

# Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church

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

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**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 14, 2019**

**\*Hymn**

**Prayer Book**

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\* Indicates that the people stand

*Prelude: Minuet in G Major*

*J.S. Bach*

**The Word of God**

**\*529** *In Christ there is no East or West*

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

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

**\*S280** *Gloria*

**\*The Collect of the Day**

*(see insert)*

**First Reading: Amos 7:7-17**

*(see insert)*

**Psalm 82**

*(see insert)*

**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

*(see insert)*

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## **The Holy Communion**

*Offertory Anthem: If ye love me* *Thomas Tallis*

If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

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	<i>Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries</i>	
	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."	
*609	<i>Where cross the crowded ways of life</i>	
*	The Dismissal (Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.)	

*Postlude: Improvisation*

## **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 the service for assistance).

### **This Week We Are Praying For:**

**The Church:** Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan and Robert, our Bishops. For Peter our Rector, Joe our Music Minister, Joe, our Bookkeeper, and for TBA 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, Ross Branstetter, Jr., Chris Medding, Ruth Ritt, Sara Wilsey, Aidan Dickinson, Michael Brant, Elizabeth Bush, Karen Ingrebretsen, Gail Ritchie Kelly Ann Osborn, Betty Carper, Megan Bush, Gloria Tomita, Virginia Clark, Bobby Bradshaw, Alice Mary Hymel, Caroline McLaugherty, Sarah Olsen, Tony Dickenson, Amy Ackerman, Debra Medding, and Jacquelyn Kabiri.

**The Sick, Suffering, and in Need** Katie Alleman, Tammy Flowe, Ruth York, Elaine Sevy, Janice Hagan, Marion Evans, Ginny and Fred Berg, 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):** Chris Crockett, George Von, Beryl Hamilton, The Eskilsons, Barbara Carballal, Jason, Faith, Caroline Knox, Garcia Graves, Jack, Pat Pung, Anne Bustion, Jonah Havert, Sharon Wilson, Joe Hughes, Lynn Erbe, Joan Snyder, Catherine Cabot, Helen Yi, Golden Warfield, Ken Warfield, Hayden Shah, Kathy Little, Becky Calzada, Esther Bergum, Mae, Jack, June Shaw, Daniel Carr, Fritz Baldwin, Brad Penney, David and Stephen Penny, Helen Wagner, Cook Family, Dawn, Bev Gilman, Matt Zeller, and Robin Courts.

**For Those Who Have Died:** Dorothy B Witkoski (Gabalski), Aunt of Joe Gabalski.

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

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please welcome The Rev. Amy Spagna today as our guest celebrant!**

The Rev. Amy Spagna was ordained by Bishop Johnston in 2012, after having taught Latin for Fairfax County Public Schools for over ten years. She has served parishes in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, and completed a Master of Sacred Theology degree at Sewanee this past spring. She also is a member of the news team for the Episcopal Cafe website. In her spare time, she enjoys making music, baking, and cheering on the Capitals.

**A Message from the Stewardship Committee** - "Summer is a wonderful time to get away on vacation to visit friends and family, discover new places and do fun things. This is just a gentle reminder from your Stewardship Committee that bills come to the church even when we're enjoying our well-deserved time off. Please remember to honor your pledge during the summer months – and thank you for the many gifts you bring to this place!"



**The Men's Group will meet on Saturday, July 13, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.** We will discuss chapters 9-15 of Colin Powell's book *It Worked for Me - In Life and Leadership*. All men are invited to attend, even if you have not read the book. The discussion, fellowship and breakfast are always great. Questions - contact John Quinn at [skinsnats@gmail.com](mailto:skinsnats@gmail.com).

## **AUGUST 10 FREE SCHOOL PHYSICALS NEEDS YOUR HELP**

We have supported the Physicals for many years, recognizing that in addition to providing the school physical exams these uninsured children need that they will get a backpack of school supplies and will also get vision and dental screening. We can never have too many school supplies because all those extras for the physicals will be donated the following elementary schools, Garfield, Crestwood and Lynbrook and two Springfield family centers and ECHO.

