

Sunday, October 5, 2025 (8 & 10 am) SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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<u>WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!</u> 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 Great is Thy Faithfulness – arr. Diane Bish

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. 11 Awake, my soul, and with the sun – *Morning Song*

Opening Acclamation (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

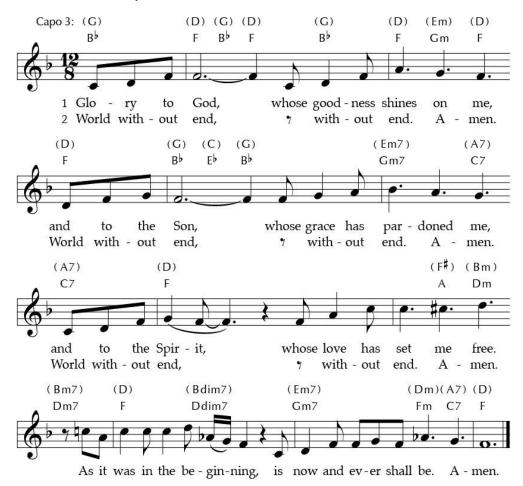
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous-therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

Psalm 37 1-10 [sung by the choir]

Noli aemulari

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; * do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, * and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; * dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, * and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, * and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light * and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD * and wait patiently for him.

- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, * the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; * do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, * but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A Reading from 2 Timothy

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn No. LEVAS 189. Great is thy faithfulness - *Faithfulness*



The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (FORM IV, BCP p. 388)

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for all those who are celebrating birthdays this week... Marilyn Snyder, Aria Marsh, Mother Robin, and Carter Lewis, Are there others?

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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: Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether – Harold Friedell

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



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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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:"

setting: Richard Proulx

Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

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.

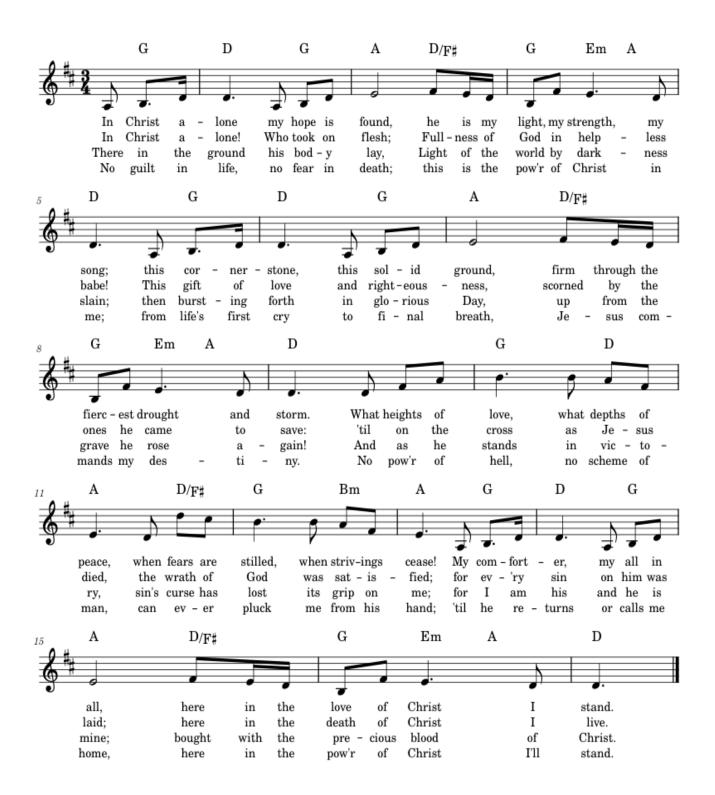
In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today 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: In Christ Alone (inserted) – Steve Getty and Stuart Townsend



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. 541 Come, labor on – *Ora Labora*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Improvisation on *Ora Labora* – Jamie Shiell

Assisting with Worship Today:

Anne Martin 8am & Laurie Jones 10am – Lector
Jan Henrey 8am & Steve Watts 10am – Lector/Chalice
Faith Scarmuzzi – Prayers/Chalice
Dan Mason & Joe Yaksich – Ushers
Beth Landers 8am, & Deb Clary, Tess Crofford, & Stacy Costley 10am - Altar Guild
Sam Davis & Amie Prezioso – Coffee Hour

Deb Murphy- AV/Video

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PARISH CHOIR IS FOR YOU

Rehearsals for the Parish Choir have resumed and are held on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM** in the Choir Room. This ensemble is open to all adults and high school students (grades 9 and above), and we are currently looking to grow. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Jamie at **music@christchurchwarren.org** or call/text **330.647.5570**.

<u>DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS (THE CHOSEN):</u> Join us on Wednesday, October 8, 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.

<u>HANDBELL CHOIR:</u> Under the direction of Jeannine Morris, rehearsals for the Handbell Choir is now up and running on **Thursdays 6:00 PM** in the Handbell Room. If you desire to ring bells and create beautiful music, then this is the place for you. Jeannine will teach you the rest!! Come to rehearsal and see if it's for you.

