Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025



Artwork: Elijah's Ascent
Artist: Shlomo Katz

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CHRIST CHURCH

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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.

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— *Barb, Brianna, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Erica, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jim, Julia, Kristen, Lori, Margaret, Pam, Pat, Robert, Rose, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Thelma, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian*

Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

Diocesan Cycle *– St. Peter's Church in Barnegat Light, Cape May Point, Clarksboro, Freehold, Hamilton, Medford, Perth Amboy, and Spotswood; St. Pauls' Church in Bound Brook, Camden, and Westfield; Holy Apostles Church in Yardville. The Very Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca, The Ven. Dr. Alson B. H. Percival*

Christ Church Ministry *– Tuesdayers*

Birthdays this week *– Barbara Chludzinski, Lynn Hutchings, Stacy Bruden, Isaiah Caldwell, Rebecca Chant, Andrew Hadzimichalis, Edna Pozo, Ronald Stansbury, Andros Thomson*

Memorial Flowers *– are given by the Stevens & Hawke Families in memory of Harold A. Fenton, and the Lisnay Family in memory of Lillian Lisnay*

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 or the Rev. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Hollis and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis 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

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE Malagueña T. Brown

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "Tell out my soul" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 438**

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**

GLORIA

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.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: *2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 77:1-2, 11-20

1 I will cry aloud to God; *
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; *
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.
11 I will remember the works of the Lord, *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
12 I will meditate on all your acts *
and ponder your mighty deeds.
13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?
14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.
15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
16 The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.
17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;
18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.
19 Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
20 You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

THE EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13-25*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN "Holy Spirit, everliving" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 511**

THE GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

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

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were go-

ing along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God

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

SERMON Deacon Daphne Roberts

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 Let us pray to our God, saying "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

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "He Lives" **Red LEVAS II *Hymnal*, # 42**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, page 361*

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day.

Presider 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

ALL **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Presider Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider As our brother Christ taught us, we now pray,

ALL **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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 "For the Bread which you have broken"
The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 341

All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

FINAL HYMN "In Christ there is no east or west" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 529**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon blesses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Voluntary J. Stanley

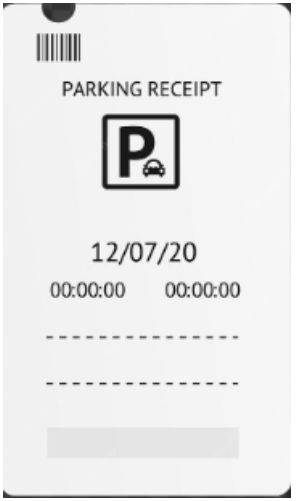
PARISH NOTES

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 29– JULY 5, 2025

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

Sunday	**9:30 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Tuesdayers, Zoom
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom

*JOIN US AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM



Parking Voucher Update – Important Instructions

The NBPA has updated the parking garage vouchers. Please follow the steps below to ensure a smooth exit process:

1. **Upon Arrival:** Present your parking voucher to the **ushers**. They will give you a **sticker**.

2. **Apply the Sticker:** Place the sticker in the **designated space** on your voucher.

3. **When Exiting the Garage:**
- First, **scan the barcode** on your original parking ticket.
- Then, **scan the sticker** provided by the usher.

If you have any questions, please see an usher or staff member.

Summer Choir
Join us!

If you are interested in singing in the Summer Choir contact our Music Director Suzanne McDonald for details. Email music@christchurchnewbrunswick.org. We would love to have you!



Christ Church of New Brunswick will be re-enacting a Declaration of Independence reading on the 4th of July 2025.

This commemorates the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Col. John Neilson to citizens of New Brunswick in July 1776. This year we will also be reflecting on the current state of America relative to the aspirations of the Declaration with Bruce Morgan from the New Brunswick Chapter of the NAACP and others noting, as Frederick Douglass did in 1852, that many in America are still being oppressed, and denied freedom spiritually, physically and economically.

In addition to the readings there will also be tour of the Historic Christ Church graveyard.
Activities start at 10:00AM, July 4th, 2025, light refreshments available.

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It is time for the Christ Church July RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, July 7.** Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, mail it by **Wednesday, July 2.** Please advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time. If you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website **https://www.raiseright.com/shop** or app, he will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.


Save The Date
YOU'RE INVITED TO A
"FAREWELL & BEST OF LUCK" PARTY FOR
The Rev. Joanna P. Hollis
SATURDAY,
AUGUST
2
1:00PM -
4:00PM
2025
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	June 29	July 6
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Daphne Roberts	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Deacon	Daphne Roberts	
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
	9:30 A.M.	**9:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Sheila Cooper	
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Debra Lowe	Elizabeth Clark
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Debra Lowe	Jonathan Gloster
Usher		
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth	Mervis Johnson, Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Coffee Hour		

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