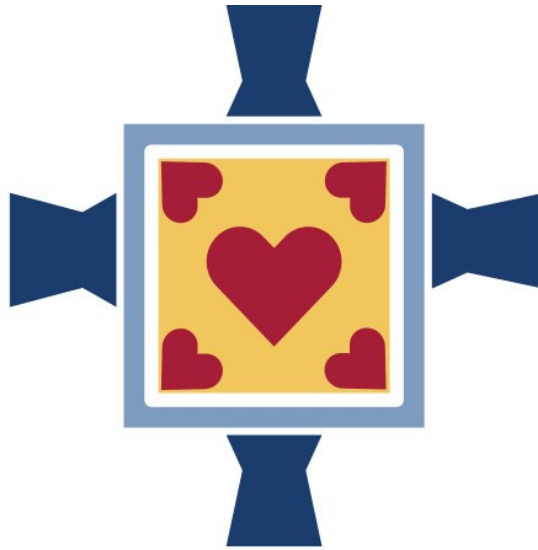


Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026



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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, 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, Ted, Timothy, Tina, Vincent

Anglican Cycle— we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada

Diocesan Cycle— St. Luke's Church in Ewing, Gladstone, Metuchen, and Woodstown; St. Luke and All Saints' Church in Union

Christ Church Ministry— Production Ministry

Birthdays this week— Eliyah Caruso

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 Russel— 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 II

PRELUDE

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN “All my hope on God is founded”

The Blue Hymnal 1982 #665

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

BCP, page 356

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider says to the people

Presider The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The

Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

¹ The Lord is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

² The Lord is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

³ Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

⁴ "O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

⁸ O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and worship him upon his holy hill; *

⁸ **for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

STEWARDSHIP EPISTLE

Jason Kaelber

GRADUAL HYMN “Blessed Jesus at Thy Word”

The Blue Hymnal 1982 #440

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord 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 Let us offer our prayers for the church, the world and all creation, responding, "Hear our prayer,"

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

ALL **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 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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Building on a Rock”

Linda Spevacek-Avery

We are building on a rock on high, thank God.
It's a mighty true rock on high, thank God.
Christ Jesus is the rock on high, thank God.
The very gates of hell on high
will not prevail against it on high, thank God.
We are building on a rock, a mighty solid rock.
We're building, yes we're building on a solid rock, thank God.

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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 interstellar 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

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 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 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 forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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 “Break Thou the Bread of Life “

Red LEVAS Hymnal #146

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 “My faith looks up to thee!”

The Blue Hymnal 1982 #691

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 18- OCTOBER 24

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

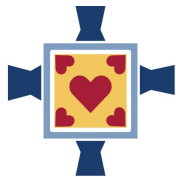
Wednesday 12:00p.m. Noonday Prayer, Zoom
7:30 p.m. WomenSpirit, Zoom

Sunday, October 25

Morning Prayer

Sunday, November 1

Rite II



Plenty
Good Room

This week we celebrate God's abundance. In creation, in our community, and in our lives, God provides more than enough. How will you share from your plenty?

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.

**PACKING
PARTY**
Heroes wanted!

Join members of Christ Church TODAY Sunday, October 18 after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

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

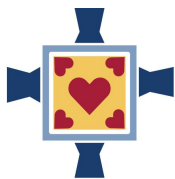
Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of heavyweight forks and spoons as well as dinner-size napkins would be appreciated. Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "Elijah's Promise" in the subject line.



Get Ready to Rake in the Fun! 🍁

Stay tuned our **Annual Fall Clean-Up Day** is coming this **Saturday, October 24 at 10:00am!**

Grab your gloves, your friends, and your best autumn attitude. We'll be clearing leaves, sprucing up, and making our space shine before winter sets in. You *won't* want to leaf this off your calendar! 🍂



Join us as we celebrate **Ingathering Sunday** on **Sunday, November 1!**

Our parish is a place of belonging. A community where each person matters, and each gift is needed. Together we are the Body of Christ. Let's come together in gratitude and commitment as we reflect on the blessings we've received and how we can generously share our time, talents, and treasures to support the mission of our community.



All Saints day will be held on Sunday, November 1.

You are invited to submit your names to be remembered at the altar and in the worship materials. The link can be found in the weekly email. A paper copy is located on the table in the back of the church. Names must be received no later than **Wednesday, October 28** for inclusion.



ALL SAINTS DAY GRAVEYARD TOUR AND CHILI COOKOFF

On **November 1st**, step into the quiet mysteries of the churchyard for a special All Saints Day gathering. We will wander among the graves, remember the souls who came before us, and offer prayers for the departed.

5:00 PM – Graveyard Tour & Prayers for the Departed

6:30 PM – Dinner Served

Gather with us for an evening of solemn remembrance, flickering candlelight, and fellowship as we honor the faithful departed.

Calling all chili makers...

Christ Church will be hosting an All Saints Party, and Chili Cook Off on **Sunday, November 1, 2026** directly after the Graveyard Tour. The tour begins at 5:00 pm. Food from the chili cook off will be served 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.

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?



