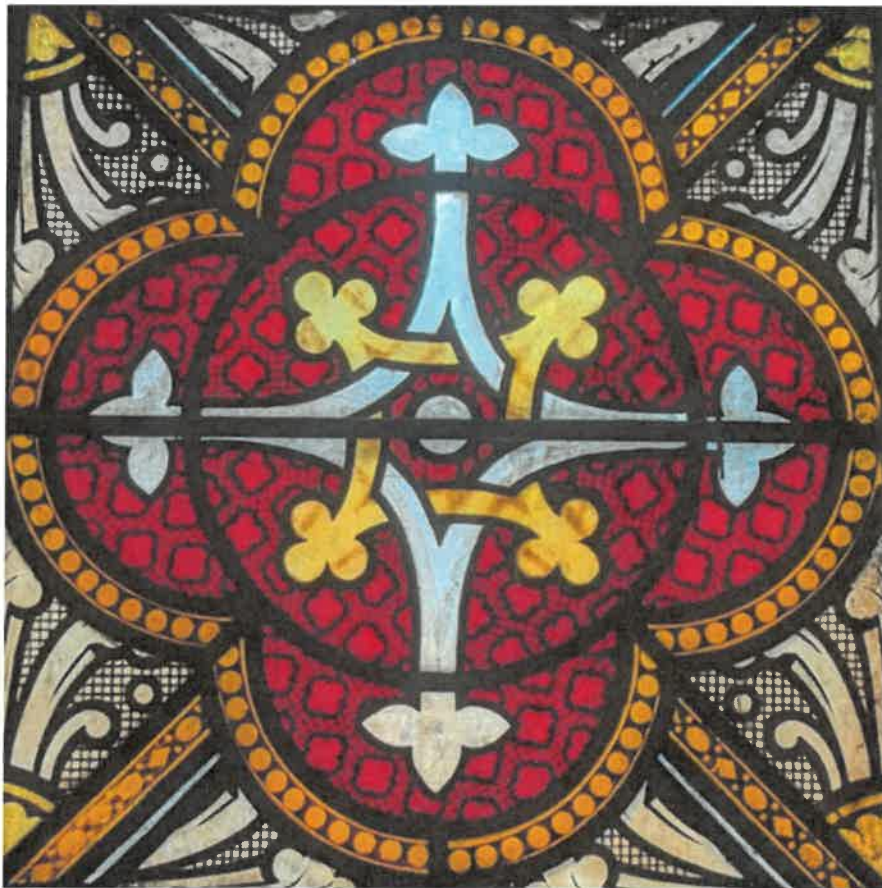


Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Second Sunday after Pentecost

ECW Charity Sunday

June 7, 2026

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Reading, PA

8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Please stand

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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

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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in

Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 33:1-12 (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.

**Praise the Lord with the harp;
praise to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Sing for him a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

**For the word of the Lord is right,
and all his works are sure.**

He loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

**By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea.

**Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**

For he spoke, and it came to pass;
he commanded, and it stood fast.

**The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

The Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-15, 18-26

Before the reading

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

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

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.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray today to our merciful God for the family of the Church, for loving relationships, and for the life of families around us, saying, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, born in poverty and soon a refugee, be with families today who are poor and live in hunger and want. We also pray for everyone living in fear and danger, especially those living in places of war and destruction. Jesus, Lord of love, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, as you grew in wisdom and in favor with God and the people in the family of Joseph the carpenter, bring wisdom and the presence of God into the work and growth of families today. We pray especially for those celebrating this week: James Wilson, Cailyn Lundy, Colleen Boggs, and Brendan Boggs. Jesus, Lord of love, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, as you healed Peter’s mother-in-law, bring healing to those in our families who are ill today. We pray for those printed on our prayer list in the bulletin and for any we name now.... Jesus, Lord of love, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, when you were dying you called Mary and John to care for one another. Provide today for those who lose their families: the bereaved and childless, orphans and widows. We also pray for all of those who are at rest with you, especially William and Polly Pflum. Jesus, Lord of love, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, as you ate breakfast on the beach with your disciples after you were raised from the dead, feed each and everyone of us with your grace so that your church continues to be a beacon of faith and hope. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Scottish Episcopal Church and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Jesus, Lord of love, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Celebrant: Merciful Father,

All: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer*) 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People: **Christ has died**
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 363

The Lord's Prayer 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion 364

Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: communion rail. 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 366

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

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant at 8AM and 10AM
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Homilist at 8AM and 10AM
Rick Wolf

Altar Guild Team
Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine Keeler, Fran Graeff and Josephine Lawson

8am Service Participants

Lector and Intercessor
Dane Miller

Usher
Ellen Sunderman

Communion Assistants
Ellen Sunderman and Chris Spohn

10am Service Participants

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Crucifer
Ian Hoelscher

Lector
Victoria Wilson

Gospel Book
Zoe Morris

Intercessor
Diane Morris

Acolytes
Lauren Hoelscher and Ozi
Abara

Communion Assistants
Kate Schuler and Jill Braun

Verger
Matthew Hoelscher

Ushers
Larry Whalen, Christine
Keeler and Zoe Morris

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Hymns can be found in the blue books labelled *Hymnal 1982* or the green books labelled *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. Page numbers on the right hand side of the bulletin refer to parts of the service that can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (the black book in the pews).

