

August 20, 2023
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



*Joseph Forgives his Brothers
Artist: Unknown*

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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick NJ 08901

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our summer service time is 9:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds.

Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

COVID-19 Guidelines for Worship Services

Please review our COVID-19 worship guidelines below before the service begins. Ushers are available to respond to any questions you may have.

Masks are optional for worship attendees.

- .. Restroom at the 5 Paterson St. entrance will be open and available for use.
- .. We encourage attendees who are not vaccinated to maintain a six foot distance from others.
- .. **Communion:** Attendees who choose to take communion are encouraged to sanitize their hands just prior to taking communion.
- .. Communion in both kinds are offered.
- .. **Parking Vouchers:** If you parked in the garage behind the church, please obtain a parking voucher from one of the ushers.



INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need— Arnold, Christine, Dale, Danielle, Doreen, Isobel, Jacqueline, Jim, Joy, Karl, Lenora, Larry, Mary, Matthew, Penelope, Sarah, Timothy, Vivian, and Winston.

Anglican Cycle— The Church of England

Diocesan Cycle— St. Bernard's Church in Bernardsville

Christ Church Ministry— Discipleship and Adult Formation Committee

Birthdays this week— Richard Costello, Thelma Fergusson, Elfrida Gooding, Kennedy Jones, Samuel Murphy, and Robert Pritchett.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact The Rev. Joanna Hollis—732.354.1450

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Joanna and she will arrange for either herself, one of the other members of the clergy team or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Joanna or Mervis Johnson if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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A black and white photograph of a stone church building. The church features a prominent steeple with a cross on top. The building is constructed of stone and has a gabled roof. There are several windows visible, some with shutters. The church is surrounded by trees and foliage.

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PRELUDE *Prélude* Théodore Dubois

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP, page 355

GLORIA BCP, page 356

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson: *Genesis 45:1-15*

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 133

- ¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- ² It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- ³ Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- ⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- ⁵ For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able please stand and sing the following hymn

GRADUAL HYMN "God of Mercy, God of Grace"

The Blue Hymnal 1982 #538

Gospel: *Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28*

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Harry Mazujian

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Responding, “Hear our prayer,” let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN “My God Thy Table Now Spread ” **The Blue Hymnal 1982, # 321**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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BREAKING THE BREAD

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INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

***Recipient* Amen.**

Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

***Recipient* Amen.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer For Those Joining Us Online:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Red LEVAS Hymnal, # 139

All who are able please stand

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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FINAL HYMN “O Spirit of The Living God”

The Blue Hymnal 1982, #531

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider gives a blessing.

***People* Amen.**

The Presider dismisses the congregation.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Processional March in A Major, Op. 41 No.5*

Alexandra Guilmant

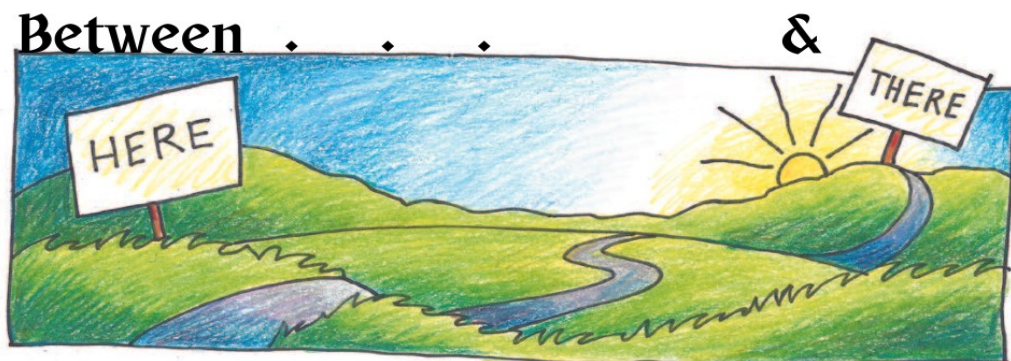
PARISH NOTES FOR AUGUST 20, 2023

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 20 – 26, 2023

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Choir Warmup
 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary
 Coffee Hour

Wednesday 12: 00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer via Zoom
 7:00 p.m. WomenSpirit, Zoom

For pastoral emergencies please contact The Rev. Scott Russell: 540-230-1240;
danielscotttrussell@gmail.com



There's YOU!

We need YOU to tell us what you need from CCNB to grow in Christ. All are welcome.

Join us for 1 hour on the 20th and 27th, 30 min after service in the Ross Room to discuss CCNB's past, present and future.

Bagels provided!
Text Nayla @ 609-819-1001 for info.



Dine to Donate

In support of Christ Church
New Brunswick
at

BLACKTHORN
— RESTAURANT & IRISH PUB —

When?

Tuesday, August 29
5pm – 9pm

Join us for dine-in or take-out orders.
Place orders in person or by phone
(not online) & mention you are there for
Christ Church's fundraiser.
*Come with Christ Church committees,
friends, family or all of the above.*



Proceeds will benefit the CCNB general fund.

SERVICE TIMES

Come and worship with us!



**Beginning Sunday, September 10 we will resume two
services. Rite I will be held at 8:00am.
Rite II will be at 10:30am.**



Blessing of the Animals St. Francis of Assisi Day


Bring your pet for a special blessing for the year! We will also be blessing shelter animals.

**Saturday, September 30
1:00 p.m.**

Rain Date: Saturday, October 14

**Franklin Animal Shelter
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset NJ**

*(On the grassy area between the old school house
and the shelter building)*

Cat or dog food donations are
greatly appreciated. 



The Franklin Township Animal Shelter was established more than 30 years ago to handle the animal control and sheltering needs of the municipality. Second Chance for Animals, a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals in shelters, provides volunteers and support to the shelter. Puppies, dogs, kittens, and cats are available for adoption. More information on Second Chance for Animals can be found at <http://secondchanceforanimals.org/>.

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We, the body of Christ Church, seek to share God's love through our relationships with each other and our extended communities.

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MINISTERS OF THE
LITURGY

	August 20	August 27
Presider	Rev. Harry Mazujian	Rev. Elizabeth Golub
Preacher	Rev. Harry Mazujian	Rev. Elizabeth Golub
Organist	Prince Nyatanga	Prince Nyatanga
9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Lector & Intercessor	Doreen Sirjue / Jonathan Gloster	Meegan Adames
LEM	Kevin Stansbury	Sheila Cooper
Vestry Announcements	Wendy Benjamin	Jim Nichols
Acolytes (3)		Graciela & Nico Adames
Ushers	Mel Garber	Jonathan Gloster
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Jason Kaelber
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson/ Mar- garet Brown- Stansbury	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper
Coffee Hour		
Counters		15

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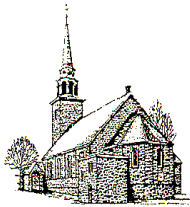


PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshipping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service and fellowship.

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