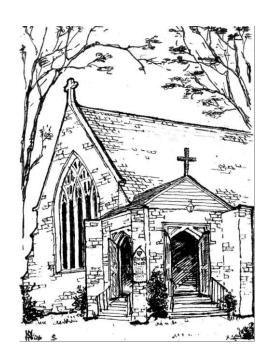
## CHRIST CHURCH PARISH EPISCOPAL

5:00 PM

The Sixth Saturday after Pentecost

July 19, 2025



## **WELCOME**

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

### A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

## The Word of God

PRELUDE Kristen Abbott

**ENTRANCE HYMN** 

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

1982 Hymnal 488

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **SONG OF PRAISE**

A Song of Our True Nature
The following is said, all standing

Julian of Norwich

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, our trespasses and our humiliations. Christ also revealed his blessed power, his blessed wisdom and love. He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; he raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending. God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; God is the true father and mother of natures. We are all bound to God by nature, and we are all bound to God by grace. And this grace is for all the world, because it is our precious mother, Christ. For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honor and nobility of all, and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Amos 8:1-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said. "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord GoD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God. when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander

from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

### Psalm 52

Remain seated.

<sup>1</sup>You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \* against the godly all day long?

<sup>2</sup>You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \* O worker of deception.

- <sup>3</sup>You love evil more than good \* and lying more than speaking the truth.
- <sup>4</sup>You love all words that hurt, \*
  O you deceitful tongue.
- <sup>5</sup>Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \* topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!
- <sup>6</sup>The righteous shall see and tremble, \* and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \* but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."
- But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*
  I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- <sup>9</sup>I will give you thanks for what you have done \* and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

#### **SECOND READING:**

The people sit.

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:15-28

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 10:38-42

All stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Melissa Howell

#### THE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us pray to the Most High God saying, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant your church such love for you that others are led into relationship with you by our faith and actions.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the churches in our diocese, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia our Bishop, Melissa our Priest, James and Natalie our Deacons, and each of us in our vocations and ministries.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Open the hearts of each person here to feel your presence and do your will this day and always.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless this nation, state, and local community. Bless all nations and people. Give us leaders who seek to serve all people with justice, compassion, and care.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Restore all things in your creation and heal the wounds we have inflicted on your earth and creatures.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

End the cycle of violence and poverty through your grace and our efforts on behalf of victims and the vulnerable.

Silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heal all those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Bless us with good care through doctors, nurses, staff, medicine, and prayer. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Surround the dying with your love and give strength to those who mourn. Bring all souls into the light of your perpetual love. We remember Linda Bencks, in whose honor and memory the Lamp of Presence has been given. And we pray for all our beloved dead, especially Bob Steele, Jeanne Patenaude-Lane and those we name now, either silently or aloud. Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* All these we ask in the name of your son, our savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

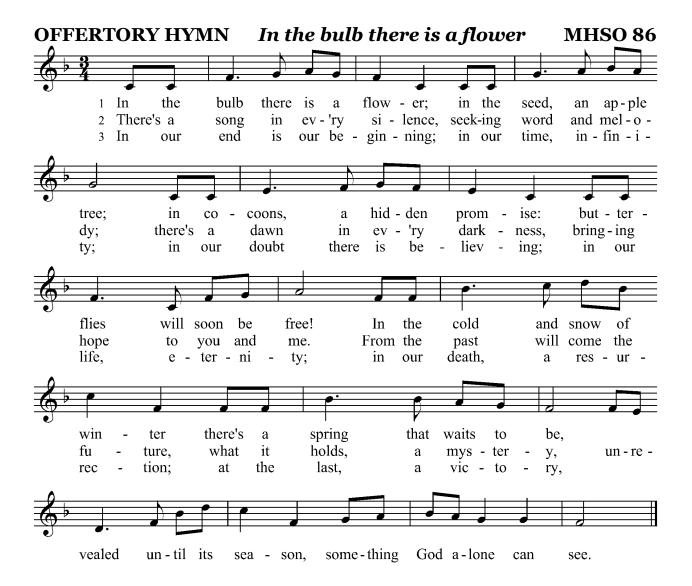
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Holy Communion

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online. Thank you!





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## The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

#### **SANCTUS**

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **INVITATION**

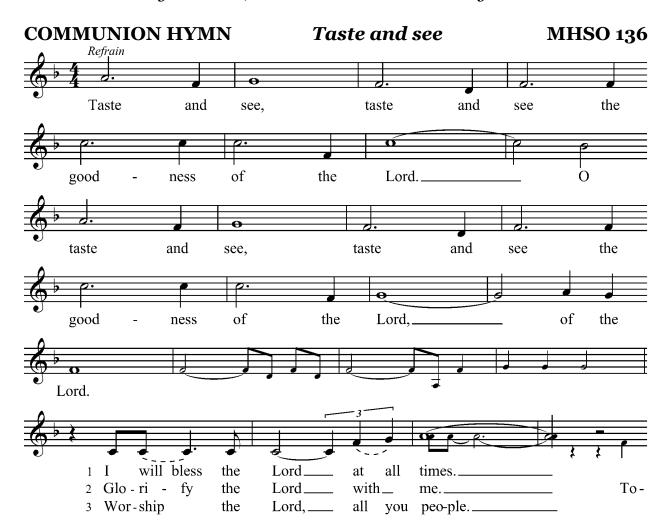
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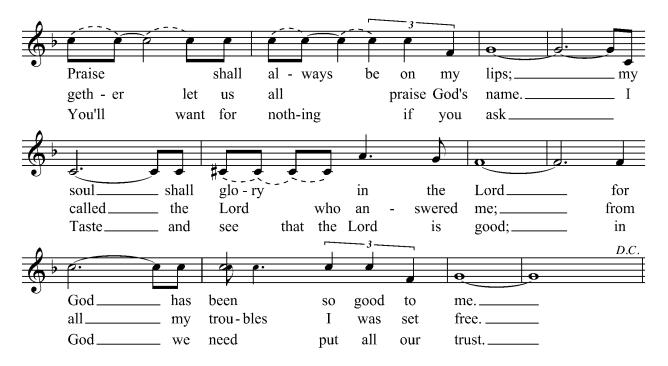
Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To receive the Sacrament, come forward and hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms as you pass by the cup bearers to return to your seat.

