

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

*IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.*



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

8AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (spoken)

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10AM—Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism: Rite  
Two (sung)



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**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 for ever. 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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will

bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** 139:1-11, 22-23 (The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
and the light around me turn to night,"**

Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

**The Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43**

*Before the reading*

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came

and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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: Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: as we pray today, give us and all people the spirit of love and reconciliation, as we say, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna and all who serve in your Church, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another and seek the common good. We pray for anyone living in fear and danger, especially anyone living in places of war where innocent lives are being lost. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. We pray especially for those celebrating this week: Zoe Morris and Richard Laedlein. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those printed on the prayer list in our bulletin and any we name now... Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand K. Goetz and Peter Nicolls Goetz; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Merciful Father,

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

**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 B from *The Book of Common Prayer*) 367

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 367*

### **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 368*

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
Celebrant and People: **We remember his death  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory**

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 369*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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### **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**

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*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**

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### **The Blessing**

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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 and Homilist at 8AM and 10AM*  
The Reverend Bryce P. Wandrey

*Altar Guild Team*  
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey, Brittany Underkofler, Armani Rodriguez, Amie Henderson  
and Julie-Ana Gonzalez

8am Service Participants

*Lector and Intercessor*  
Dane Miller

*Usher*  
Ellen Sunderman

*Communion Assistant*  
Ellen Sunderman

10am Service Participants

*Organist and Choir Director*  
John Painter

*Crucifer*  
Ian Hoelscher

*Lector*  
Jill Braun

*Gospel Book*  
Derek Morris

*Intercessor*  
Anita Powell

*Acolytes*  
Lillian Arguelles and Lauren  
Hoelscher

*Communion Assistants*  
Andrea Griffin and Jill Braun

*Verger*  
Matt Hoelscher

*Ushers*  
Larry Whalen, Christine  
Keeler and Zoe Morris

*Safety Team*  
Brenda Guardian and Daniel Harris

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### 10am Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism: 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

*Pierce a Notre Dame*

Leon Boellman

#### Processional Hymn 376

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

#### The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

#### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Genesis 28:10-19a (see page 2 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*

#### Gospel Hymn 709

*O God of Bethel*

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 (see page 4 for the text of the reading)

*Before the reading*

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

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

*After the reading*

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord**

*Please be seated*

### **The Homily**

*Please stand*

The Presentation and Examination of The Candidate for Baptism

Celebrant : The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present Roland Alexander to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented the Rector asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

*Then the Rector asks the following questions of the parents and godparents*

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
Answer I do.

*The Rector addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

### The Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with this child who is committing his life to Christ and renew our own Baptismal Covenant.

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?  
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Rector Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Rector Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Rector Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
People **I will, with God's help.**

Rector Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
People **I will, with God's help.**

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| Rector | Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?                                 |
| People | <b>I will, with God's help.</b>                                                                       |
| Rector | Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?                      |
| People | <b>I will, with God's help.</b>                                                                       |
| Rector | Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? |
| People | <b>I will, with God's help.</b>                                                                       |

**Prayers for the Candidate**

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| Celebrant | Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.                                                                                                                              |
| Leader    | Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.                                                                                                                                                       |
| People    | <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Leader    | Open his heart to your grace and truth.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| People    | <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Leader    | Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.                                                                                                                                                           |
| People    | <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Leader    | Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.                                                                                                                                                  |
| People    | <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Leader    | Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.                                                                                                                                                      |
| People    | <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Leader    | Send him into the world in witness to your love.                                                                                                                                                          |
| People    | <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Leader    | Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.                                                                                                                                                        |
| People    | <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Celebrant | Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. |
| All       | <b>Amen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                              |

# Baptism Hymn

## Be still for the presence of the Lord

*Unison*

1. Be still, for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.

Come, bow be - fore him now, with re - ver - ence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.

Be still, for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

Rector       The Lord be with you.  
People       **And also with you.**  
Rector       Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People       **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

Roland Alexander, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Then the Rector places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying*

Roland Alexander, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace.  
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

### **The Giving of the Light**

Rector        God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place  
                 with the saints in light. Roland Alexander, you have received the light of Christ;  
walk           in this light all the days of your life.  
All             **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

*The newly baptized is welcomed*

### **The Peace**

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

People:    **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

**The Offertory**            *Choral prelude on "Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ"*            J.S. Bach

**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 B from *The Book of Common Prayer*)            367

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 367*

# Sanctus

Richard Proulx

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

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Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
 Celebrant and People: **We remember his death**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory**

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 369*

**The Lord's Prayer**

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## The Fraction Anthem

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord. **Fine**

## The Invitation to Communion

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## Agnus Dei

Kevin Mayhew

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
*1st & 2nd times* have mer - cy on us. *3rd time* grant us peace.

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**The Communion Hymn 398** *I sing the almighty power of God*

*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**

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**The Blessing**

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

**The Closing Hymn 296** *We know that Christ was raised*

**Postlude**

*Fugue in C minor*

J.S. Bach



**CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
@CCR**

**Parents Meeting  
about Children's  
and Youth Work**

Please join us in the classroom  
upstairs on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at  
9am to discuss the exciting future of  
Children's and Youth Work at Christ  
Church.

