

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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 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.

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

In a moment of silence we collect everything on our hearts and minds from this week

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 : Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 90:1-6, 13-17 (*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*)

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.

**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

**Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Before the reading

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

At the end of 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: Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Intercessor: Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of the Province of Central Africa, and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. We pray especially for those celebrating this week: Larry Whalen, Elizabeth Faust-Shuker, and Benjamin West. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the Earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need, especially those printed on our prayer list in the bulletin and any we name now... Surround them with your healing and your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace, especially Betty Lou McClean. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Prayers for the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Holy Communion

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

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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 368

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: the first is for drinking 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 Wandrey

Altar Guild Team

Victoria Wilson (Captain), Doris Schilpp and Helen Peemoeller

8am Service Participants

Lector and Intercessor

Rick Wolf

Communion Assistants

Rick Wolf and Ellen Sunderman

Usher

Ellen Sunderman

Stewardship Moment

Zoe Morris and Derek Morris

10am Service Participants

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

Verger

Jeff Morris

Lector

Diane Morris

Crucifer

Kate Schuler

Intercessor

Terry Rowles

Acolytes

Lillian Arguelles and Ozi Abara

Communion Assistants

Terry Rowles and Andrea Griffith

Gospel Book

Derek Morris

Stewardship Moment

Zoe Morris, Derek Morris, Elliott
Brantman and Alex Brantman

Ushers

David Emes, Joann Hyneman, Garrett
Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Greeting Team

Brenda Guardian, Daniel Harris and Justin Skwiat

**Christ Church (Episcopal)
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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

Adagio

Charles-Marie Widor

Processional Hymn 379

God is love, let heaven adore him

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.

Kyrie

David Thorne

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'Andante' and the dynamic 'mf'. The lyrics 'Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with the dynamic 'f' and the lyrics 'Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.' The third staff begins with the dynamic 'mf' and the tempo marking 'Andante', and ends with the dynamic 'mp'. The lyrics 'Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.' are written below the notes. The score is numbered 7 and 11 at the beginning of the second and third staves respectively.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (see page 3 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

There's plenty room in God's great house



1. There's plen - ty room in God's great house; The in - vi -
2. God's king - dom is a place of grace; A place that
3. There's plen - ty room for ev' - ry one; bring what you
4. There's al - ways room this is your home; here you are



1. ta - tion is for all; the ta - ble's large, with room for
2. you can call your home; there's al - ways room, there's al - ways
3. have get what you need; feast on God's bread, know that you're
4. loved for - ev - er more; no - thing can take that from your



1. you, come as you are and know God's love.
2. love, this is the place you need to be.
3. loved, go back in - to the world re - newed.
4. life, God's love will ne - ver fail or fade.

Tune: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985); Words: Bryce Wandrey

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46 (see page 5 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

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (see page 5)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our 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

The Offertory Anthem

Tantum ergo

Charles-Marie Widor

The Presentation Hymn 231 *By all your saints still striving (vs 1)*

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 Holy Communion

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Sanctus

David Thorne

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na
in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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

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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,
2. This is my blood poured out for you, bring-ing for - give - ness,
ma-king you free. Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me.
ma-king you free. Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me.

The Invitation to Communion

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The Agnus Dei

David Thorne

mp Lamb of God, you
mp take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
mp Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world, grant us peace.

The Communion Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ (see page 17)

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.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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

The Closing Hymn WLP778

We are all in one mission

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Salve Regina

Charles-Marie Widor

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 for today are given in remembrance of Betty Lou and Bruce McLean's wedding day by Mr. R. Bruce McLean.

The Lord's Prayer for the 21st century!



Our Dad,
up in the moon and stars,
Holy is your handle !
Your land come,
Your wishes be done!
On the blue and green marble
as it is in the moon and Stars.
Give us our daily supper.
Say sorry to our oopses,
And we say sorry to others oopses.
Guide us away from funky urges,
Rescue us from bad things
Yours is the strength the confetti always!
Yes Brother!
Yes Sister!

