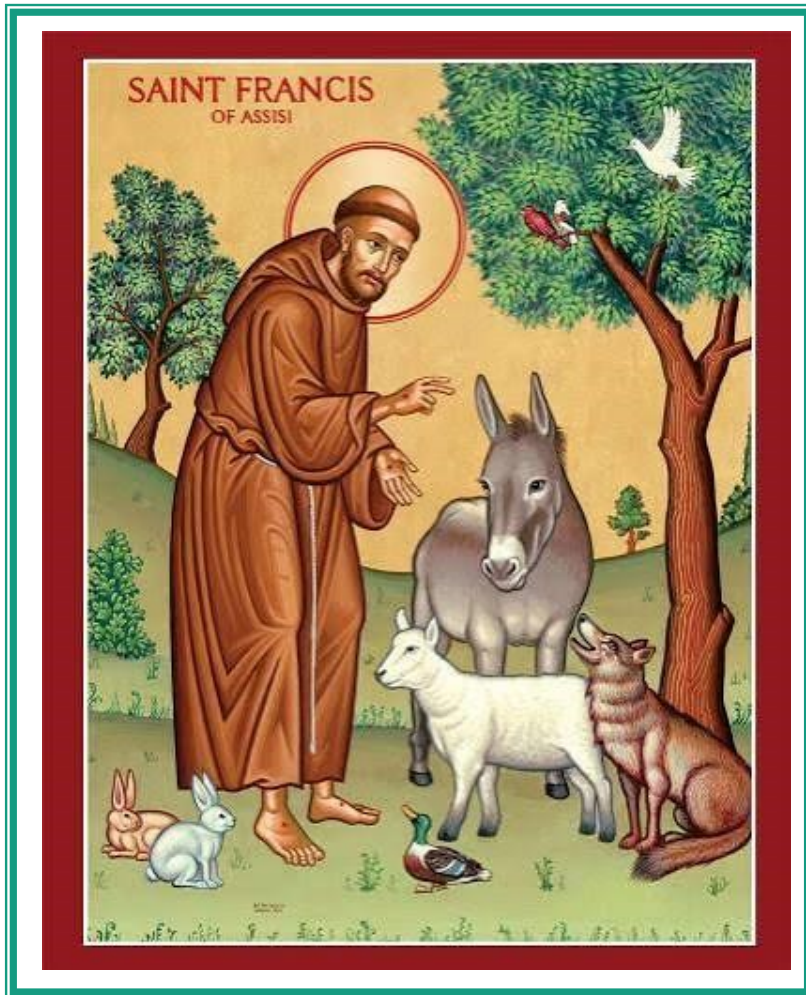


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026



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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, christ-churchnewbrunswick.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, Hector, Jane, Jeannine, Michael, Milton, Pat, Patricia, Robin, Rozie, Sarah, Timothy, Tina, Vincent

Anglican Cycle— we pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil

Diocesan Cycle— St. Francis' Church in Dunellen, Members and Ministry of the Animal Welfare Team

Christ Church Ministry— Personnel Committee

Birthdays this week— Gloria Allen, Emma Chant, Wilfredo Coriano, John Egekeze, Carlos Garcia, Zoe Jarrett, J Mary Nelson, Caleb Ola-Pratt, Owen Thomas, Dorothy Walworth, Max Wilkerson

Flower Memorial— Thomas and Carol Martin in memory of James H. and Helen L. Martin, Mrs. Ann Reiter Kendall in memory of Elsie Dorries Sanderson and Dr. Sidney Sanderson

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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9:30 AM



THE HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN “This is My Father’s World ” **The Blue Hymnal 1982 #651**

THE WORD OF GOD

All who are able please stand as the ministers enter and sing

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 324

The Presider says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA

BCP, page 324

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider says to the people

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Lesson:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me." "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth." "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
**the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
**the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
**sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I re-

gard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Scott Russell

All who are able please stand

THE NICENE CREED

ALL 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

Leader **Responding, “Renew and protect your creation, O God,” let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ according to our needs and for all of God’s creation in its need..**

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

Minister and People

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

The Presider says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Scan this code to support Christ Church’s ministries and outreach to the community.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP page 340

Presider The Lord be with you.

ALL And with thy spirit.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

ALL It is meet and right so to do.

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

**ALL Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People

ALL

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 for-

give 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 Celebrant continues

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. After a period of silence, all say

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

ALL *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei

ALL O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

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.

AFTER COMMUNION

All who are able please stand

Presider Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.
Amen.

FINAL HYMN “His Eye is on the Sparrow” Red LEVAS Hymnal II #191

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

People Amen.

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARISH NOTES

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 4- 11

Parish Office Hours This Week:

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am -3:00pm, Friday - 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Choir Warm Up
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary

Wednesday 12:00p.m. Noonday Prayer, Zoom
7:30 p.m. WomenSpirit, Zoom

**JOIN US AFTER THE 9:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM*

Sunday, October 11

Rite II

Sunday, October 18

Rite II



****Answer the Call: Serve Our Church!****

Inspired by recent parish survey enthusiasm, we're seeking dedicated volunteers to join our vital ministries. Deepen your faith and enrich our worship as a Lay Eucharistic Minister,

Lector, Intercessor, or Usher. No prior experience is necessary; just a willingness to contribute your gifts!

Learn more at our ****Ministry Information Session**** immediately following the service on ****Sunday, October 4th**** (approx. 45 minutes). Kevin Stansbury and Mel Garber will provide insights into each role. Come discover how you can make a difference! Attending is for information only, no commitment required.



Church Directory Update

We are updating our church directory!

Directory update forms are available in the back of the church.

Please take a moment to review your information and make sure everything is correct and up to date. If any changes are needed, please make the necessary corrections on the form.

Thank you for helping us keep our church directory accurate and current!

It is time for the Christ Church October RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, October 5**. Please place your orders accordingly.

RaiseRight website: <https://www.raiseright.com/shop>



Friends, Please join us as we gather on the first Monday of each month for a prayerful way to end our day. Creation Care Compline is a collaboration of the Green Caucus and the Creation Care Mission of The Episcopal Church. The next Compline service is **October 5th at 8 pm ET**.

Join an evening of prayer and meditation hosted by the church's creation care ministry and the Green Caucus of The Episcopal Church. [Register using the link in the weekly email](#).



**You are invited to join the Fourth
Century Task Force as we celebrate the
end of Phase 1, The Feasibility Study.
10/6 at 6:30pm.**



Supporting Families at Delaney Hall

We are pleased to share that ECS-NJ will be working with the Diocese of Newark to support families of people being held at Delaney Hall.

One of the needs identified for this program is **grocery store gift cards**, which can provide practical support to families during a difficult time.

We are asking for your help! You can support this effort by using **Raise Right** to purchase **ShopRite or Stop & Shop gift cards**. Your purchase will help provide groceries and essential support to families in our community.

Thank you for helping ECS-NJ and the Diocese of Newark care for and support these families. Every gift makes a difference!

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

Blessing of the Animals



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, October 10
2:00 p.m.**

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



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/>.



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

Cat or dog food donations, paper towels, un-scented plain bleach, and newspapers are greatly appreciated.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE



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The Wheat Beneath Our Feet: A Quiet Day for Women

Saturday October 17th

10am to 4pm

St Peter's Episcopal Church

33 Throckmorton Street

Freehold, NJ

Guest Speaker

The Rev. Allison Burns-La Greca

Save the Date

Registration now open



St. Francis Chapter

Freehold NJ

St. Peter's Episcopal Church



PACKING PARTY

Heroes wanted!

**Join members of Christ Church
October 18 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.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Calling all chili makers...



Christ Church will be hosting an All Saints Party, Graveyard Tour and Chili Cook Off on **Sunday, November 1, 2026**. Tentative times are the tour at 5:00 pm chili cook off at 6:30 pm.

The cook off will be a blind tasting, numbers will be assigned. The winner gets a blue ribbon and bragging rights.

Bring your "A" game and your best chili.



More information is coming but in the meantime, **we want to know!** Do you have an American Regional chili or something else? With or without meat? With or without beans? Is the sauce red, white or green?

Choice Food and Resource Center

January to August, 2026



Volunteers: With heavy hearts we bid goodbye to Mark McMahon as he prepares for his move. In September we welcomed Mary Lou Taylor who will be helping register guests. As always, we thank Doug Bonar for his continued service and Pat Buckendahl for inventory assistance. Together we help our neighbors access an assortment of fresh and shelf-stable foods as well as personal care products and other items supplied by the Community Food Bank of NJ, REPLENISH (the Middlesex County food bank), Amazon, and private donations such as your support through Christ Church's Food Pantry account. If you are interested in helping, contact Catherine Ambos at 732-718-2039 or msambos@gmail.com.

The Choice Food and Resource Center (CFRC) has 420 in-person appointments available each month. Most of the available slots are filled each month, but generally about 20% of the people do not come to their appointment. Since July, ICE has been seen more frequently in the Handy Street - Suydam St. areas, and this may have impacted the number of people who miss appointments. Unity Square received a grant to do home delivery to people who are unable to get to Unity Square in person. The home delivery started in June and has kept the Assistance numbers fairly consistent despite a reduction in the number of people showing up for their appointments.

CFRC Assistance	2026	to Date							
	2026 January	Febru- ary	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Assistance Records	793	773	851	804	758	793	774	787	816
Children < 18 y.o.	544	536	567	550	477	516	513	490	529
Adults > 17 y.o.	950	921	984	949	921	929	968	933	942
Seniors > 60 y.o.	215	204	209	202	221	219	229	214	220
Households	401	393	412	401	385	399	407	385	411
Total Individuals	1494	1457	1551	1499	1398	1445	1481	1423	1471

Definitions:

Assistance Records: The number of categories each family received from in a visit: everyone receives the Food “record” plus one additional “record” for any other category: diapers (by size), adult incontinence products (by size) and sanitary products. For example, a family with two children needing diapers of different sizes would have two different records, but if both children used the same size diapers, they would have one record.

