

# 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 12, 2018**

## **Sabbatical Prayer**

Almighty God, we, your St. Christopher's community, thank you for the abundant blessings you bestow on us, both individually and as a faith community. We ask your continued blessing, guidance and inspiration as we seek to carry out our shared mission to know, love, and serve Christ in others.

As Jesus retreated for reflection and renewal, so does Father Peter seek a time of renewal in the summer of 2018. Please abide with him and his family, and keep them safe in their travels. Reveal to him, ever more, the wonder of your love, and keep him open to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit during his sabbath rest.

We pray also for our community. Thank you for the clergy who will share the Eucharist with us and for our laity and staff who lead during this time. We ask your blessing on our new formation efforts that will serve you and serve us as we, too, honor this sabbatical time.

We pray this in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

**\*Hymn  
Number**

**Prayer Book  
Page Number**

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*\* Indicates that the people stand*

*Prelude: I heard the voice of Jesus say*

*Dale Wood*

**The Word of God**

*\*398 I sing the mighty power of God*

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

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

*\*S280 Gloria*

**\*The Collect of the Day**

*(see insert)*

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 31-33**

*(see insert)*

**Psalms 130**

*(see insert)*

*\*341 For the bread which you have broken*

**Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51**

*(see insert)*

The Children's Sermon – Meredith Maple, Youth Minister for Teens

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## The Holy Communion

*Offertory Anthem: Sicut cervus*

*Palestrina*

(As the deer runs for running water, so my soul longs for you, O God)

\* 380 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow (verse 3)*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B 367

\*S130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord (Sanctus)*

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The Breaking of the Bread 364

\*S163 *Jesus, Lamb of God (Fraction)*

The Communion of the People

Please stand at the rail for Communion until the kneelers return after Labor Day.

*Communion Anthem: O taste and see*

*R.V. Williams*

\*342 *O bread of life, for sinners broken*

*Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries*

When there is a Lay Eucharistic Minister going out following the service we will send them by saying together: "We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup. Amen."

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Blessing 365

\*417 *This is the feast of victory*

\* The Dismissal (Response: Thanks be to God.)

*Postlude: If God himself be for me*

*Dale Wood*

## **WELCOME TO ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!**

**Visitors and New Members:** Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to fill out a welcome card found on the back of each pew. We welcome all input, such as a request for a prayer, particular hymn, or more information about St. Christopher's. Please - let us know what you think!

**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 chalice will pass you by.

**For Those Who Need Assistance:** Communion can be brought to you at 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 assistance).

### **This Week We Are Praying For:**

**The Church:** Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, Susan and Robert, our Bishops, for Peter our Rector, Jackie and Ann our Sabbatical Priests, Brooks our Seminarian, Joe our Music Minister, Cathy, our Preschool Bookkeeper, and Trish our Pastoral Assistant this week.

**Our Government:** Donald our President, and Ralph our Governor.

**For those celebrating birthdays this month** (but not read in church): Alex Lytle, Adriano Meloni, Margaret Sam Faeth, Daniel Hill, Mauricio Fernandez, Dorothy McMillian, Sam Hinson, Toril Munn, Elaine Apostoles, Marie Ackerman, Lida Hamidi, Judy Lawson, Melayna Sanders, Barbara Milton, and Edna Hertsch.

**The Sick, Suffering, and in Need,** Sandy Rowley, Janice Hagan, Ursula Walls, Barbara Milton, Marion Evans, Ginny and Fred Berg, Marguerite Wagner, Ralph Tomita, Jim Foster, Priscilla Greene, Virginia Cole, Molly Gray, Ted Woodcock, Elaine Apostles, John Wells, and L. B. Berg as well as those on our **August Parish Family Prayer List (names not read in the service):** Golden Warfield,

Ken Warfield, Hayden Shah, Kathy Little, Jackie Brant, Becky Calzada, Esther Bergum, Mae, Phyllis Brant, Helen Yi, Jack, June Shaw, Marty Kiefer, Susan Ackerman-Peterson, Daniel Carr, Fritz Baldwin, Brad Penney, David and Stephen Penny, Helen Wagner, Cook Family, Alleman Family, Dawn, Brendan Scriber, Bev Gilman, Matt Zeller, and Robin Courts.

**For those away serving in our Military:** Noah Flowe.

**For Those Who Have Died:**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Niki Purkoski in loving memory of her mother Nancy Mandragos.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today**, we welcome the Rev. Jackie Thomson, who is with us today while Father Peter is on Sabbatical.

**Please note** the Rev. Jackie Thomson, Sabbatical Interim Priest will be in the office on Wednesday, August 15 from 9am-1pm.

