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Our Vision:
To Know Christ
To Love Christ
To Serve Christ in
Others

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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

Sabbatical Prayer

Almighty God, we, your St. Christopher's community, thank you for the abundant blessings you bestow on us, both individually and as a faith community. We ask your continued blessing, guidance and inspiration as we seek to carry out our shared mission to know, love, and serve Christ in others.

As Jesus retreated for reflection and renewal, so does Father Peter seek a time of renewal in the summer of 2018. Please abide with him and his family, and keep them safe in their travels. Reveal to him, ever more, the wonder of your love, and keep him open to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit during his sabbath rest.

We pray also for our community. Thank you for the clergy who will share the Eucharist with us and for our laity and staff who lead during this time. We ask your blessing on our new formation efforts that will serve you and serve us as we, too, honor this sabbatical time.

We pray this in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

***Hymn
Number**

**Prayer Book
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* Indicates that the people stand

The Word of God

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

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People: And Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever! Amen!

***The Collect of the Day**

(see insert)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

(see insert)

Psalms 48

(see insert)

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

(see insert)

The Children's Sermon – Meredith Maple, Youth Minister for Teens

The Sermon – The Rev. Ann Martens, Sabbatical Interim Priest

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The Sabbatical Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion of the People

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

When there is a Lay Eucharistic Minister going out following the service we will send them by saying together: "We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup. Amen."

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Blessing

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* The Dismissal (Response: Thanks be to God.)

WELCOME TO ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Visitors and New Members: Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to fill out a welcome card found on the back of each pew. We welcome all input, such as a request for a prayer, particular hymn, or more information about St. Christopher's. Please - let us know what you think!

Nursery Care: is available for infants and toddlers at the later service. Ask an usher or greeter for directions to the infant room.

We invite all baptized persons of Christian faith to receive communion. If you are not baptized you are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail, while crossing your arms over your chest. You will receive a blessing instead of bread, and the wine person will pass you by.

For Those Who Need Assistance: Communion can be brought to in your seat – just let an usher know during the service; large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are also available (see an usher or greeter for assistance).

This Week We Are Praying For:

The Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, Susan and Robert, our Bishops. For Peter our Rector, Jackie and Ann our Sabbatical Priests, Brooks our Seminarian, Joe our Music Minister, Meredith, our Youth Minister for Teens and for Trish our Pastoral Assistant this week.

Our Government: Donald our President, and Ralph our Governor.

For those celebrating birthdays this month (but not read in church): Claire Snyder, Christopher Manning, Aidan Dickinson, Ruth Rith, Elizabeth Bush, Karen Ingebretsen, Sarah Wilsey, Michael Brant, Gail Ritchie, John Dickinson, Kelly Ann Osborn, Jacob Cannaday, Betty Carper, Virginia Clark, Megan Bush, Gloria Tomita, Bobby Bradshaw, Alice Mary Hymel, Caroline McLaugherty, Sarah Olsen, Tony Dickenson, Amy Ackerman, Emily Gorham, Debra Medding and Jacquelyn Kabiri.

The Sick, Suffering, and in Need Ursula Walls, Barbara Milton, Janice Hagan, Marion Evans, Ginny and Fred Berg, Sandy and Dick Rowley, Marguerite Wagner, Ralph Tomita, Jim Foster, Priscilla Greene, Virginia Cole, Molly Gray, Ted Woodcock, Elaine Apostles, John Wells, and L. B. Berg as well as those on our **July Parish Family Prayer List (names not read in the service):** Jackie Brant, Charlie Olsen, Becky Calzada, Esther Bergum, Mae, Karen Curry, Phyllis Brant, Helen Yi, Jack, June Shaw, Marty Kiefer, Susan Ackerman-Peterson, Daniel Carr, Fritz Baldwin, Brad Penney, David and Stephen Penny, Helen Wagner, Jennifer Flowe, Cook Family, Alleman Family, Dawn, Brendan Scriber, Bev Gilman, Matt Zeller, and Robin Courts.

For those away serving in our Military: Noah Flowe.

For Those Who Have Died:

The Altar Flowers are given in the glory of God by the Flower Guild.

The Sanctuary Candle is given in the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we welcome the Rev. Ann Martens, who is with us today while Father Peter is on Sabbatical.

