

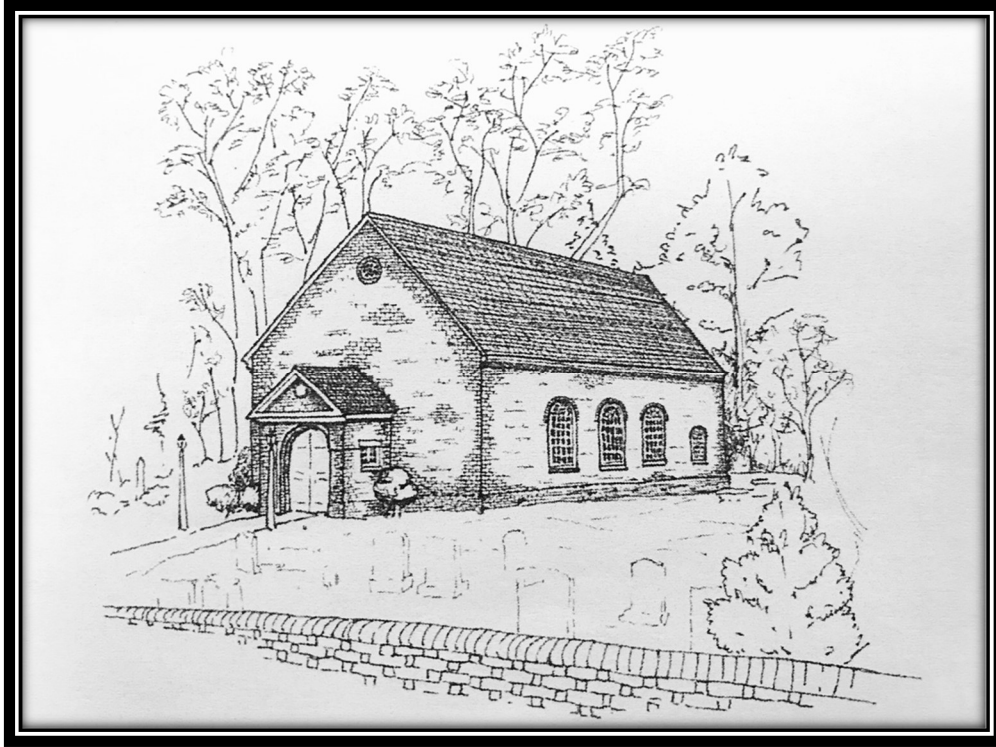
Welcome to Christ Church Parish

(Episcopal)

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Founded in 1666

Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.

*During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.*

After the service, speak with your neighbor!

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II – October 1, 2023

Society's outcasts are often more righteous before God than those who consider themselves righteous.

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Proper 21*) BCP Page 234

First Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

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Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Blessed be God
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer D BCP Page 372

Sanctus and Benedictus BCP Page 373

Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364

The Breaking of the Bread :

Officiant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People *Though we are many, we are one body, because we
all share in one bread.*

Officiant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCPPage 365

Blessing

Dismissal Go in the peace of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Epistle

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--

even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Those on our Prayer List: Bob Montague, Jack Tarran, Shannon Budd, Gibbie Mangum, Betty Evans, Ann Donoff, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Lucille Redmon, Jenny Wright, Jennifer Montague, Jean Crown Hodges, Cole Sullivan, Keith Callis, Trip Poates, and Sandra Lucas.

We give thanks with those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Debbie Davis, and Linda Parker.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Emmanuel – Harrisonburg, Meade Memorial – White Post, St. George's – Stanley. St. Paul's, Ingham – Shenandoah, and St. John's - Columbia.

The mid-week Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday morning this week at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Euch. Min. / Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Prayers / Eucharistic Minister	Jean Holt
Acolyte / Lector	Grace Parker
Ushers	Jack Hellems & Ann Padgett
Altar Guild	Cean Cawthorn, Barbara Shaw, Lydia Dudley, Grace Parker, & Linda Irwin
Flower Guild	Cean Cawthorn, & Libby Boyer
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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RESTROOMS are located in the Parish Hall

Christ Church Parish Vestry

Garry Clay – Senior Warden ‘24	
Scott Holt – Junior Warden ‘25	
Betsy Evans ‘23	Ann de Peyster ‘24
Mike Gorin ‘23	Bill Budd ‘25
Clayton Neal ‘23	Henry Moncure ‘25
Karen Brown “24	