Prelude Chorale prelude on *Wo soll ich fliehen hin* J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart* (verses 1-5)

The Liturgy of the Word

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Kyrie

Kevin Hackett

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note 'Lord,' and a half note 'have mer - cy.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line with 'Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' and includes a piano accompaniment.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzlichster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.
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Please be seated

The First Reading: Romans 4: 13-25 (see page 4 for the text of the reading)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Hymn 281 *He sat to watch o'er customs paid*

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Before the reading

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

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

After the reading

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People: **Praise to you, Lord**

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (see page 5)

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The Peace

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Commissioning of ECW Officers

Terry Rowles - President

Sherry Faust- Vice President

Anita Powell - Recording Secretary

Beverly Flatt - Corresponding Secretary

Ellen Sunderman - Treasurer

Rector: Friends in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

Rector: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Rector: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates: I will.

Rector: Let us pray. Regard, O Lord, our supplications, and confirm with your heavenly benediction your servants whom we admit today to the ministry of officers of the Episcopal Church Women; that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer you a service acceptable to your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of God and of this congregation, I admit you to the office of the Episcopal Church Women.

The Offertory Anthem Chorale prelude on *Wareham*

The 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.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

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The celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus

William Mathias

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 Fraction Anthem

Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne-ver be
hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

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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. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace. *pp*

Today is the ECW charity Sunday where the charities that are supported through the year's fundraising and Rummage Sales are recognized. After the 10AM service, the ECW is sponsoring a luncheon and the return of Chris Ivey, juggler.

APPEARING LIVE



**CHRIS
IVEY**

DETAILS

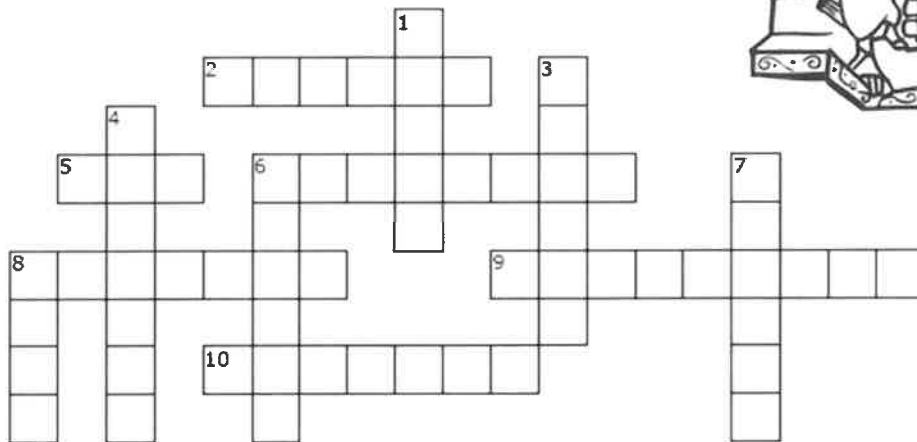
Back by Popular Demand!
Sunday, June 7, 11:45 AM
Fellowship Hall
Lunch Provided

THEATRICAL JUGGLING SHOW

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matthew 9:13b (NIV)

Based on Genesis Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. One who refuses to obey God's laws
5. An amount of money paid to the government
6. One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
8. The opposite of standing
9. A person who accumulates items (stamps, for example)
10. Strong and free from illness and disease

DOWN

1. Kindness and forgiveness shown toward someone
3. To walk behind someone
4. The first book of the New Testament
6. The main meal of the day
7. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
8. To be affected with disease or ill health

DISCIPLE	DINNER	DOCTOR	COLLECTOR
SICK	MERCY	SINNER	FOLLOW
SITTING	MATTHEW	HEALTHY	TAX

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SACRIFICE	DINNER	HEALTHY	TEACHER
MERCY	SITTING	BOOTH	SINNERS
RIGHTEOUS	FOLLOW	HOUSE	SICK



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.

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Todd	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Byron and Sherry	Angelica
Joe	Matt	Darryl	Sue
Max	Randy	Kate	Cindy
Liz	Lola and Family	Sandi	M.J. and Family
Mertz Family			

Kindly submit any names you would to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table outside in the hall.

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

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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.



The Next ECW Rummage Sale will be held June 10 from 10AM to 1PM. Come check out the spring/summer collection of clothes, housewares, shoes...something for everyone.

ECW would like to thank everyone for their donations and support of the rummage sale. We are currently accepting donations of gently used clothing and household items. We cannot accept items in soiled or ripped condition; these items cannot be sold and will be discarded. Thank you!

A graphic featuring a photograph of an open wooden door leading into a brightly lit interior. Overlaid on the image is a red-to-blue gradient box containing white text. The text reads: 'We are open!' in large letters, followed by 'Every Tuesday from 10AM—2PM our doors are open with volunteers on hand to greet visitors.' Below this, it says 'If you would like to join our team of volunteers please contact Sherry Faust (sfaust313@gmail.com) or Ellen Sunderman (esunderman@msn.com)'.

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This Week at Christ Church
Sunday, June 7—Second Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum - Pilgrim Course on The Ten Commandments
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) **ECW Charity Sunday**
11:45AM Lunch and Juggling Show
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, June 8
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, June 9
9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Centering Prayer
10AM-2PM Church Open Day
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, June 10
9AM Staff meeting
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Noon Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, June 11
9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, June 12
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, June 13
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, June 14—Third Sunday after Pentecost
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum - Pilgrim Course on The Ten Commandments
10AM Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

June 7 ECW Charity Sunday at 10AM
June 14 The Third Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Baptism
June 14-20 Youth Mission Trip
July 5 Independence Sunday
July 6-10 V.B.S. 6PM-7:30PM
July 18 Bicentennial Block Party from 12pm to 5pm
August 2 Blessing of Mary's Shelter Bookbags at 8AM and 10AM