

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 23

October 11, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Live on Facebook and YouTube

Welcome to St. Francis-in-the-Fields!

Whether you're a guest or a member, rich or poor, young or old; whatever your political alignment, racial background, gender, ethnicity, or country of origin; no matter if you're a cradle Episcopalian, from another faith expression, or claim no faith at all – we're glad you've joined us for worship today. Please help us get to know you by completing the Guest Card in the rack at each end of the pew and placing the detachable part in the offering plate. There is a welcome table in the narthex (foyer) where you can receive more information about our parish, along with a small gift. Our clergy and greeters look forward to meeting you after the service.

Worship: Our liturgy follows the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), found in the book rack, with some material from *Enriching our Worship* (EOW). Our hymns come from the blue and green hymnals in the pews, along with other resources. All text for the service is printed in the bulletin. You are invited to prepare your soul for worship by kneeling silently in your pew before the service begins.

Children: We welcome all young children in our worship services, and ask you not to worry if your child is active or makes noise. “Busy Bags” for kids are available from the Ushers. Our “Children’s Room” in the office hallway is available if at any time your infant or child needs a change of scenery.

Accessibility: At different times during worship, the congregation may stand or kneel according to custom. Those who suffer physical discomfort are invited remain seated, or stand or kneel as they are able. During Communion, please notify an Usher if you are unable to come forward and we will bring Communion to you. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Facilities: Two public restrooms are located in the office hallway.

*(Congregational words and responses are in **bold** text.)*

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving of all whose lives have touched and blessed us.
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

Arr. Shackley

THE GREAT SILENCE

After the bell rings once, please observe a time of silence.

When the bell rings three times, please stand as able for the opening and procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal 594

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:1-8

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

Hallelujah!
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

ANTHEM: *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Scott

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!
Make your forbearance known unto all.
The Lord is at hand.
Have no anxiety about anything,
But in everything by prayer and supplication,
With thanksgiving, make your prayers known unto God.
And the peace of God which passes all understanding
Will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Lead us in paths of peace, and guide us lest we stray.
When sorrows still increase, Lord, be our living way.
Lead us to heavenly rest, though steep the path may be.
Through all, send what is best, until your face we see.

All joy will be fulfilled when we before you stand
And see your face revealed in heaven's peaceful land.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!*

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: I come with joy to meet my Lord Hymnal 304 (v. 1-2)

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria

A brief time of silent meditation follows the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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 388

Deacon 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. We pray especially for Daniel, our Bishop; Kevin, our Priest; Diane, our Deacon; Joe, our Music Director; and for all Bishops and other ministers.

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. We pray for Josh, our Governor, Donald, our President, all elected officials, and all who serve our communities, as well as all who seek election for office.

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. Make us mindful of our own exploitation of the Earth for selfish ends, and lead us, through your wisdom, to responsible and faithful choices.

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. We pray this week for the parishes of the Montgomery Deanery, especially Messiah, Gwynedd, the Brandywine Deanery and St. Andrew's, West Vincent; for our community at St. Francis-in-the-Fields, and for the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and all who find Christ in and through their faith community.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and this community in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes.

We give thanks and ask your blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Lisa, Lisa, Hortense, Sharon, and Ida. In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Discipleship leaders and groups of all ages, that they may help us be formed in the image of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for our own needs, and those of others, offered now silently or aloud.

The congregation observes a period of silence, after which spontaneous prayers are invited.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

Deacon 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.**

ABSOLUTION

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 PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

CHURCH SCHOOL ENTRANCE: *(Please welcome our children to church from church school.)*

Savior like a shepherd lead us, how we need your tender care
In green pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us yours we are (2x)

MEDITATION MUSIC

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God 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

Hymnal S129

**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.**

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 Creator 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, O 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God

Hymnal S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

This is the Table of the Lord. Wherever they may be on their spiritual journey, everyone present is invited to receive Holy Communion, including young children. Anyone unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat.

During Communion, our prayer ministers will be waiting in the north (left) transept.

Anyone desiring individual prayer is encouraged to visit them for intercession.

COMMUNION HYMN: This is the hour of banquet and of song

Hymnal 316

- 1 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.
- 2 Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.
- 3 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Creator, 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Good Christians all rejoice and sing Hymnal 205 (v. 1,3,4,5)

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 5 To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

The house microphones are still on! Please take any post-service conversations into the Narthex so those who wish, including our streaming audience, can enjoy the organ postlude.