Key Topics from the October Vestry Meeting

The vestry met on Monday, October 12th and reviewed updates from the finance committee and search committee and appointed members to the Annual Meeting Committee. The bulk of our time was spent discussing the presentation to the parish by Kyanite Partners on October 6th. Here are the big takeaways from our

discussion:

1. The vestry was thrilled with the level of parish participation and was impressed with the presentation, even if it wasn't all good news.
2. We reflected on our current options - do nothing further and risk the need for extreme budget-cutting measures in 4-5 years time or continue the process of determining what development might be best for our church in a new pre-development phase with a consultant. The vestry feels that doing nothing now is irresponsible given our budgetary situation. Therefore, the vestry is asking Jim Nichols and members of the Fourth Century Task Force to seek another grant from Trinity so that we can continue to learn about the options available to us for development of our property.
3. Several members brought forth concerns about possible misconceptions in the parish. To address those now: first, the vestry has NOT made any decisions about actual development. Second, if we did make a development plan, it would be after our next pre-development consultant study. Third, if we decide to move forward with development, the cost of development would be included in our contract with a real estate developer so we are not anticipating a capital campaign related to this project. Finally, not a misconception, but just a reminder: please share your thoughts, concerns, and questions with any vestrymember or warden at any time. We welcome your ideas and engagement. Thank you for showing your love for our church through your support for the vestry and the Fourth Century Task Force!



Diocese of New Jersey Reparations Commission Slavery History Pilgrimage

Saturday, Oct. 31

*meet at 11:00 am at Perth Amboy
Ferry Slip slave trade historical marker*

Pilgrimage sites, visited in a circuit:



Perth Amboy Ferry Slip



Tinton Manor African Burial ground, Tinton Falls

Stop for lunch (or bring your own)



Marlpit Hall, Middletown. Open Fri-Sun, 1-4 pm



Sandy Hook (viewed from **Mount Mitchill, NJ**)



Perth Amboy Ferry Slip

Questions? jolyonp@princeton.edu or priest@stbernardsnj.org



All are welcome to join members of the Diocese of NJ for this moving pilgrimage. You can also take the pilgrimage on your own. The full PDF for the pilgrimage or a mobile friendly version can be found on the Diocese of NJ's Racial Justice Review blog:



<https://dionj-racialjusticereview.blogspot.com/p/pilgrimage-guide.html>



Calling All Bakers (and Non-Bakers)!

We are looking for volunteers to help bake the communion bread for the **first Sunday of each month**.

Whether you're an experienced baker or would simply like to learn, we'd love to have you be part of this meaningful ministry. See the recipe below. Additional information and the sign up sheet can be found in the weekly email.

Recipe

7/8 cup lukewarm water (or a bit more if needed)

4 tbsp. honey

2 tbsp. olive oil

1/4 tsp. salt

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour*

1 pkg. active quick rising yeast

*Note: Do not use stone ground flour or the bread will be crumbly. Pillsbury plain whole wheat flour works well. The recipe can easily be doubled.

Directions

Total Time: Approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes

1. Measure the water into a mixing bowl and add yeast, stirring until the yeast is dissolved.
2. Stir in the honey, oil, and salt.
3. Stir in the unsifted flour.
4. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured board and knead for 5 minutes until elastic.
5. Replace the dough in a greased bowl, cover with a damp towel and let it rise for 1 1/2 hours until double.
6. Roll out the dough to 1/4 – 1/2 inch thick and cut into rounds with a biscuit cutter, a tin can or a glass. Make a cross in each loaf with a serrated knife.
7. Transfer to a lightly oiled baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



We are a people of faith, hope, and love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Isaiah 45:1-7	Cyrus serves the Lord
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	The example of faith
Wednesday	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses' intercession
Thursday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is king
Friday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Saturday	Psalms 96:1-13	Sing a new song
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, use our gifts, our faith, our hope in you, to do labors of love for the sake of Jesus Christ and his reign on earth. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for how you provide for us and for the hands that have brought this food to us today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith, love, and hope. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Open Your Ears,
O Faithful People*

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 been proud of an accomplishment? What did it take to make it happen? Who helped you?
- God can use your efforts to accomplish God's will on earth. Does this surprise you? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 45:1-7.

Cyrus is a Persian king. He is not part of God's chosen people through Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. Cyrus does not even know the God of Israel, and yet Cyrus does God's will by setting God's people free to return home from exile in Babylon. Isaiah lifts up the supreme power and authority of God's rule throughout the world. Apart from the Lord, there is no god. All that is, is God's. It is easy for us to forget that God can use others outside of the body of Christ to do God's will on earth. It is no wonder that Psalm 96 commands all the earth to sing to the Lord. In the midst of the tragedies that happen all too often around us, it is important to remember that we are a people of hope and trust in the God who holds all things together. The Apostle Paul wrote with thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' faith, love, and hope. As a chosen people, Paul gladly affirms that they do God's work of love on earth through their "work of faith" and "steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Discuss: How does knowing of God's rule on earth give you hope? How does it encourage you to act with love and faith?

Pray: God of power and might, we thank you for your glory that breathes hope and love into all corners of the earth 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 help and support someone as a way to do God's work of love?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 96 is a song of praise to God. It tells of the sea roaring, the creatures and fields rejoicing, and the trees singing. In what ways do you praise God through sounds and music? Sing a favorite Christian hymn. Think or talk about what the words say about God.

Then say: Sing a new song to the Lord! Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord, sing and praise his name.



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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	October 18 9:30 A.M. Rite II	October 25 9:30 A.M. Morning Prayer
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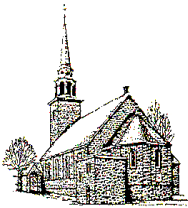


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