We are taking time after our 10AM service on August 23rd to celebrate Mila Smith's time of ministry at Christ Church. We will have a celebratory lunch at 11:00AM. If you would like to contribute to Milah's gift which will be given on that Sunday, please submit it to the office clearly marked "Milah's Gift." We thank Milah for all that she has given our community as Director of Children and Youth.

| For those in need of our prayers.... |         |                  |              |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------|
| Runette                              | Todd    | Beverly          | Mertz Family |
| Connie                               | Randall | Byron and Sherry | Randi        |
| Albert                               | Matt    | Angelica         | Antonio      |
| Ara                                  | Terra   | Joshua           | Ashley       |
| Sharon                               | Cat     | Robert           | Elizabeth    |
| Meg                                  | Kim     | David            | Lou          |
| Katie                                | Albert  | Darryl           | Mary Ann     |
| Kevin                                | Penny   | Mary and Bev     | Scott        |
| Nate                                 | Victor  | Lois             | Kate         |
| Max                                  | Carol   | Mark             |              |

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

Please be advised that there is no Rummage Sale in August. Come see us in September and preview some of our fall merchandise. The dates are September 2, 5 and 9 from 10AM to 1PM.

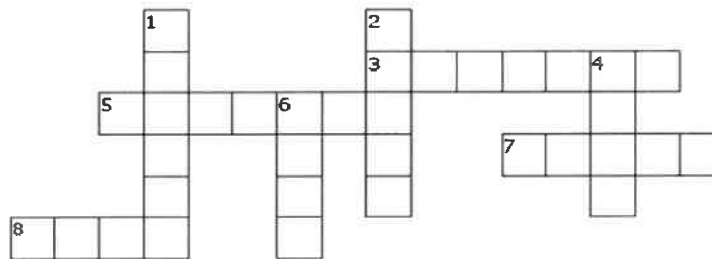
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 Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna  
 Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

## The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Matthew 13: 24-29



### ACROSS

3. The time for gathering crops
5. Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
7. A plant that crowds out the good plants
8. A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

### DOWN

1. The place where God is
2. A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
4. A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
6. To damage or destroy by fire

|        |       |      |         |
|--------|-------|------|---------|
| WEEDS  | BURN  | SEED | HARVEST |
| HEAVEN | WHEAT | BARN | PARABLE |

## The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:24-29



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M A V W H F Q B B E W G Q I S
H R M P S Y I U K D Y H O A J
C L G A T U A E F I F H E O B
J F R R E A P S L M N Y O A D
O H O A Q W K R O D M G P T T
T T W B M C S X O E V V D P A
D D E L F G J E N O B U T O D
X A H E V T C E E X T K R J M
B G J A V I U C A D D L N C H
M C W H R M X Z Q V V E M J A
G Q C E R V J M D P V W V B Y
L G A R E L E X P A U P D U Y
S O W J B D T S E A G L Z R K
J W O V U T S H T S X B L N O
O X T V D G V N L L C M T I H
    
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|---------|--------|------|---------|---------|
| SOW     | FIELD  | GOOD | UPROOT  | HARVEST |
| WHEAT   | ENEMY  | PULL | KINGDOM | SEED    |
| PARABLE | HEAVEN | BURN | GROW    | WEEDS   |



## **Bookbag Drive August 2nd, 2026 at Christ Church, Reading**

Below is a checklist of items needed to complete a full backpack which we will bless on August 3rd and then take to Mary's Shelter. You can team up with others to complete a backpack or go it alone! It's up to you.

- ☐ 1 backpack of any color
- ☐ 2 spiral notebooks
- ☐ 3 2-pocket folders
- ☐ 1 pack of index cards
- ☐ 1 box of crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
- ☐ 1 coloring book
- ☐ 1 pack of washable markers (pack of 8)
- ☐ 1 safety scissors
- ☐ 1 box of color pencils (10 in a box)
- ☐ 1 pack of mechanical pencils (10 or 12 in a pack)
- ☐ 1 ruler
- ☐ 1 pack of erasers
- ☐ 1 glue stick
- ☐ 1 lunch box or an insulated lunch bag

**Altar Candle Memorials for July 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 for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand K. Goetz and Peter Nicolls Goetz by Bonnie Goetz**

**Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

**IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.**

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.



**Blessing of the  
Backpacks and free Ice Cream!**

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Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am

This Week at Christ Church  
Sunday, July 19—The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**8AM Holy Eucharist** (spoken)  
**9:05AM Adult Forum** - Pilgrim Course on The Beatitudes  
**10AM Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism** (sung)  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, July 20

**10AM-2PM Church Open Day**  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, July 21

**9:30AM Centering Prayer**  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, July 22

**9AM Staff meeting**  
**12PM Noon Eucharist**  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, July 23

**9:30AM Centering Prayer**  
**11AM Morning Prayer**  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, July 24

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, July 25

12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, July 26—The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**8AM Holy Eucharist** (spoken)  
**9:05AM Adult Forum** - Pilgrim Course on The Beatitudes  
**10AM Holy Eucharist** (sung)  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

#### Upcoming Events

**July 20-August 13** Summer Learning Adventures Monday-Thursday 8AM to 12PM.

**July 26** Food Pantry Collection Sunday

**August 2** Blessing of *Mary's Shelter Backpacks* at 8AM and 10AM

**August 12** Christ Church at the Highlands 2PM

**August 23** Blessing of *our children's Backpacks* and Sweet Ride Ice Cream at 10AM

**August 29** CCR at the Fightin' Phils 6:45PM