Total Individuals: Adults plus children 17 and under.

Seniors: Adults over age 60. This category is broken out by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey so we can better see the number of seniors served.

In addition to the 420 scheduled appointments, the CFRC now does an “open distribution” every Friday in each month other than the second Friday when guests have appointments. At open distributions, foods (mostly shelf-stable items and fresh fruits and vegetables when available) are laid out on tables in front of the large, overhead garage door of the old firehouse. People line up with their own bags to select what they want. Between 150 and 200 neighbors take advantage of this opportunity each week. Some of these families also have an appointment for food, some do not. Since neither identification nor registration is required, this expands our ability to serve our neighbors.

Peace,

Catherine Ambos



laundrylove

So far this year, Laundry Love has been incredibly helpful to our New Brunswick area neighbors. We started 2026 with 42 cards left over from 2025. In June and July we received a total of \$2,000 from a Unity Square grant to purchase an additional 100 Handy St. Laundromat cards. We have, however, been distributing more than 42 cards a month (50 or more every month since June), and this is not sustainable without additional fundraising.

Also, I have been handling the administrative aspects of the program alone. I need a committee to help shape the future of this program. Please contact me at 732-718-2039 or msambos@gmail.com to explore how you can help us keep this program growing and meeting the need of our community.

Catherine Ambros, Coordinator
New Brunswick Laundry Love @ Handy St. Laundromat

Laundry Love 2026	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Year to Date
Total Fam this Month (cards distributed)	46	46	47	46	46	51	56	53	56	447
Tot. Indiv., this month	161	162	172	169	160	195	189	195	220	1623
Tot. children this month	68	67	68	70	60	76	78	77	99	663
Tot Fam to Date	46	92	139	185	231	282	338	390	444	2147
Total Indiv to Date	161	323	495	664	824	824	1013	1408	1614	7326
Tot, Children to date	68	135	203	273	333	333	411	563	662	2981
New Families this month	46	6	2	2	1	5	1	1	3	67
New Individuals this month	161	26	8	5	4	24	4	5	19	256
New Children this month	68	8	2	1	2	10	1	1	11	104
Unique families to date	46	52	54	56	59	62	63	64	67	523
Unique Indiv. this year to date	161	187	195	200	204	228	232	237	256	1900
Unique Children this year	68	76	75	76	78	88	89	91	102	743

OCTOBER 4, 2026
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Faith in Christ gives us confidence.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
Monday	Isaiah 5:1-7	A song about a vineyard
Tuesday	Philippians 3:4b-14	To know Christ
Wednesday	2 Peter 3:14-18	Final exhortation
Thursday	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Paul's instructions to Timothy
Friday	John 14:1-7	Jesus the Way to the Father
Saturday	Psalms 80:7-15	Prayer for Israel's deliverance
Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[A]nd be found in him [Christ], not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. **Philippians 3:9 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to trust that in your death there is eternal life and in suffering there is the power of love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Nurturing God, we thank you for this food; help us to use food wisely so that others may have enough to eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine on you. (Psalm 80:7)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come and Fill Our Hearts



taking faith home

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:

- What values and qualities do look for in a friend?
- How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Philippians 3:4b-14.

According to research on American religious views, we want to be saved by God because we are “good people.” We really don’t appear to get it. We prefer to rely on our own merits rather than trust the power of Christ’s death and resurrection that conquers our sin. Perhaps this is part of the sinful self-centeredness that Christ comes to cleanse us of. Paul writes to the church at Philippi. He points out that if anyone has a claim to self-righteousness based on the law that measures our goodness, Paul would be pretty unbeatable; he would be “*blameless*” (v. 6). But he counts all of his religious success as “*loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*” (v. 8). The truly amazing part of his testimony is that knowing Christ does not free him from suffering; he is not concerned about why bad things happen to good people. Paul announces his freedom to suffer with Christ. This theology of the cross sees life in death, sees joy in suffering, and sees hope in despair. Paul presses “*on to make it my own*” (v. 12). He is announcing a view of life, and this way of life sees Christ as the source of all our hopes of salvation.

Discuss: How does your faith in Christ free you to experience suffering with hope?

Pray: Dear God, help us to know Jesus; may we focus our attention on the needs of others and to care for them through Christ our Lord. 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 be a good friend to someone by caring for their needs?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Philippians 3, Paul talks about pressing towards the goal to reach the prize of knowing Christ Jesus. Think about a time you tried to reach a goal. What happened? Whether we reach the goal or not, God is always with us.

Pray: Lord, help us to keep our eye on the goal, the prize of the “*heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*” Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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Preacher	Rev. Scott Russell	Rev. Scott Russell
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Lector <u>&</u> Intercessor	Debra Lowe	Kevin Stansbury
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Production Minister		
Altar Guild	Shannon Pullaro/ Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper
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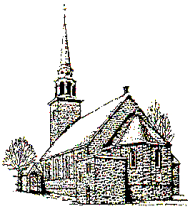


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