Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania *IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.*



St. Michael and All Angels

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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Genesis 28:10-17

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."

The Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

The Holy Gospel: John 1:47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip

called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly. I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

For those in need of our prayers			
Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Cindy V.	${f Vincent}$
Max	Kate	Randy	Junior V
Cindy V	Ron	Jeri	Tena
Josh	Brenda	Ralph and Carol	Shelly
Brianne	Angelica	Rory	Anita
Judy Sillhart	Todd	Byron and Sherry	Elizabeth
David	Lisa	Tony	Beth
Jena and Dan	Jay	Randy	Kale
DiAnn	Bally	Heather and Jeremy	Morgan
Lisa	Antonio	Anna	Jeffrey
Betsy	Vicki	Karen	Scott
Kelly	Carol	Mark	Lily
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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.

Welcome to Christ Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

Cover image: "Saint Michael Fighting the Dragon" by Albrecht Durer (1498)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: God of glory, as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our worship bring you worthy praise, be amongst us and with us today as we say, Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the church throughout the world, that God may confirm it in faith, sustain it in hope, and deepen its communion in charity; for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai and St. Margaret's, Emmaus; God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who wield earthly power, that they may build up the peace of the earthly communities in which they serve; we pray for anyone living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land: God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those beset by persecution for righteousness' sake and those weighed down by trial and distress, especially those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any that we name now..., that the example of the cross may give them courage, and the help of believers give them hope: God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

For this assembly gathered to celebrate the eucharist in communion with the church in heaven and throughout the world, that nourished by the word of truth and the bread of life we may bear witness in our own generation to the timeless gospel of Christ. We pray especially for those celebrating this week, David Emes, Luke Weyandt, Jessica Ashman, Josephine Lawson, Terry Rowles and Jack and Linda Lacey. God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

For those who have departed this life in faith and in the fear of God, that they may join the innumerable throng of holy ones gathered before the throne and the Lamb, remembering Charles, Sydne and Marshall Long and George and Alice Lacey; God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

Celebrant: O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek to praise you here on earth; and grant to us even now glimpses of your beauty, and make us worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

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

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

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, People: Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy
People: Christ have mercy
Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Genesis 28:10-17 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103: 19-22 (The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word.

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

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

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

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: John 1:47-51(full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Intercessor: God, in your mercy, People: **Hear our prayer**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B on page 367)

The Sanctus 367

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The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

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The Invitation to Communion

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Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend James Rinehart

Communion Assistant Rick Wolf

Lector and Intercessor
Julie Anna Gonzalez

Usher Rick Wolf Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain), Priscilla
Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith, Kim
Alarcon, Sally Wilcox and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)

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.

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

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's

body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one

cup. Amen.

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Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Prelude

Melodie

S. Rachmaninoff

Please stand

Processional Hymn

618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (vss 1, 2 and 4)

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, People: Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



2. Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin; Lamb of God have mercy, grant us peace within. You O Christ are <u>holy</u>, you alone are Lord; With the Holy Spirit, evermore adored. Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise! Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise! Text: Edwin Le Grice; Tune: Maccabaeus

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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Please be seated

The First Reading: Genesis 28:10-17 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

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Please stand

Gospel Hymn 282 Christ the fair glory (vss 1, 2 and 6)

The Holy Gospel: John 1:47-51(full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Intercessor: God, in your mercy, People: Hear our prayer

Confession of Sin 360

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 Prayer for Peace Benjamin Harlan

Presentation Hymn 380 From all the dwell below the skies (vs 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

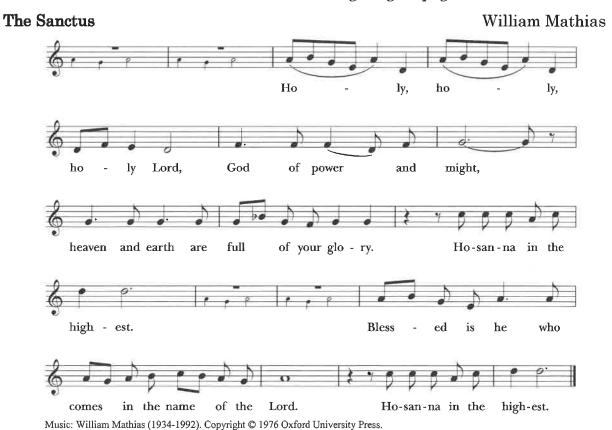
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B on page 367)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 367



The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All: We remember his death,

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

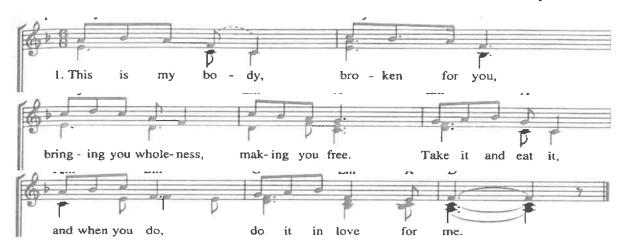
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The Lord's Prayer

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The Agnus Dei

Kevin Mayhew



The Communion Hymn 345 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 625 Ye holy angels bright

The Dismissal

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People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend James Rinehart

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Lector
Mary Arguelles

Intercessor
Diane Morris

Communion Assistants
Andrea Griffith and Milah Smith

Ushers
Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler,
Kate Schuler and Zoe Morris

Verger Jeff Morris

Acolytes
Cadence and Dalia Carvalho

Crucfier
Andrea Griffith

Gospel Book Bearer Ian Hoelscher

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain), Priscilla
Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith,
Kim Alarcon, Sally Wilcox and
Julie-Anna Gonzalez (Trainee)



Our Class

A readers theater production Sunday September 28, 3 - 5 pm Christ Church A powerful story that follows the lives of a group of Polish children from 1925 into WW II and the Holocaust

The Beauty of Ukrainian Music

Organ Recital by Gail Archer Friday, October 3, 7 pm Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading A program deeply rooted in the rich tapestry of Ukrainian musical heritage.