POSTLUDE: *Alleluia*

Dubois

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, I gave the choir a piece to give them a good autumn workout! This tricky, but beautiful, anthem was written by K. Lee Scott in 2011. Most of this anthem is considered through composed. Through composed works treat each section of lyrics differently. As the choir goes from one section of text to another, the melody, texture, harmony, and mood will change. Composers love to use this when they have trickier lyrics that don't follow a particular pattern.

The first thing you will hear is a big dramatic fanfare for the text "Rejoice in the Lord always". Listen for clear harmonies and lots of energy in this section. The text contains many declarative sections, so the music matches these statements. In the next section "And the peace of God", the choir will slow down and sing in a style much more similar to a hymn. There is still some complicated rhythms in this section. Is Scott suggesting that the road to peace is an uneasy one? The next section is led by our Soprano section who will sing a soaring melody that, to my ears, sounds like it should be in an English cathedral. The rest of the choir joins in soon after and steadily builds the excitement until the final section. In the only part that I would not consider through composed, the piece finishes with the fanfare from the beginning. Or as the authors say "As is in the beginning, is now and ever shall be." I hope you enjoy this piece! The choir had a great time preparing it for you.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11, 2026

TODAY - Church School: Children ages (roughly) 5 and up are invited to come downstairs at 10am for stories, songs, and activities. Children will return to the service during the announcements.

TODAY - Introduction to the Bible: Join Fr. Kevin in the Library for a 6-week “bird’s eye” view of the history and structure of the Bible through October 25.

2027 Pledge Drive: The 2027 Pledge Drive is well underway - and the Pledge Drive Committee hopes to receive all pledges by today - October 11. If you need a pledge card, please contact David Culver at 610-724-0954 or dculver0203@gmail.com.

Monday, October 12 – Special Event: Opening of The National Center for Courageous Women of Faith: Please join us to celebrate the opening of CCWOF honoring the legacy of the Philadelphia Eleven and Bishop Barbara Harris at 1:30 pm at 225 S. 3rd Street, Phila., PA 19106. Please RSVP at www.ccwof.org. Two of our members – Deacon Diane and Roberta Torian (Rector’s Warden) have been instrumental in the development of this new exhibition.

Wednesday, October 14, Blood Drive: The last St. Francis Blood drive of the year is on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, with new hours 1-6PM. All blood types are needed. *Donors receive a \$15 e gift card.* Please make an appointment by scanning this QR code with your phone camera: Or send Nancy Orlando a message with your preferred time range and I am happy to create an appointment for you.



Friday, October 16, Book Group will be discussing *How the Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior. Veronica, who is estranged from her family, decides, after watching a documentary, to visit, to determine if the penguins are worthy to receive her inheritance. The group meets at 1 p.m. in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you have not finished the book.

Friday, October 23: CRIME at St. Francis! Tickets are on sale NOW for *frivolous fun* and *murderous mayhem* as our parish hosts *The Murder Mystery Company* of Philadelphia for an evening dinner theater. Invite friends, family, associates . . . or anyone else who looks

"suspicious". The evening begins with dinner at 6:30pm. Proceeds will benefit the outreach ministries of St. Francis and the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Tickets are \$60.00 each, payable by cash, check, or PayPal (use the QR code on the [back page](#) of this insert). Space is limited to 60.

Sunday, October 25th after Worship is our annual Fall Clean-Up Event. Please plan to stay if you are able to help with tending our grounds for the winter and coming spring. Wear casual clothes and appropriate shoes, and bring any tools you would like to use, e.g. rakes, pruners, and blowers. Soup will be provided!

Tuesday, October 27 – Brown Bag Lunch: We welcome **Jennifer Green, Director of Education at the Chester County History Center**, for an inspiring presentation on Horace Pippin, the West Chester-born artist. In her talk, **“The Life and Art of Horace Pippin: A Real and Rare Genius,”** Jennifer will explore how Pippin transformed hardship, resilience, and deep personal faith into influential works of art that continue to captivate audiences worldwide. Discover the story of a local legend whose courage and creativity still shine brightly today. Please bring your lunch and join us at 11:45 AM for a brief time of fellowship before we begin. Thanks!

Sunday, November 1 – The Feast of All Saints: On this special day on the church calendar, we will celebrate a **Baptism**, recite the **Litany of the Beloved** at the Altar, and share in a **Potluck Feast** following the service. Members and friends are encouraged throughout October to bring framed photos of loved ones who have died, which will be displayed on the Altar (an *offrenda*) that Sunday during the service. Please watch for a sign-up in the coming weeks for the potluck.