If you would prefer a blessing, come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.





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#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* 

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out to bring the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in-person, the following is said as the Visitors are handed the bread and wine:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these

holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share one

bread and one cup.

#### BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us on the way. So make haste to love. Be quick to be kind. And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Triune God be upon you, and all those you love, this day and always. **Amen.** 

CLOSING HYMN Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

1982 Hymnal 376

#### **DISMISSAL**

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people. The people respond: **Thanks be to God.** 

## **Announcements**

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week. Any names added this week are in bold.

Barbara Hulme; **for the repose of the soul of Bob Steele**; for the repose of the soul of Chad; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Ellen Nordquist; Greta Couter; Jack Willett; Jane Murphy; Jean Belle Bernhardt; **for the repose of the soul of Jeanne Patenaude-Lane** Jim Kelly; Katharine LiBretto; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Mark Poster; Norm Harbinson; Peter Trenouth; Sandy Underhill; Sharon Steadman; Skip Nielsen; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families: Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, Josh Zabin

#### From the Office

**In order** to have your announcements included in the weekly bulletin and *Keeping Connected*, please send them to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesday. They should include date, time, place, description of event and contact information and should be written exactly the way you want them to appear.

**Summer Office Hours** - In July and August, our church office will be closed on Fridays. We will resume our normal Monday through Friday office schedule in September.

**Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Changes** - Starting June 15, Christ Church will transition to our summer worship schedule. We warmly invite you to join us for our Saturday service of Holy Eucharist at 5pm or Sunday service of Holy Eucharist at 9am.

Following the Sunday 9am service, we will be gathering for a delightful tradition: Lemonade on the Lawn. This is more than just refreshments; it's an opportunity to mingle, connect, and bask in the sunshine together. We'd love to see you there!

Christ Church Food Pantry – All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry! We are open by appointment: **Tuesday 12:00-1:15**, Thursday 12:00-1:15 and 4:00-5:15, and Saturday 10:00-11:15. Call the pantry message line: 508-746-4959, ext 6, BY 1 PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Our volunteers check messages and return your call from their homes to ask you what you need.

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at <a href="mailto:eileenpca@aol.com">eileenpca@aol.com</a>
For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtklewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at <a href="mailto:barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com">barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com</a>

An Invitation to the Ministry of the Altar Guild - During the month of July, each Saturday morning at 10am and each Sunday morning following the 9am service, I am available to meet with anyone interested in being part of the Altar Guild Ministry at Christ Church Parish ~ to answer any questions, whether experienced or new to this "behind the scenes", contemplative ministry of our parish. The meeting place will be the sacristy which is the sacred room for our priests, deacons and altar guild ministers. The summer weeks of July are a good opportunity for this ministry renewal since we have one less service. Also our brass collection plates and many candles have been put aside for now. It is a simpler and lighter time. Always with grateful appreciation for our current ministers of the Altar Guild. If there are any questions I can be reached by email or phone ~ Robin Nielsen, Altar Guild Ministry leader ~ 774-454-2776 robinmarianielsen@gmail.com

**Christ Church Thrift Shoppe** - This weekend marks "Senior Week," and for those of you who are ages 60 and up, everything in the shop (unless marked "not in sale") is half-off, including clothing.

And for next week, be sure to mark your calendars for our Jewelry Extravaganza. We put out the call for donations of jewelry and so many answered the call (hearty thanks to all!). Many incredible pieces, both costume jewelry and sterling silver, never before displayed, will be part of this special sale starting Thursday, July 24th at 10am, and continuing through till Saturday, July 26th at 1pm. So be it a bracelet, necklace, earrings, or other piece, come see what we have in store.

Shoppe Hours: Thursday and Friday 10-4 Saturday 10-1

**Thank you** – Annie Laurie Babson would like to thank the parishioners of Christ Church, especially Connie Melahoures for their assistance with Jack Babson's service.

### Week At - A - Glance \* July 20, 2025 - July 27, 2025

**SUNDAY** 9:00 AM Holy Baptism - The Sixth Sunday after

**Pentecost** 

Lemonade on the Lawn 10:30 AM

**MONDAY** 9:00 AM Morning Prayer - Facebook Live

> Fore & Aft 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Fore & Aft **TUESDAY** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM **Food Pantry** 

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM Morning Prayer - Facebook Live

> Fore & Aft 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**THURSDAY** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thrift Shoppe

> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Fore & Aft 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM **Food Pantry** 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Food Pantry

Office Closed **FRIDAY** 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

9:00 AM

Morning Prayer - Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Fore & Aft 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**SATURDAY** 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM **Food Pantry** 

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Thrift Shoppe

**Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Seventh** 5:00 PM

**Saturday after Pentecost** 

**Holy Eucharist – The Seventh Sunday after SUNDAY** 9:00 AM

Pentecost

Lemonade on the Lawn 10:30 AM

#### **Christ Church Parish**

Seeking Christ in Ourselves \* Serving Christ in the World

#### JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

#### **MINISTERS**

All the people of Christ Church Parish

#### **Staff**

The Rev. Melissa Howell, Rector
The Rev. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Peter Litchfield, Accompanist
Sam Stevenson, Sexton

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM