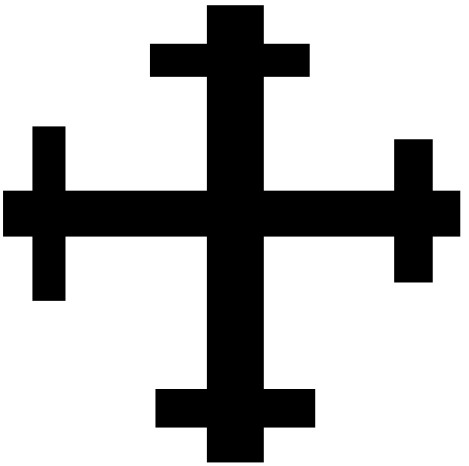
All Saints Day
November 1, 2026



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

AND THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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CHRIST CHURCH

5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 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.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular 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.

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— *Alena, Betsy, Carlos Jr., David, Emily, Grace, Hector, Jane, Jeannine, Michael, Milton, Pat, Patricia, Robin, Ron, Rosanne, Rozie, Sarah, Sunn, Timothy, Tina Vincent*

Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Anglican Church in Central America*

Diocesan Cycle *– All Saints' Church in Bay Head, Lakewood, Navesink, Princeton, and Scoth Plains, The Revs: Canon Jonathan Deacon, Canon John T. Morrow, Frank C. Strasburger*

Christ Church Ministry *– Stewardship Committee*

Birthdays this week *– Mekhi Abbott, Cierra Brown, Cameron Dennis, Jerrod Elson, Gabrielle Forbes, Clover Long*

Memorial Flowers— *are given by the late Elizabeth Durham in memory of Leila and Leslie Gladwell, Mrs. Randolph M. Beebe in memory of Carlos B. Needham, Jr., Carlos B. Needham, Sr., and Mary and Ellen Neeham, Marion B. DeVoe Altar Guild in memory of the deceased members of the Marion B. DeVoe Altar Guild*

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 Rev. Scott Russell– 732.545.6262 ext. 1 or Rev. Daphne P. Roberts—732.545.6262 ext. 3

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Roberts and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Russell or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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Worshipping God Serving God's People
Christ Church New Brunswick

November 1, 2026
All Saints Day
9:30 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

PRELUDE *Prelude on Be Thou My Vision* Pietro Cattaneo

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "For All the Saints" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #287 v. 1-4**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Presider welcomes the people and says

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

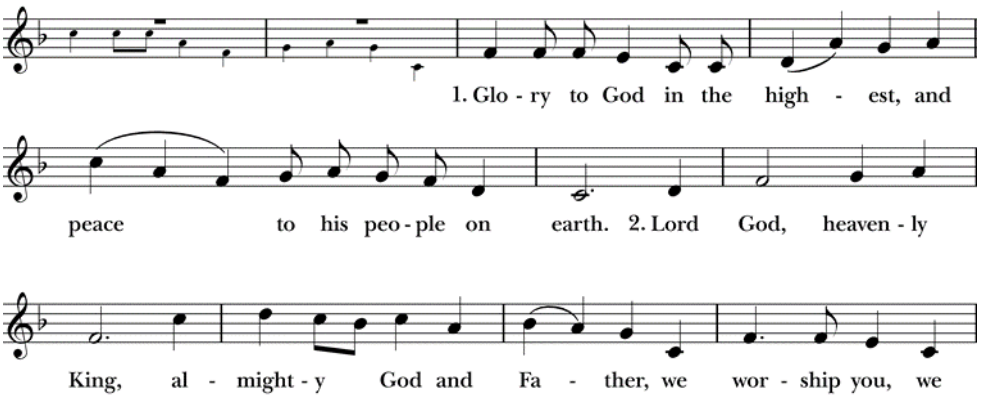
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

COLLECT OF PURITY *BCP, page 355*

The Presider says

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.***

GLORIA *Blue Hymnal 1982, S280*




give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider says to the people

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting**. Amen.**

First Lesson: *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM 34:1-10,22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

STEWARDSHIP EPISTLE Towanda Stovall

GRADUAL HYMN "In Christ there is no East or West"
Red LEVAS *Hymnal* #62

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

SERMON Rev. Scott Russell

All who are able please stand

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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

Presider Eternal God, through the waters of baptism and by the work of the Holy Spirit, you have called women and men of every age to be your saints. Let us be still and give thanks for our forbears in faith, chosen vessels of your grace and the lights of the world in their generations:

Beverly Briggs, Bettye Chant, Hector Bradnock, Don Edwards, Mildred Eichhorn, Kevin Fields, Monica Fields, John Fleming, Joann Gloster, Matthew and Judy Guerra, Lillie Ruth Hardingham, Ve. Dr. Arnold T. Hollis, Catherine Jaminson, Jacob Jones, Chris Jones, David Justis, Ishmael Kaloko, Abdul Joko Massaquoi, Bob Molumbis, Chuku-Dinka Radcliff Spencer, David Reed, Kenneth Scarder, George Schwarz, Mike Simms, David Stovall, Carol Taylor, Prince D. Taylor, Sharise Wilson, Gail Zelley

We remember before you as well those who live in our hearts and in yours, including those listed on pages 20 & 21, and we name them before you now. *Members of the congregation are invited to name those they wish to remember.*

When the recitation of names has concluded, the Presider says

Presider Remember these your servants, O Lord, and those whose faith was known to you alone, and grant that, increasing in the knowledge and love of you, they and we and those to come may share in your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INGATHERING & STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Now Let Us Praise Famous Men"

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renownèd for their power,
Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge.
Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing:
All these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times.
And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been.
Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP page 369*

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

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstel-

lar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

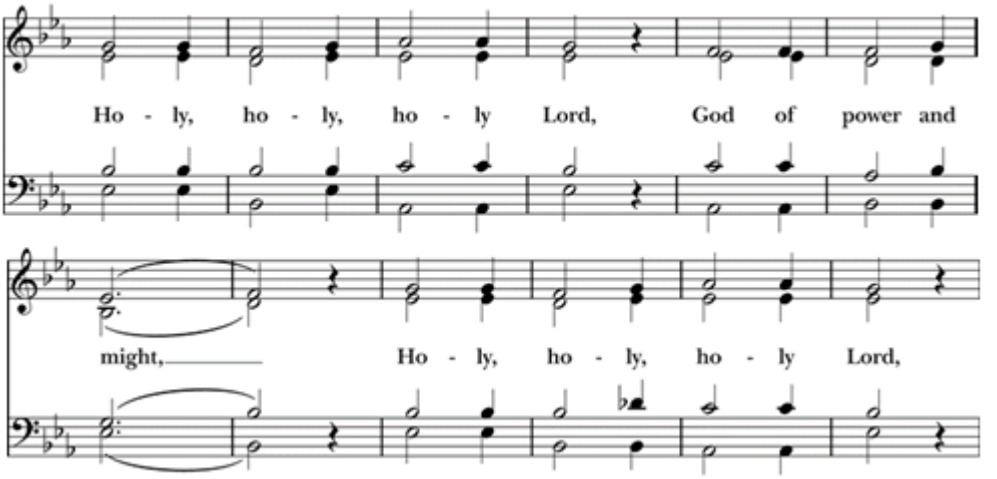
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**
By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS Blue *Hymnal 1982, S130*




God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Presider And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,**
as we await the day of his coming.

Presider Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORDS'S PRAYER Blue *Hymnal 1982, S150*

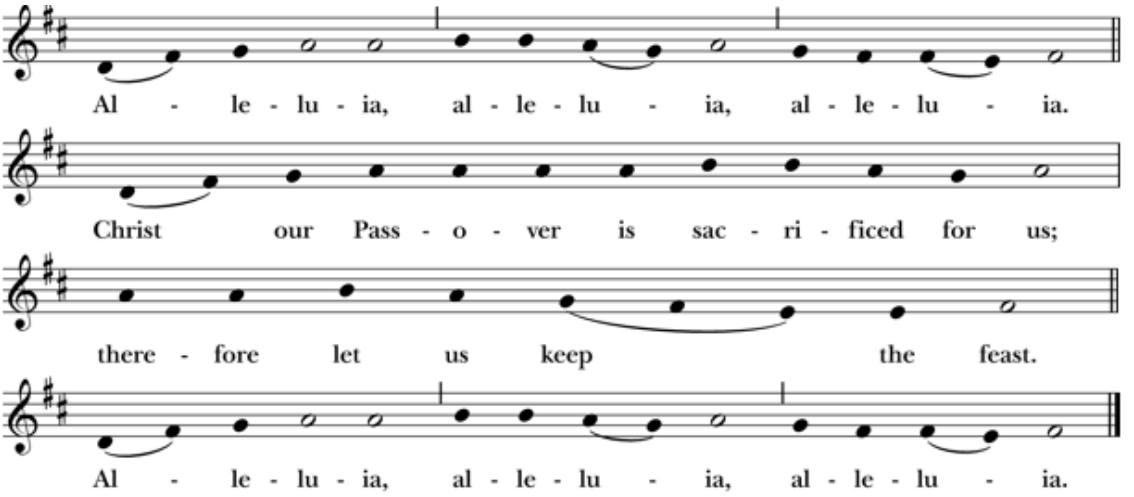


Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the bread. After a period of silence, all sing

Fraction Anthem

Blue *Hymnal 1982, S154*



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 "Remember Your Servants Lord"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #560

All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider *Let us pray.*

All **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.

FINAL HYMN "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones!"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #618

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

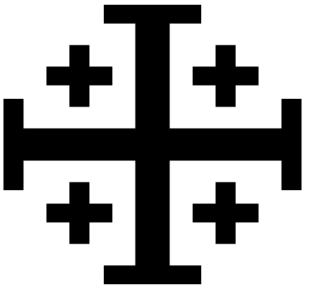
The Presider blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **Flötenuhrstücke: No. 25 - Marche** Joseph Haydn



We remember today

Alberto Abbott
Gladys Abbott
Rafaela Adames
Maria Armas
David Banfield
Duley Bandfield
Dorinda Banton
Robert Bass
Linnett and Astley Bent
Arthur Bernard
Cora & William Bledsoe
Billy Bladsoe
William S. Borden
James Borden
Arnette Bourne
Luther & Pam Bourne
Dotty Bradnock
Hadley and Dorothy Brown
Willie C. Brown
Floyd Browne
Roy Bryan
James and Essie Campbell
Kathleen Campbell
Adam Capers
Eleanor Chambers
Sylvester Christo-Davies
Godfrey Cole
Marcus Cole
Patrick Collier
Barbara & William Cooper
Carol & Richard Cooper
Godfrey Cooper
Jeffrey Cox
Kenneth Crump
Novella Darden
Edith Naomi Davies
Muriel Davies
Will DeGregorio
Anita DelPlato
Willie Dudley
Floyd Dudley
Abu Dyfan
Estha Dyfan
Fauzia Dyfan
Hashmia Dyfan
Radia Dyfan
Robert Easton
Eduardo Edwards
Mary Edwards
Jon Elliott
Glen Fugate
John F. & Mallie Gloster
John & Ochamae Gloster
Jose Graciano
Hugo Grose
Audrey & Kourse Harvey
Avis Harvey
Karen Harvey
Lillian Harvey
Olga Harvey
Ralph Harvey
Truman Harvey
Filmore Hiller
Juanita Hinkson
Carlyle Hunte
Conrad Hunte, Sr.
Conrad Hunte, Jr.,
Etheline Hunte
Hugh Hunte
Paul Ivan Hunte
Jose and Bridget Irizarry

We remember today contd.

Walter Jaminson
Alric Johnson
Bert Johnson
Carlie Johnson
Cedric Johnson
Ella Johnson
Irvin Johnson
Joslynn Johnson
Lambert Johnson
Lorraine Johnson
Lourine Johnson
Renis Johnson
Richard Johnson
Herman & Grace Khaebe
Yvonne Kirley
Percy LCrawlle
Excel Lowe
Julius N. Lowe
Theresa Lowe
Helene Luskie
Pam Lyons
M. Lee Maddux
Edith Manley
Emma and Richard Martin
Anibal Mendez
Charles Mills
Connie Montgomery
Johnny Murphy
Hazel & Charles Myer
Nell Peterson
Sylvanie R. Phills
Neil Peterson
Irene Pozo
Modesto Pozo
Nelson Pozo
Beth Priest
Jonathan Ayo Pratt-Davies
Gertrudo Pullaro
Jim (Pappy) Pullaro
Blanca Rivera
Hensley Rowe
Hezekiah Rowe
Irvin Rowe
Lascelles Rowe
Nancy Rowe
Beresford, Ruth, Alan, Lillian Russell
Richard Russell
Eladio Sanchez
Joan Scarder
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Frederick, Pete, Jonnie Stansbury
Nathaniel Streeter
George V. Sullivan, Jr.,
Mary Sullivan
Elaine Walcott
Olive Williams
Bamiejoko Williams
Mavis P. Wickham
Florance Winters
Abdul Karim Yilla
Kathryn Zgoba

PARISH NOTES

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1- NOVEMBER 7

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday – 9:30am to 3:00pm, Friday – 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Warm Up
	9:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	5:00 p.m.	Graveyard Tour
	6:30 p.m.	Chili Cookoff
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom

Sunday, November 8
Rite II

Sunday, November 15
Morning Prayer

Plenty Good Room

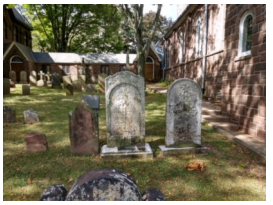
Christ Church 2027 Pledge Certificates

Have you completed your online Pledge Certificate for 2027? The link is located in the weekly email. A paper copy can be found on the table in the back of the church.

Thank you to those who have pledged $87,911 to date.

Meegan & Samuel Adames
John Ager & Anne Dillon
Yvette Bailey
Karen Bemis & Douglas Bonar
Wendy Benjamin
Margaret Brown-Stansbury & Ronald Stansbury
Patricia Buckendahl
Sheila Cooper
Joyce Duhr
Jean Houvener
Mervis Johnson
B. Pat Lowe
Debra Lowe
Fernanda Perrone
Gloria Peroune
H. Arthur Phills
Barry V. Qualls
Peggy Smith
Sandra Smithson
Towanda Stovall
Tom Struble
Jean H. Zimmerman

Our work TOGETHER depends on your support.



ALL SAINTS DAY GRAVEYARD TOUR AND PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED TODAY!

On November 1st, step into the quiet mysteries of the churchyard for a special All Saints Day gathering.

Join us as we wander among the graves, remember the souls who came before us, and offer prayers for the faithful departed. Together, we will take time to reflect, honor those who have gone before us, and embrace the spirit of remembrance.

5:00 PM — Churchyard Tour & Prayers for the Departed
Gather with us for an evening of solemn remembrance, flickering candlelight, and fellowship as we honor the faithful departed.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful time with you.



Let the Chili Showdown Begin!
Join Us Tonight at 6:30pm

After the churchyard tour, join us for a little friendly competition and a whole lot of flavor!

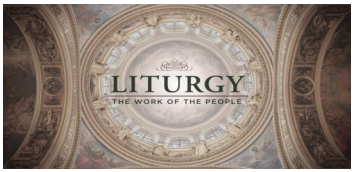
Come enjoy a tasty adventure as we sample a variety of delicious chili recipes and put your taste buds to the test. You'll have the chance to rank your favorites and help decide who will take home the coveted **1st Place Prize!**



Who has the best chili? Which recipe will steal the show? Who will earn the ultimate bragging rights?

The winner will be announced at 7:00pm

Bring your appetite, your enthusiasm, and your voting skills! We can't wait to see which chili comes out on top!



*Answer the Call: Serve Our Church!**

Thank you to those of you who joined us on October 4, to learn about more serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Intercessor, or Usher.

As a follow up, on **November 1**, immediately following the service, we will provide hands on training for each role as the sign up sheets to serve in November and December are now available.

We look forward to seeing you then.



Count Down to Christmas with Our See's Candy Advent Calendar Raffle!

The holiday season is just around the corner, and we have a little extra excitement to make the countdown to Christmas even sweeter!

Join our **raffle** for a chance to win a **See's Candy Advent Calendar** and add a little magic to your holiday season.

Each day brings us one step closer to Christmas, and you won't want to miss the fun!

Get your raffle tickets today! Tickets are $5 each.

Tickets can be purchased in person, via Zelle, using the QR code, or check. Be sure to specify RAFFLE in the memo line.

Best of luck to everyone!



Join members of Christ Church
November 15 after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

We will be packing flatware for Elijah's Promise during Coffee Hour.

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of heavyweight forks and spoons as well as dinner-size napkins would be appreciated. Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "Elijah's Promise" in the subject line.

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

taking faith home

All our sorrows will be wiped away.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Matthew 5:1-12**	**The Beatitudes**
Monday	**Revelation 7:9-17**	**God will wipe away tears**
Tuesday	**1 John 3:1-3**	**Our hope in God**
Wednesday	**Isaiah 54:5-10**	**The eternal covenant of peace**
Thursday	**Romans 15:14-21**	**Paul's work as a missionary**
Friday	**John 11:17-27**	**The resurrection and life**
Saturday	**Psalm 34:1-10, 22**	**Honor the Lord**
Sunday	**Matthew 25:1-13**	**Parable of the ten bridesmaids**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[F]or the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." **Revelation 7:17 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, we thank you for joining us to the saints throughout the ages through our shepherd, Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for this food as we taste and see that you are good. Amen. (Psalm 34:8)

A Blessing to Give:
May God wipe away every tear. (Revelation 7:17)

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Behold the Host

Arrayed in White

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you grieved the loss of a loved one? Tell a story about that person.
- How does God comfort you when you are sad and grieving?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Revelation 7:9-17.

The seer of this heavenly vision allows us to imagine the future of loved ones who have died, especially those who have shaped our own lives of faith with their living witness. Most likely they did not experience the kind of persecution envisioned in Revelation, but all lives know the pain and turmoil of daily struggles. In the end, what remains of their—and our—sufferings and disappointments are swept up in a larger reality, one that sees the Lamb at the center. This is Christ, our shepherd, who suffered and died, and through whose blood our lives are purified so that we all may stand before the throne of God. The truth of the reign of God through the Good Shepherd is that all our sorrows will be wiped away. We look to a future where there are no more tears and no more sadness to overcome. There is a great victory in life. It is the victory of the Lamb who was slain and now begins his reign of *"[b]lessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and power and might . . . to our God forever and ever! Amen"* (v. 12).

Discuss: Where or who do you turn to for comfort when a loved one has died?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, we thank you for the promise of life and love and peace for all the saints—past, present, and future—through Christ our shepherd. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out and support someone who is grieving a loss?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saints Day is a time to remember all the saints in our lives, both the living and the dead. Think or talk about memories you have of people who have blessed your life.

Light a candle and pray: **Dear God, thank you for the life of [name of people]. I am grateful for all the blessings that came to my life through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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Coffee Hour		Sheila Cooper

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