Beginning October 3: Church Farm School Exhibition: “Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr.: Citizen Printer” at the Buck Family Center for the Arts, Shreiner Way, Exton. Saturdays, October 3 – 31, and November 14, 11am - 2pm. There is no charge, but reservations are required. Reserve your spot at CFS1918.org. **Saturday, November 7 from 10pm – 2pm:** Exhibition “Episcopalian Welcome Day”. We’re extending a special welcome to our Episcopalian friends to visit the exhibition. This event is free and open to all, but registration is required at CFS1918.org/Saturdays. While you’re here, enjoy the West Whiteland Holiday Craft Fair in Church Farm's Founders Pavilion from 10am to 2pm.

Friday, November 6, 2026 @ 7pm - Liz Moore in Conversation: Church Farm's Chapel of the Atonement. The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The God of the Woods* and *Long Bright River*, now a Peacock series starring Amanda Seyfried, shares the creative process. Visit CFS1918.org/Events for tickets and information.

Weekly Contemplative Prayer: The group meets in the library on Sunday evenings at 6pm. The service includes simple prayers and singing, with 20 minutes of Centering Prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study: This weekly Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10 am, in-person and on Zoom to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is a free-flowing (and often wide-ranging!) conversation. No study required! Holy Eucharist follows at 11:15. A weekly email link is sent out for those who desire to attend virtually.

Collection for Trinity Church, Coatesville: We are collecting for "Paper Pantry A Go!" for Trinity Church, Coatesville for college students in need and will be an ongoing collection. Collection of shampoo and single-serve meals. **Single-serve meals must be shelf stable and not frozen!** Samples of the single-serve meals will be in the Narthex. A bin is in the Narthex for your donations.

Church Farm School-Griffin Clothes Closet: Help ensure CFS scholars are dressed for success! Your support helps Griffins walk confidently into every opportunity. Ways you can help: Volunteer on student shopping days, Hang and merchandise donations, Donate the most needed items. Please visit <https://www.gocfs.net/giving/griffin-clothes-closet> to learn more and sign up to help, and we'll be in touch with you directly. Our "most wanted" items have been updated on this page. You may also reach out to Cindy VanHefter at cvanhefter@gmail.com

This week we also pray for: Alice, Debbie Bachman, Bob Bark, Patricia Bird, Randy Bisesi, Carrie Hall Borgert, CJ & Family, Ken Connor, Carol Estornell, Peggy Ewing, Leslie Fant, Victoria Ford, the Rev. Phil Geleibter, Tom Grady, Grace & Tom, Gretchen Hall, Karen, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Nicole, Maria, Ruthe Meyer, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ruth, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Diane Schopf, Larry Schroeffer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson, Linda Jackalous.

Birthdays: Lisa Jones, Lisa Homa, Hortense Gordon, Sharon Fernandes, and Ida Guckes.

Our Ministries: In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Discipleship leaders and groups of all ages, that they may help us be formed in the image of Jesus Christ.

Our Diocese: The Montgomery Deanery, especially Messiah, Gwynedd; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) St. Andrews's, West Vincent. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester, as they proceed in their search process for new Rectors.

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The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez, *Bishop*; The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria, *Rector*;

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Our Vestry:

Roberta Torian, *Rector's Warden*; Lisa Buono, *Accounting Warden*; Tom Neely, *Secretary*;
Ed Damerau, John Groch, Carol Forte, Laura O'Brien, John McGovern, Susan Nangle

Ministers of Worship & Service

	October 11	October 18
Acolytes	Noah Alconera, Lana Alconera Mike Quinn	Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly
Altar Guild	Laura O'Brien, Karen Richards	Noel & Dave Dutton
Flower Guild	Mer Groch	Liz Darnel
Flower Delivery	Susan Thomas	Maureen Gunn
Intercessor	Wes Thomas	Ed Damerau
Readers	Steve Castellan, Mike Quinn	John Gallagher, Charlotte Goff
Coffee Hour		Lyette & Bruce Richards
Greeter/Usher		
Audio/Visual	David Brooks, Paul Supina	John Groch
Front Sign		
Counters	Judy Culver	Karen Richards
Linen Schedule	Jane Brooks	Jane Brooks
Sacred Bread	Joe Perry	Joe Perry
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