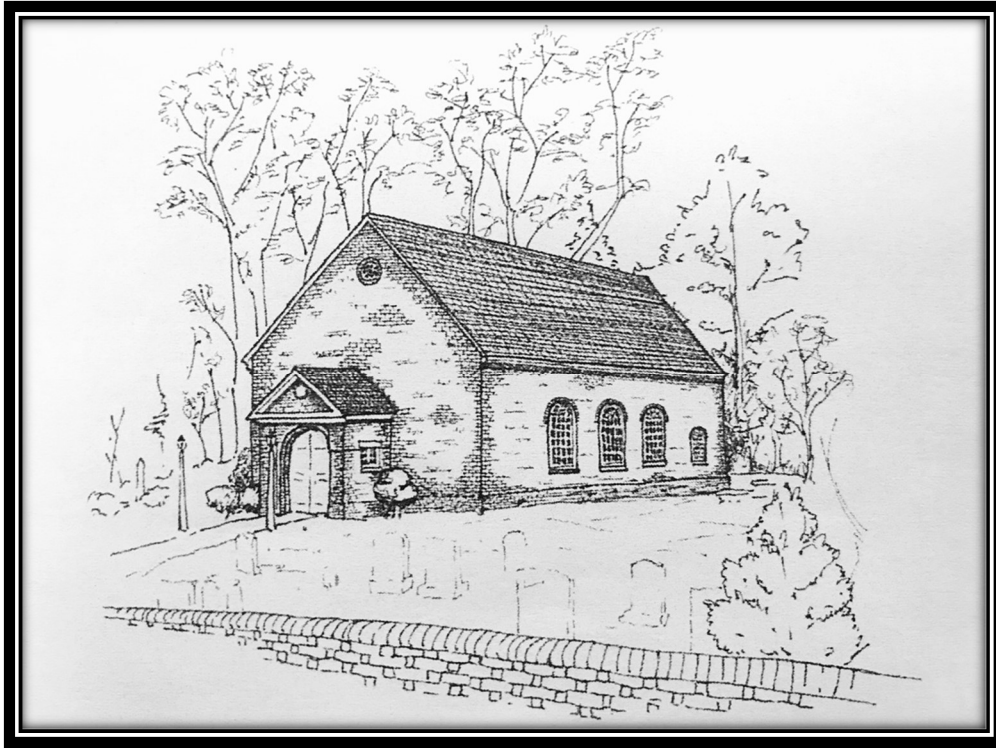


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)
February 25, 2024
10:30 a.m.
The Second Sunday in Lent*



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.*

The Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist: Rite I – February 25, 2024

The true meaning of Messiah is servant.

Opening Voluntary	<i>Ciacona</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
Processional Hymn 665	<i>All My Hope on God is Founded</i>	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 319
The Decalogue with sung responses		BCP Page 317
The Confession & Absolution		BCP Page 320
The Kyrie (S-91)		BCP Page 324

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>)		BCP Page 166
First Lesson		Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalms 22:22-30		BCP Page 611
Second Lesson		Romans 4:13-25
Sequence Hymn 675	<i>Take Up Your Cross</i>	
Gospel		Mark 8:31-38
The Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood	
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People		(Insert)
The Peace		BCP Page 332
Offertory Anthem	<i>Take Up Your Cross</i>	Anthony Giamanco

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path
of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to
your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer II		BCP Page 340
Sursum corda (S-112)		
Sanctus (S-114)		BCP Page 341
The Lord's Prayer		BCP Page 336
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.*

Agnus Dei (S-158)		BCP Page 337
Prayer of Humble Access		BCP Page 337
Giving of Communion		BCP Page 338
Communion Voluntary	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	Wilbur Held

Communion Hymn 498 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
Post Communion Hymn 347 *Go Forth For God*
The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP Page 339
The Blessing
Recessional Hymn 636 *How Firm a Foundation*
The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*
Closing Voluntary *Postlude on "Foundation"* David Lasky

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalm 22:22-30

Dues, Deus meus

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *

**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *

but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the

Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Those on our Prayer List: Thyra Harris, Lindsay Adkins, Jack Tarran, Helen Tarran, Tom Cockrell, Mike Gorin, Betty Evans, Ann Donoff, Zubin, Taylor Johnson, Shannon Budd, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Lucille Redmon, Jennifer Montague, Jean Crown Hodges, Cole Sullivan, Keith Callis, Trip Poates, Colt Johnson, Lovey Jane Long, Tim Schwartz, Rev. Dunn, and Mary Breeden.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Ellen Johnson, Bill Budd, & Michelle Meredith; and those celebrating anniversaries: Dixon Cole & Ginny Gale.

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as our Parish Discernment Committee carries on their work.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Emmanuel – Delaplane, and St. David’s - Aylett.

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

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure, Deacon
Lector / Acolyte / Eucharistic Minister	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Henry Moncure

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

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure, Deacon
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gospel Book / Prayers / Euch. Minister	Grace Parker
Crucifer / Acolyte	Ann Padgett
Lector	Jeff McClelland
Ushers	Dave South, Chris Jones
Altar Guild	Ann Padgett, Marilyn South, Judy Quilter, & Judi Snider
Flower Guild	(no flowers during Lent)
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Rust Spears & Jack Fackler

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Scott Holt – Junior Warden ‘ 25	
Garry Clay ‘24	Tom Clarke ‘26
Karen Brown ‘24	Rick Smith ‘26
Ann de Peyster ‘24	Anne Wilcox ‘26
Henry Moncure ‘25	