

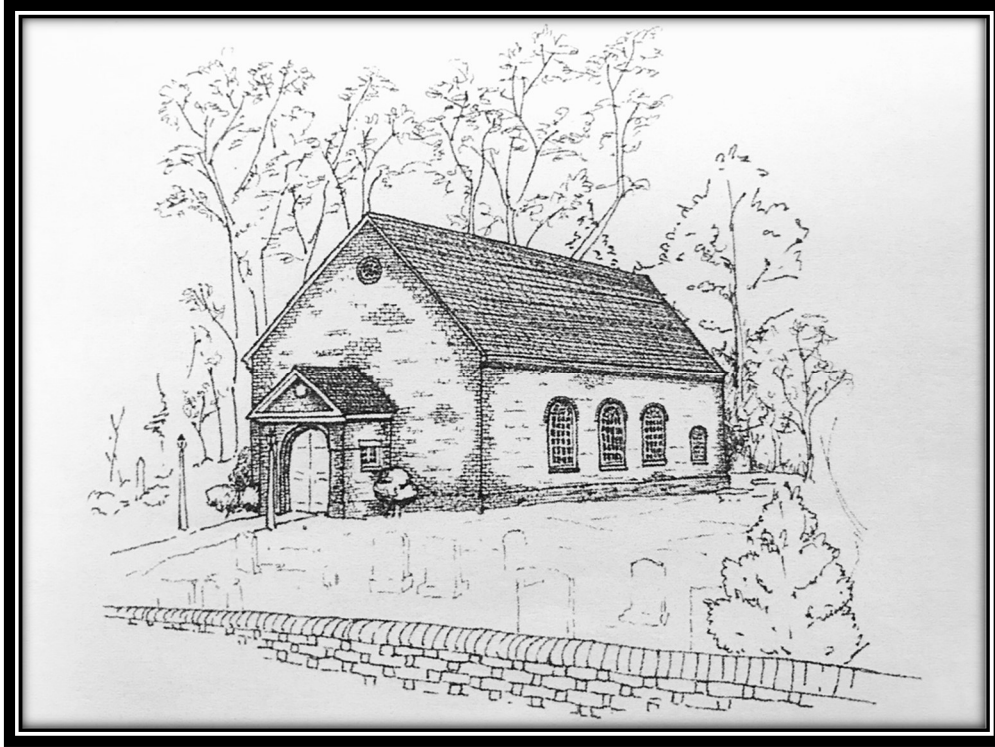
Welcome to Christ Church Parish

(Episcopal)

November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The Twenty-Fifth 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.*

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – November 19, 2023

Being ready for the final judgment.

Opening Voluntary *Master Tallis's Testament* Sir Herbert Howells
Processional Hymn 433 *We Gather Together*
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Proper 28*) BCP Page 236
First Lesson Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123 BCP Page 780
Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Sequence Hymn 541 *Come, Labor On*
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
The Sermon The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People Insert
The Confession and Absolution BCP Page 360
Healing Prayers *Preludes on Welsh Tunes* Suo Gan
The Peace BCP Page 360
Offertory Voluntary *Prayer of Thanksgiving* Dale Wood

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B BCP Page 367
Sanctus (S-129) BCP Page 367
The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364
Breaking of the Bread:

Officiant Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven: if anyone eats
of this bread, they will live forever.

People **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Giving of Communion:

Officiant 'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord;
'whoever comes to me will never hunger;
Whoever believes in me will never thirst.'
'I am the vine: you are the branches.'

People *May we dwell in him as he lives in us.*
 Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-163)
 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.
 Communion Voluntary *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Franck
 Post Communion Hymn 326 *From Glory to Glory*
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP Page 365
 The Blessing
 Recessional Hymn 551 *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*
 The Dismissal: Following God's saints in the ways of holiness
 and truth, go in the peace of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*
 Closing Voluntary *Prelude No 8, BWV 560* J. S. Bach

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Psalm 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

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

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Judy Erdman, Laure Jones, Pete Mansfield, Rich Donoff, and Ginger Smither.

Those who have died: Bettie Simmons.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Clergy and Parishioners of Our Savior – Montpelier, St. Clement's – Alexandria, St. Luke's – Remington, and St. Margaret's - Woodbridge.

There will be no mid-week Eucharist this coming Wednesday.

Instead, there will be a Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

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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 / Euch. Min.	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Jim Hill

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

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure, Deacon
Organist	Libby Boyer
Prayers / Euch. Min.	Grace Parker
Crucifer / Acolyte	Robin Wells
Lector	Ann Padgett
Ushers	Tom & Kathy Clarke
Altar Guild	Virginia Miller, Sallie Wells, Jody Anglin, Pat Anderson, and Sharon Colston
Flower Guild	Ginger Smither, Sharon Colston, Cathy Spence
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

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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	