**ECHO Food Drive Collects 50 Food Bags** Thanks so much for your outpouring of food offerings for our neighbors in need. Our request to bring in food brought 50 bags of food, all but one of which has been delivered to ECHO and some of which have been sent out into the community. You can continue to bring food in for ECHO all year long and place in the large wooden box to the right of the St. Christopher banner. We traded places with the church Library, so a new children's book area could be added in the Fellowship Hall by the toy box. As always, check the ECHO website ([www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org) "DONATE" tab) to find the items needed and just bring them to church and put them in the box. We deliver to ECHO vegetables each week in the summer and collect toys on St. Nicholas Sunday in December for ECHO's toy closet. We'll collect single serve food items for the two-day food backpacks for our local elementary school during Advent. Richard Sellers, Outreach Leader



**Capital Campaign Project Update** - In late 2017, the Vestry approved funding the Capital Campaign project to replace the aging, rusting fence, which had become a safety problem around Saint Christopher's playground. Multiple estimates were obtained and the work was planned for the summer of 2018 when the preschool was not in session. Builders Fence Company, Sterling, VA completed the work in July. The new fence, a black vinyl coated chain link, improves the appearance of our property and is durable and rust resistant. The bulk of the funding for the fence was provided by Capital Campaign donations, but the balance of the cost was covered by the Preschool and by a Men's Group fundraiser. A special thanks goes to Polly Colwell, our Preschool Director; Bill Price who served as the "project manager"; and John Olsen and John Quinn who assisted in the removal of tree debris and dismantled the nearby compost bin that interfered with the fence line. Your Capital Campaign donations are being put to good use to address critical infrastructure and safety projects. In September, the project to replace the air conditioning system in the church is expected to begin. Thank you for your pledges and for your continuing donations to the Capital Campaign. Additional donations are always appreciated as actual project costs are running a bit higher than anticipated.

**St. Christopher's Book Discussion Group** will meet to discuss Colson Whitehead's *Underground Railroad* at 2 pm on September 18 in the church library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact the facilitator Janet Bush at [jebush27@gmail.com](mailto:jebush27@gmail.com) or Christine Meloni at [cfmeloni@hotmail.com](mailto:cfmeloni@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Save the Date for Shrine Mont Weekend!** Our annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont in beautiful Orkney Springs, VA is scheduled for October 12, 13, and 14. Details and costs are forthcoming. If you are considering attending this year, please let Danny Gorham know as soon as possible (703.499.4067 or [fgorham103@aol.com](mailto:fgorham103@aol.com)). Spots will fill up fast! Shrine Mont is

the Virginia Episcopal Diocese Conference and Retreat Center located about 2 hours from the DC area. It is on the site of an old 19th century mineral spa nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. It is also home to the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration; a beautiful outdoor stone sanctuary that is stunning in the fall. More information about Shrine Mont is available at their website: [www.shrinemont.com](http://www.shrinemont.com). This fun getaway is only 2 months away!

## **Service Participants for Sunday, August 12, 2018**

### **7:30am**

Acolyte: Jim Hertsch

Lector: Helen Spence

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Trish Taylor

### **10:00am**

Acolyte(s): Creighton Dunlap and Madison Curry

Lectors: Pam Osborn (L1), Richard Sellers (L2)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Meredith Maple (PB), Mike Snyder (CB1),  
Lynn Knox (CB2)

Altar Guild: Pam Bransetter and Virginia Clark

Flower Guild: Chriss Foster and Virginia Clark

Vestry Person of the Week: Richard Sellers

Prayer Intercessor: Mike Snyder

Chapel Prayer Team: Jennifer Guernsey and Lynn Knox

Communion Bread Baker: Margaret Williams

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

Refreshment & Fellowship: Amanda Foley

Tellers: Stan Spence and Carroll Hill

Ushers: Team Manning

*\*If you are unable to serve, or a trade did not get posted, please contact the Vestry Person of the Week before Sunday morning (email/cell phone), so appropriate individuals can be told.*

# **This Week at St. Christopher's Church**

## **Monday, August 13**

## **Tuesday, August 14**

10:00 a.m. Paino(s) Tuning in the Education Building and Church Choir Loft

## **Wednesday, August 15**

9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rev. Jackie Thomson, Sabbatical Interim Priest, office hours

7:00 p.m. P.A.T. Minister's Meeting

7:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

## **Thursday, August 16**

9:30 a.m. Women's Discussion Group

7:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

## **Friday, August 17**

## **Saturday, August 18**

5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

## **Sunday, August 19 – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Rite II, Children's Sermon (Nursery Available)

11:30 a.m. Refreshments & Fellowship

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## **THE VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S**

Christina Manning, Katy Dunlap, Richard Sellers, Robert Hall, Danny Gorham, Logan Foley, Liz Zubritsky, Darren Branch, John Olsen, and Chris Erbe.

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