(Written by Christ Church's Sunday School Children)

1. Lord Je -sus Christ, you have come to us, you are one with us, Mar - y's
 2. Lord Je -sus Christ now and eve-ry day teach us how to pray, Son of
 3. Lord Je -sus Christ, you have come to us, born as one of us, Mar - y's
 4. Lord Je -sus Christ, I would come to you, live my life for you, Son of

1. Son; Cleans -ing our souls from all their sin, pour -ing your love and
 2. God. You have com-man - ded us to do, this in re- mem-brance,
 3. Son. Led out to die on Cal - va - ry, ris - en from death to
 4. God. All your com-mands I know are true, your ma - ny gifts will

1. good-ness in, Jes-sus, our love for you we sing, liv - ing Lord.
 2. Lord, of you. In- to our lives your pow'r breaks through, liv - ing Lord.
 3. set us free, liv - ing Lord Jes-us help us see, you are Lord.
 4. make me new, in - to my life your pow'r breaks through, liv - ing Lord.

(Words: Patrick Appleford; Tune: Living Lord by Patrick Appleford (1925-2018))

Free Lunchtime Concert

Monday November 2nd
 12-12:30pm
 Musicians: Julie Drey & Robin Lilarose
 Free lunch is included!
Thank you to Centro Hispano for providing the lunches.

Cover images:

Center: "Jesus Rebukes the Pharisees" (Flemish School, 17th century)

Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Todd	Beverly	Mertz Family
Connie	Randall	Byron and Sherry	Randi
Donna	Ryan	Scott	Casey and Kenzie
Jenn	Kendra	Jeri	Nate
Corat Family	Joey	Terra	Haia
Meir	Faith	Kevin	Monica
Darryl M	Heather Jean	Caroline	Jennifer, Jasiah, Jaiven
Lola	Sandi	Bruce	M.J.
Jackie	David	Lou	Elizabeth
Judy	Drew	Sid	Mia
Violet	Cadence	Jess	Charlotte and Stephen

Kindly submit any names you would to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim at officemgr@rdqchristchurch.org or by writing their name on our prayer list paper on the table outside the church.

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

Wednesday 8:00AM - 2:00PM

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.

On **Sunday, November 22nd**, we will have our annual **Food Collection Drive**. This year, we will share our collection between the Berks County Veterans and our own food pantry. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

All the Company of Heaven Sweet 16

Vitus vs Benedict

Francis of Assisi vs Pancras

Jude vs Dymphna

Matthew vs Patrick

Nicholas vs Josephine Bakhita

Teresa of Avila vs Dunstan of Canterbury

Thérèse of Lisieux vs Anne

Julian of Norwich vs Moses the Black



Kristallnacht Commemoration Service

Monday, November 9, 2026

6:30 P.M. Circle of Light candle lighting **on the church steps**

7 P.M. Interfaith Service indoors

Reception to follow

Hosted this year at

Christ Episcopal Church

435 Court St. Reading, PA 19601

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, October 25—The Twenty- second

Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)

9AM Sunday School

9:05AM Adult Forum *The Chosen*

10AM Holy Eucharist (sung) with Blessing of the Costumes

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, October 26

10AM—2PM Church Open Day

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, October 27

9AM Literacy Council Class

9:30AM Centering Prayer

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, October 28

9AM Staff Meeting

12PM Noon Eucharist

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5:30PM All Souls' Mass with David Cullen

5:30—7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, October 29

9AM Literacy Council Class

9:30AM Bible Study

11AM Morning Prayer

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

5PM—6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, October 30

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, October 31

12PM—2PM NA meeting

Sunday, November 1—All Saints' Day

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)

9AM Sunday School

9:05AM Adult Forum *The Chosen*

10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)

3PM FFA Pasión y Arte (PyA) at the WCR

4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

October 25 The Blessing of the Halloween Costumes 10AM

October 28 All Souls' Mass (Musician: David Cullen) 5:30PM

November 1 Pasión y Arte (PyA) at the WCR 3PM

November 2 Lunchtime Concert with free lunch 12PM (details on page 17)

November 6-8 FFA 4000 Miles at the WCR: 6th & 7th 7:30PM, 8th 3PM

November 8 Veterans Sunday

November 9 Kristallnacht Memorial Service 7PM at CCR

November 7 Wedding of Brittany and Miguel 4PM

November 15 Rabbi Brian Michelson, Guest Preacher 10AM

November 22 Blessing of the Stewardship Pledges

November 22 Annual Thanksgiving Food Gathering (benefitting Veterans and our food pantry)