Barynya - Uniting with Ukraine

Slavic Music and Dance Sunday, October 5, 3 pm WCR Center for the Arts 140 North Fifth Street, Reading Spirited traditional folk performances presented by Ukrainian Kozak Dancers, a group dedicated to honoring the Slavic arts and culture.

Faith Healer

Drama
October 10, 7:30 pm, October 11, 7:30 pm
and October 12, 3 pm
WCR Center for the Arts
140 North Fifth Street, Reading
A play portraying an artist as a charlatan/
miracle worker who tours with his wife. The
cast includes Christ Church's own Kat
Brantman.

Dogs in Space

Puppet Theater Sunday, October 19, 12 pm Trinity Lutheran Church 527 Washington Street, Reading Tucker's Tales Puppet Theater returns, as dogs and cats hilariously compete to be the first to conquer space.

Fuller details are listed at https://www.fallfestivalofthearts.org/2025-events

Vestry

Diane Morris (Senior Warden/Stewardship) Chuck Brantman (Junior Warden/Property) Anita Powell (Pastoral Care) Pam Wheat (Grants) Carolyn Handy (Hospitality) Rick Wolf (Finances) Bob Kappenstein (Worship) Kim Alarcon (Security Task Force) Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth) Jill Braun (Community Ministries) Matt Hoelscher (Community Ministries) Michelle Rowles-Cranmer (Daycare/Nursery Initiatives)

Our Ministries

Worship

Acolytes Altar Guild **Eucharistic Ministers** Lectors and Intercessors Vergers Guitar and Taizé Services Healing Team Centering Prayer Morning Prayer Ushers Kristallnacht Service

Music

Parish Choir **Bell Ringers** Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts

Education

Adult Forum Library Children's Ministries **Education For Ministry** Bible Study EYC

Pastoral Care

Cards and notes **Prayer Lists Eucharistic Visitors** Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits

Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship Hour 50+ Club **Hospitality Committee**

Business

Property Churchyard Maintenance Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign Security Task Force

Community Outreach

Opportunity House Rummage Mary's Shelter Narcotics Anonymous Literacy Council of Reading-Berks **ESL Dinners** Daughters of the King Episcopal Church Women Helping Harvest Veterans Coalition of PA Angel Tree Berks Youth Chorus Sunday Service Livestream Berks County Community Foundation

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

September 28 - Liz Cohen from Mary's Shelters

> October 12 - Holly Wolf from Opportunity House

October 19 - Laura Biancone from LGBT Center

November 16 - Elizabeth Vendley from Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center

November 23 · Rabbi Brian Michelson from Oheb Shalom Reform Congregation (also our 10am guest preacher)



The ECW is again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event which will be held on Wednesday, October 22. You can shop in person or online from 8Am to 11PM. You can purchase your shopping pass from any ECW member for \$5.00 and get 25% off your purchase price (some exceptions apply.)

"Your Body deserves love, attention and gratitud

Ramón López

Ridam Dance

Ridam Tone

Opening New Classes

Saturday, September 27th 10 am Ridam Dance (Cardio) 11 am Ridam Tone (Strength)

Wednesday, October 1 st 6 pm Ridam Dance (Cardio) 7 pm Ridam Tone (Strength)

First Class \$10 Single Class \$13 5 Class Pack \$55 (\$11/class) 10 Class Pack \$100 (\$10/class)

Special Opening Offer: Bring a friend & your next class is FREE '.+ or grab a 10-Class Pack for just \$90 (\$9/class)!



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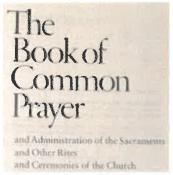
Altar Candle Memorials for September are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar flowers are given today in Honor of their wedding anniversary and to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Charles, Sydne and Marshall Long and George and Alice Lacey from Linda and Jack Lacey.

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



Do you need prayers? All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on the 3rd Sunday of every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please come up to communion early (after the ushers and choir), commune with our prayer team, receive anointing with holy oil and then proceed to the baptistry for healing prayers.



Adult Forum

We continue our series on BCP · NJS on October 5th. What's that? These will be sessions on The Book of Common Prayer · Not Just for Sundays. We will be taking time looking at particular parts of The Book of Common Prayer, discovering the richness of our prayer book and also understanding how we can use this resource of spirituality every day of our lives. Join us every Sunday in the Parlor at 9:05am.

This Week at Christ Church Sunday, September 28—St. Michael and All Angels

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum—Mary's Shelter
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
3PM Fall Festival of the Arts "Our
Class"
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, September 29 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, September 30 9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, October 1
9AM Staff Meeting
12PM—Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
6PM Ridan Dance
7PM Ridan Tone

Thursday, October 2 9:30AM Bible Study

9:30AM Bible Study 9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting 7PM Parish Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 3 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, October 4 10AM Ridam Dance 11AM Ridam Tone 12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, October 5—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Upcoming Events

October 6 Scaffolding and Plaster work begins in the church

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

October 12 Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday

October 17 Junior EYC 5:30PM

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

October 22 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event

October 26 Blessing of Halloween Costumes 10AM

October 29 All Souls Taizé 5:30PM

Save the Date 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.