

Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Our Vision:
To Know Christ
To Love Christ
To Serve Christ in
Others

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The 24th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28

November 19, 2017

***Hymn
Number**

**Prayer Book
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* Indicates that the people stand

Prelude: Andante

John Stanley

The Word of God

**680 O God, our help in ages past*

Opening Sentences

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The Collect for Purity

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**S280 Gloria*

***The Collect of the Day**

(see insert)

First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

(see insert)

Psalms 123

(see insert)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(see insert)

**547 Awake, O sleeper*

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

(see insert)

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The Holy Communion

<i>Offertory Anthem: My Lord, what a morning'</i>	<i>Mark Schweizer</i>
My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning! O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall. You'll hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations under-ground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall. Gonna quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.	
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Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ the Light of the World to you.	
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The Dismissal (Response: Thanks be to God.)	

Postlude: Improvisation

WELCOME TO ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Visitors and New Members: please fill out a white pew card and put it into the offering plate or hand it to the priest, or an usher.

Nursery Care: is available for infants and toddlers at the later service. Ask an usher or greeter for directions to the infant room.

We invite all baptized persons of Christian faith to receive communion. If you are not baptized you are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail, while crossing your arms over your chest. You will receive a blessing instead of bread, and the wine person will pass you by.

For Those Who Need Assistance: Communion can be brought to you in your seat – just let an usher know during the service; large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are also available (see an usher or greeter for the service for assistance).

This Week We Are Praying For:

The Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, Susan, and Ted our Bishops. For Peter our Rector, Sam our Honorary Associate, Brooks our Seminarian, Joe our Music Minister, Lindsey our Licensed Lay Preacher, Liz our Nursery Attendant and for Ruth our Pastoral Assistant this week.

Our Government: Donald our President, and Terry our Governor.

Thanksgivings: For those celebrating birthdays this month (but not read in church): Rowan Pa, Jennifer Guernsey, Megan Proctor, Charlotte Chandler, Ava Karousos, Richard Downie, Simone Pa, Daniel Lawson, Andrew Seegers, Francis Wolf, Chriss Foster, Debra Kim, Matteo Gaetano, Jon Mayo, Harriet McCollum, Duncan Chandler, Violet Schettler, Barbara Christy, Richard Sellers, Melissa Gorham, Sue Ditmore-Horita, David Johnson, Priscilla Greene, Steven Greene, Priscilla Greene, Marguerite Wagner, Jane Hinson, Nathan Bollinger, Sandy Price, Demetri Karousos, Ross Branstetter, and Chip Kinne,

The Sick, Suffering, and in Need Barbara Milton, Debbie Frear, Betsy Lowrey, Ralph Woodrow, Indra Corea, Ursula Walls, Janice Hagan, Marion Evans, Ginny Berg, Sandy and Dick Rowley, Marguerite Wagner, Ralph Tomita, Jim Foster, Jay Jantz, Priscilla Greene, Virginia Cole, Molly Gray, Ann Moore, Ted Woodcock, Elaine Apostles, John Wells, and L. B. Berg **as well as those on our October's Parish Family Prayer List** (*names not read in the service*): Melvin Gantt, Phyllis Kerr, June Shaw, Marty Kiefer, Susan Ackerman-Peterson, Daniel Carr, Fritz Baldwin, Brad Penney, David and Stephen Penny, Helen Wagner,

Jennifer Lowe, Cook Family, Alleman Family, Dawn, Brendan Scriber, Bev Gilman, Matt Zeller, and Robin Courts.

For Those Who Have Died:

The Altar Flowers are given in the glory of God by the Flower Guild.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did You Know? This Sunday, the Youth Group will meet from 11:30-1:00 on the stage in the auditorium! Please join us if you're a 6th-12th grader! Meredith Maple

THANK YOU! For those 88 folks who have returned pledge cards, we say THANK YOU!!!! Any and all pledges are welcome and needed. If you need a pledge card, there are still some blank ones on the table by the door. If you want to send an email, bookkeeper@saintchristopners.net is where you can let the Pledge Monitor know your intentions for 2018. If you forgot to check the box about whether you want pledge envelopes - that address will also work. We are grateful for the MANY open hearts at St. Christopher's which allow our mission and ministry to move forward. The Stewardship Committee

Children's Church Advent Season. Advent season is almost upon us. Seeking volunteers for Advent season leaders at Children's Church. Planned activities include: making ornaments and decorating a Jesse tree, card creation for shut ins, and cookie decorating. Please see Megan Coffey (megcoffey05@yahoo.com) to volunteer to participate.

Donations of materials for Christmas pageant. The Pageant planning committee is in need of solid or muted colored fabric and Sherpa fleece to make more costumes for the pageant. We have many children who have signed up and need to have a costume for all, plus any extras that come to the service and would like to participate.

St. Christopher's Book Discussion Group will meet at 2 pm on Tuesday, November 21st, to discuss William Goldman's *The Princess Bride*. This is, according to amazon, "a simple, exceptional story about quests - for riches, revenge, power, and, of course, true love - that's thrilling and timeless." For additional information, contact Christine Meloni at cfmeloni@hotmail.com. Janet Quinn will facilitate the discussion.

