



Sunday, October 19, 2025 (8 & 10 am)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry, Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH! *We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, talk to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. You can also fill out a Connect Card located in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an Usher.*

Prelude

Concerto in F – George Frideric Handel

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn

No. 372 Praise to the living God - *Leoni*

Opening Acclamation (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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.***

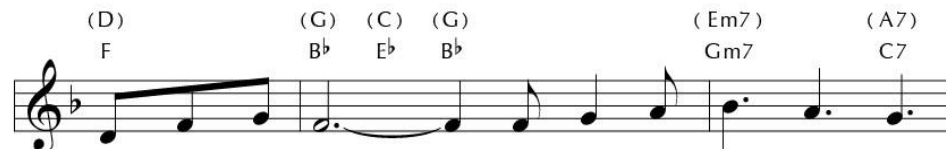
Song of Praise: Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me – Paul Vasile

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 [*sung by the choir*]

Levavi oculos

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The LORD himself watches over you; *
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
 nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
 it is he who shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
 from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A Reading from 2 Timothy

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether

the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn No. WLP797 It's me, it's me, O Lord – *Negro Spiritual*

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer;—
 It's me,
 — It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer.— **Fine**
 It's me,
 1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,
 2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord,
 3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord,
 4. Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord,
 stand-in' in the need of prayer, not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's
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 me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer.
 me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer.
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 me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer. **D.C.**

The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.*

Tell out my Soul: Prayers of the People for Stewardship Season

Celebrant: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople. ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our House of Prayer.

Leader: I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice. We give thanks this week for hopeful signs of peace in the Middle East, praying that this spirit of reconciliation may take root and bear lasting fruit in that region and throughout the world. ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of the Promise of Liberty.

Leader: I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. ... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our Love.

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and who we name now either silently or aloud... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our Compassion.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now with our voices or in our hearts... Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our stories.

Leader: I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with grace. This week we give thanks for **Judy Rich** and **Diane Orr** as they celebrate birthdays. Are there others we wish to name? May we be inspired to share our wealth, our works, and our wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as we Tell Out of Our Soul,

The Greatness of the Lord.

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. ***Amen.***

The Priest stands and says

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem: I Believe – Mark A. Miller

Offertory Response: We are coming Lord, to the Table (*from Sierra Leone*)

The musical notation is written on four staves in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

We are com - ing, Lord, to the ta - ble. We are com - ing, Lord,
to the ta - ble With the gift of bread we are com - ing, Lord.
With the gift of wine, we are com - ing, Lord. Oh,
we are com - ing, Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p.361)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:"

Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

setting: Richard Proulx

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem no. S152. Christ our Passover

(*setting: Ambrosiana Chant*)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Distribution

All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest.

Music at the Distribution: LEVAS 227 (inserted) We shall overcome - Martin

We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come some - day; Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve, (Oh) We shall o - ver - come some - day. day.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.

4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Beloved of God, the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand is at work in each one of us who believe! So go from here in confidence and peace, knowing that God's presence and power go with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

No. 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim - *Paderborn*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Praise to the Living God – Hal Hopson

Assisting with Worship Today:

Cindy Thirion 8am & Jeff Heakin 10am – Lector
Jan Henrey 8am & Karen Andrus 10am – Lector/Chalice
Faith Scarmuzzi – Prayers/Chalice
Nancy Forrester & Peter Day – Ushers
Beth Landers 8am, Karen Andrus, Sam Davis & Amie Prezioso 10am - Altar Guild
Lynn Peteritis & Linda Day – Coffee Hour

The Parish Choir, Erika Scharf – soprano, Laurie Jones - piano

Deb Murphy, Aaron Woodberry – AV/Video

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**THE PARK AVENUE BRASS**—*A Concert of Fan Favorites*

Sunday, October 19 at 4 pm:

Experience an afternoon of brilliant brass as Christ Church's magnificent acoustics come alive. Park Avenue Brass, five accomplished music educators from Northeast Ohio, bring their vibrant sound to a truly unforgettable concert.

DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS (THE CHOSEN): Join us on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:30p as we continue watching The Chosen series. We will gather in the Narthex for a light meal and an episode of the series we have all come to love. We will have a brief discussion afterwards.

Dinner, Divas and Dessert—*A Candlelight Cabaret*

Christ Church Staff Singers and Friends

Saturday, October 25 Silent Auction—5:30 Dinner—6:00 Performance—7:00

Tickets—\$35 (*Call the church office to purchase tickets*)

Join us for an unforgettable evening of Broadway favorites performed by our staff singers and friends. Savor a lively cocktail hour with silent auction, a gourmet dinner from Station Square Ristorante, and indulgent desserts. Seating is limited—call the church office to reserve your tickets today!

Today!!!

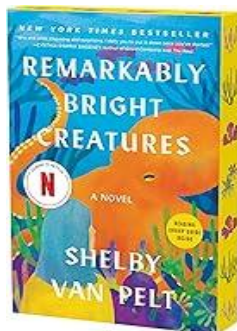
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Marilyn Snyder
3 Aria Marsh
6 Amy Sowers
7 Robin Woodberry
9 Addison Sowers
11 Carter Lewis
13 Karen Andrus
18 Marilyn Homa
21 Diane Orr
21 Judy Rich
27 Jo Lawrence
27 Megan Massaro
27 Alex Sowers
27 Avery Sowers
28 Linda Day
31 Dottie Lynn

FREE FIREWOOD: Steve Watts has firewood for anyone who is in need. The firewood is free. If you have a need and he still has it, please let him know. You can reach him at 330-770-4763. Give him a call and he will assist you.



BOOK CLUB



The book for **November 1st** discussion will be “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt. For information on acquiring a book, please see Tobie Smith.

The Club will gather at **11am** in the Church Library. Don’t forget to bring your sack lunch. Coffee will be provided.

HALLOWEEN SUNDAY FUNDAY

On Sunday, October 26th, we're hosting a Halloween Sunday Funday. Everyone is invited to wear festive costumes to worship, especially our children. After service, join us for a Halloween themed coffee hour with treats, games and fun for all ages!!

Halloween Treats...and maybe a few Tricks...hahaha



- Pumpkin Decorating for ourselves and some shut-in members.
- Halloween BINGO-Spooky but Silly!
- Family Photo Booth-Commemorate the Occasion.
- And the Cake Walk is returning so start preparing to bake those cakes!!!

Let's all have a great time!



* Cakes are needed for the Cake Walk! If you'd like to bake and donate a cake, please contact the Church Office at 330-372-4998 or email secretary@christchurchwarren.org so we can keep an accurate count.