October Birthdays

- 2 Marilyn Snyder5 Aria Marsh7 Robin Woodberry
- 11 Carter Lewis13 Karen Andrus
- 18 Marilyn Homa
- 21 Judy Rich
- 27 Jo Lawrence
- 27 Megan Massaro
- 28 Linda Day
- 31 Dottie Lynn

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Join us TODAY,

Sunday, October 5th at 1:00 pm for a Pet Blessing
Service! Bring your beloved pets—great or small—for a special blessing as we give thanks for the joy and companionship they bring to our lives. All are welcome, whether furry, feathered, scaly, or stuffed! The service will be held in the Outdoor Chapel (weather permitting). Please be sure pets are leashed or in appropriate carriers for their safety and the safety of others.

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.

Rummage Sale: It's that time again. October 17th and 18th will be the Fall Rummage Sale. Hours will be Friday the 17th from 8 am -9 am for the early birds and then 9 am-5 pm. On Saturday the 18th from 9 am -3 pm. If you are able to volunteer, Steve could really use your help. He starts to set up on the Monday before the Sale. That means from October 13th Monday thru October 16th Thursday the Parish Hall will be filled with items for the rummage sale. Come in and lend your time and skill. There is stocking, organizing and pricing that needs to be done. Then when the sale starts, we need volunteers to run the sale and help the buyers.

If you are able to help, please let Steve Watts know, or you can call the office and let us know. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we hope you can help.

On October 25th at 6:00 PM, "**Dinner, Divas, and Dessert**," a Candlelight Cabaret, will be presented in the parish hall as part of the 2025-26 Arts on the Atlantic series. Tickets will be sold for this event.

In addition, a basket raffle will be offered, with proceeds supporting the Arts on Atlantic Series. Anyone can participate! Just pick a theme (like cats or dogs or Italian foods or bakery, etc.) and provide items to go with that theme. Need a basket? Let us know and we can provide one! Want to participate but don't like to shop? Provide a donation and we will shop for you and wrap it up in a basket!

Anyone can participate. Individuals. Groups of friends. Families. Let's make this a parish-wide opportunity to support this musical outreach program that so many people attend and enjoy!

Contact Sandee Skovran (330-719-1557 or sandraskovran@gmail.com) to identify your basket theme and/or whatever need you may have. Your participation would be greatly appreciated as this musical series continues to grow! Baskets need to be in on or before the 24th

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.



Football Sunday at Christ Episcopal!

Show your team spirit! Sunday, October 12th, the Browns take on the Steelers, everyone is invited to wear their favorite team's gear to church. Jerseys, hats, or colors — let's fill the sanctuary with fun and friendly team pride while we worship together!

Go Team!!!!!

Liturgical Ministry Trainings – Sign Up Today!

We're offering upcoming training for all who serve in worship — and for those who feel called to begin. **Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex** to indicate which training session you plan to attend.

Morning and evening sessions will be offered on multiple days to accommodate busy schedules.

These sessions allow **new participants to be trained and certified** and provide **renewal certification** (required every three years) for current servers.

Here's a brief description of each ministry:

- Worship Leader A lay person licensed to lead public worship services when a priest is not present.
 - **Acolyte** Assists at the altar, carries the cross and candles, and helps make worship flow smoothly.
- **Eucharistic Visitor** Takes the Holy Communion to members of the congregation who are unable to attend church.
- Eucharistic Minister Assists the priest during the Eucharist by administering the chalice.

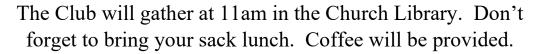
Whether you're renewing your license or feeling called to serve for the first time, these trainings are a wonderful way to deepen your participation in our shared worship.

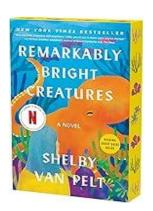
Please see Mother Robin with questions.



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 Toby Smith.





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!!!





Babes, Brunch & Bottomless Bellinis



Ladies of Christ Episcopal, you're invited to a special outing: Babes, Brunch & Bottomless Bellinis! Let's gather for laughter, good food, and fellowship at Café 422 on Sunday, November 9th, at 11:45 a.m. It's a chance to enjoy one another's company outside the church walls.

Invite a friend—this is a wonderful opportunity to conne

Bros, Brunch & Beers

Hey guys!





Let's hang out, eat some great food, watch some sports, and share some laughs at Salvatore's (Howland) — Sunday, November 16th at 12 p.m.

Bring a buddy — the more the merrier!



COMPLINE FOR ALL SOUL'S DAY—A service of remembrance for those who have died

THE PARISH CHOIR AND KIRK KUPENSKY, HARP Sunday, November 2 at 7 pm

This ancient liturgy honors the memory of those who have gone before us. The church, aglow with hundreds of candles, will shine against the darkness. Attendees may bring photos of loved ones to place at the front of the church, where each will be illumined by a candle. Come experience the beauty of chants, candles and harp!