ECHO TOY DRIVE December 3rd will mark a visit from our special guest, Bishop Nicholas of Myra. This year, as we have in the past, we will have a collection of new, unwrapped toys to donate to ECHO. Please bring your toy(s) that day to be displayed in thanks for all the many gifts we have – and to brighten the lives of those less fortunate than we. For those who do not choose to go to a toy store at this time of the year, you may make a donation for the purchase of Discovery Toys. If you donate cash, please give it DIRECTLY to me. If you write a check, make it payable to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and write "Discovery Toys" on the memo line. The ECHO Gift shop eagerly awaits our donations each year – as we tend to bring about four to five thousand dollars' worth of toys. Your generosity is GREATLY appreciated. In Thanks, Mike Snyder, ECHO Toy Drive Chair

Upcoming Youth Events: Youth Group, December 3rd, time TBA

Regional Youth Christmas Party, December 9th, 5-7, Saint Andrew's Burke

Pageant schedule.

- December 1 - Meet at 6 p.m. at Caroline Foster to sew costumes and set creation.
- December 10 - Children should stay after to try on and assign costumes. Costumes will stay at church, but want to ensure they fit and we have all the accessories together
- December 23 - At 9:30 a.m. meet at the church for a dress rehearsal. All children participating need to attend. Rehearsal will be approximately 2 hours.

- December 24 - Pageant will take place at the 5 p.m. service. Ask that the children arrive at 4:30 to prepare.

Cookie making. Children's Church will be decorating cookies during the Dec 17 service to provide at the coffee hour. We have about 25 kids that come every week. If you would like to make some cut sugar cookies for the kids to decorate, please see Megan Coffey (megcoffey05@yahoo.com or 703-855-9584) to coordinate.

Bishop Goff & Confirmations and Receptions! - In just a few months, on Sunday, January 14, 2018, our Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Virginia - Bishop Susan Goff - will lead both of our Worship Services that morning. At 10:30 a.m. she will also preside over Confirmations (for those already baptized in a Christian tradition) and Receptions (for those Confirmed in another Christian Tradition who wish to formally become Episcopalians). For parishioners (as defined by the Diocese: regular attendees, givers and participants) high school ages on up please see Fr. Peter so that he can arrange for you to go through the proper preparation for this Sacrament. High School Youth might have a few gatherings with our Youth Minister for Teens, Meredith Maple, while adults will go through a "home study" program offered by Fr. Peter. Episcopal parishioners from other parishes may also join us on that Sunday, but those individuals should have their rectors contact both Fr. Peter and the Diocese of Virginia. Remember our Bishop visits are once every two years, so if you are truly ready to consider to make the commitment to this Christian rite of passage, now is the time to make that known! You can contact Fr. Peter by phoning the Church Office.

Service Participants For Sunday November 19, 2017

7:30am

Acolyte: Christopher Lane

Lector: Ruth Ann Crandall

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Carroll Hill

10:30am

Acolyte(s): John Snyder, Minnie Foley, and Isaac Hall

Lectors: Jim Bradshaw (L1), Ruth Erbe (L2)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Meredith Maple (PB), Helen Spence (CB1),
Mike Snyder (CB2)

Altar Guild: Virginia Clark and Katy Dunlap

Flower Guild: Camilla Hicks and Andrea Duggan

Vestry Person of the Week: Richard Sellers

Prayer Intercessor: Pam Osborn

Chapel Prayer Team: Sue Fitzgerald and Jennifer Guernsey

Communion Bread Baker: Juleonna Chandler

Greeters: Betty Carper

P.A.T. Minister (taking Eucharist to our parish's shut-ins): Ruth
Meagher

Refreshment & Fellowship: Marifran Bustion

Tellers: John Olsen and Carroll Hill

Ushers: Team Medding

**if you are unable to serve, or a trade did not get posted, please let Fr. Peter know by
Sunday morning (email/voicemail) and he will let the appropriate ministers know.*

THE VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Senior Warden – Janet Bush; Junior Warden – Bill Price; Buildings – Jim
Armstrong & Bill Price; Christian Formation– Katy Dunlap and Christina
Manning; Worship– Sarah Belisle; Register – Liz Zubritsky; Grounds – Jim
Bradshaw; Membership – Danny Gorham; Outreach – Angela Bourke; Parish
Life – Richard Sellers; Stewardship – Chris Erbe.

STAFF

The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman, Rector; Meredith Maple, Youth Minister for
Teens; Nina Miller, Administrative Assistant; Joe Bush, Bookkeeper; Joe
Gabalski, Organist/Choir Director; Polly Colwell, Preschool Director

This Week at St. Christopher's

Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 21

10:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel

7:00 p.m. Powerful Fitness/Auditorium

Wednesday, November 22

10:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel

12:00 p.m. Preschool and Church Office Closed

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 23; Thanksgiving Day

Preschool and Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Preschool and Church Office Closed

5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

Saturday, November 25

5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, November 26 – The Last Sunday after Pentecost; Christ the King

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Children's Sermon, and Children's Church (Nursery is provided)

11:45 a.m. Fellowship & Refreshments

Preschool Yankee Candle Fundraiser Candles are such a fitting fundraiser for our little school! When the children sing "This Little Light of Mine" during Chapel, they are like candles - glowing and hopeful. The Preschool will receive 40% of the sales and funds raised will go towards much needed repairs for our playground and for enrichment! If you love beautiful candles and accessories and need to do a little Christmas shopping, consider our Yankee Candle sale. Orders can be made through December 15th and shipped directly to you. Go to:

www.yankeecandlefundraising.com

and enter the group number: 990012060. Thank you for your support!