A Message from Joe Gabalski, Organist/Choir Director: There is no music during our service today as I and many of the members of the Choir are on vacation. Happy summer to you all.

Please note the Rev. Jackie Thomson, Sabbatical Interim Priest will be in the office on Monday, July 9 from 9am-1pm.

FREE SCHOOL PHYSICALS OUTREACH MINISTRY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

We have been involved in this outreach to meet needs in our community since it 2001 and it is still needed! The outreach program provides a free school examination to uninsured pre-K through 6th grade children who must have a school physical examination in order to enter our Fairfax County School system for

the first time. That can be a financial difficulty for many families and we can help. The Physicals will be conducted at the South County Health Department on Route #1 in Alexandria on Saturday morning, August 4.

The examined children will receive more than just the school physical exam, they will get vision and dental screening and eligible families will get the opportunity to be enrolled in a “medical home” which will provide continuing medical care. They will happily go home wearing a backpack filled with the school supplies they need.

You can participate in making this a success again this year in many different ways and times by volunteering to be at the Physicals on the morning of Aug. 4, donating the needed backpacks and school supplies or funds for their purchase , helping packing them, getting them to the physicals location, taking the boxed-up school supplies leftover what was needed for the 125 backpacks of supplies needed for the physicals to ECHO, Garfield, Crestwood, Lynbrook elementary school, Crestwood Family center and the Springfield/Franconia Family Center-all places they are needed. Lots of help is needed!

Please stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall, pick up a list of the needed school supplies, check your calendar and sign up to help on the many lists of where help is needed which include the following-

Wed. Aug 1- 7:00 pm	backpack stuffing
Thurs. Aug 2- 1:00 pm	pack up remaining supplies
Friday Aug 3- 1:30 pm	take packed up backpacks to the Health Department
Sat. Aug 4- 7:30 am	work at the Physicals
Sat Aug. 4 - 1:30 pm	return the extra backpacks to St. C.'s
Week of Aug 6	take packed up remaining supplies to Echo, 3 schools and centers

Through this ministry, we can spread Christ's love to meet needs in our community. How do you want to be a part of doing this? Please see Lynn Knox for more information on how you can help.

Service Participants For Sunday, July 8, 2018

7:30am

Acolyte: Laura Kirk

Lector: Helen Spence

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Branstetter

10:00am

Acolyte(s): Creighton Dunlap and Madison Curry

Lectors: Danny Gorham (L1), Chas Henry (L2)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Meredith Maple (PB), Mike Snyder (CB1), Pam Branstetter (CB2)

Altar Guild: Katie Alleman and Katy Dunlap

Flower Guild: Chriss Foster and Virginia Clark

Vestry Person of the Week: Katy Dunlap

Prayer Intercessor: Brent Guernsey

Chapel Prayer Team:

Communion Bread Baker: Pam Osborn

Greeters: Betty Carper

P.A.T. Minister (taking Eucharist to our parish's shut-ins): Trish Taylor

Refreshment & Fellowship: Jennifer Guernsey

Tellers: John Olsen and Stan Spence

Ushers: Team Bush

**If you are unable to serve, or a trade did not get posted, please contact the Vestry Person of the Week before Sunday morning (email/cell phone), so appropriate individuals can be told.*

THE VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Christina Manning, Katy Dunlap, Richard Sellers, Robert Hall, Danny Gorham, Logan Foley, Liz Zubritsky, Darren Branch, John Olsen, and Chris Erbe.

STAFF The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman, Rector; Meredith Maple, Youth Minister for Teens; Nina Miller, Parish Administrator; Joe Bush, Bookkeeper; Joe Gabalski, Organist/Choir Director; Polly Colwell, Preschool Director

This Week at St. Christopher's Church

Monday, July 9

9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rev. Jackie Thomson, Sabbatical Interim Priest, office hours

Tuesday, July 10

Wednesday, July 11

7:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Thursday, July 12

9:30 a.m. Women's Discussion Group

7:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

Friday, July 13

Saturday, July 14

5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, July 15 – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Rite II, Children's Sermon (Nursery Available)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship & Refreshments

Do you like decorating? Last year, the Rector's office was painted and all the art, photos, and degrees from the walls were taken down. We are looking for someone who has the talent in the congregation at interior decorating, help hang them up, or suggest where to hang each item. If you can help, please contact Nina Miller in the Church Office if you wish to assist.