Stop at the **Fellowship Hall Table** to check the many sign up lists to see how you can sign up to help. Different days, times and ways to fit different schedules are available. Lists of needed school supplies are also on the table. Cash or check donations are also very welcome. Make checks payable to St. Christopher's with School supplies on the memo line. The school supply sales probably have already started.

### **Help needed lists include the following:**

<b>July/Aug, if called</b>	Help unpack donated and purchased school supplies
<b>Wed. Aug. 7:00 pm</b>	Backpack stuffing and packing boxes
<b>Thurs. Aug 8- 1 pm</b>	Packing up extra supplies
<b>Fri. Aug 9- 1:30 pm</b>	Taking boxes of stuffed backpacks to Health Department on Richmond Highway and setting up room
<b>Sat. Aug 10 7:30 am</b>	Physicals Day- helping as needed- EG. Directing people
<b>Sat. Aug 10 1:30 ish</b>	Returning extra backpacks to St. C's
<b>Week of Aug. 13</b>	As convenient during day- taking packed up boxes of school supplies to one of the schools, ECHO or 2 Springfield Family centers

Lots of other help will be needed like setting up tables and helping sort donated and purchased school supplies. This is not just an "outreach program" it's really a ministry through which we can spread Christ's love to meet needs in our community. If easier- check the above list and call or email Lynn Knox- 703-451-6450, [hdkeak@msn.com](mailto:hdkeak@msn.com) to sign up and she'll add you to the lists.



**Book Discussion Group** Our group will meet on Tuesday, July 16, to discuss Jodi Picoult's *A Spark of Light*. If you plan to come, please contact either Janet Quinn or Christine Meloni for the location and the time. Everyone is welcome.

**Agents of Ministry Needed!** – Service is another way to involve oneself at St. Christopher's Parish. Every year we have a Ministry Fair that sheds light on some of the many opportunities available for people, but currently we have space on a couple of our teams where we need additional members (for all of these Fr. Peter can be your point of contact at rectorpete "at" gmail.com):

1). **Ushers** – Please see any usher for the duties involved in the position. You will be assigned to a team and serve at one of our later services once per month on average. We are also looking for a new Lead Usher who will, schedule the teams for each month; attend the quarterly Worship Committee Meetings; and help communicate any needs from the Worship Team to the ushers. If interested in either of these positions (Usher and or Head Usher) please see Fr. Peter!

2). **Greeters** – This is a vital ministry as the Greeter is the first person encountered by many at any given service. Generally Greeters serve at the later service on Sundays. Their role is to "greet" people, direct visitors to facilities, seating, and childcare, and basically be a welcoming presence for those on Sunday. Greeters begin 15 minutes before service time and may proceed to worship about five minutes after the service begins. If interested please see Virginia Clark or contact Fr. Peter.

3). **Lay Eucharistic Visitors** – These are the members of the parish who take communion to our homebound members. There are certain criteria to become a LEV (or PAT as we call them), including a willingness to take the necessary training to be licensed by the Diocese of Virginia. This is a very ministerial role that will place the LEV in regular contact (about every six weeks or so) with shut-ins from our parish. The first step to discerning if this is a ministry for you is to meet with Fr. Peter

## Service Participants For Sunday, July 14, 2019

**7:30am**

Acolyte: Alton Kirk

Lector: Mike Brandt

Lay Eucharistic Minister: David Kirk

**10:30am**

Acolyte(s): Isaac Hall and Avery Hall

Lectors: Don Knox (L1), Trish Taylor (L2)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Knox (CB1)

Chapel Prayer Team: Sue Fitzgerald and Lynn Knox

Altar Guild: TBA

Flower Guild: Lynn Knox and Harriet McCollum

Vestry Person of the Week: Chris Erbe

Prayer Intercessor: Meredith Maple

Communion Bread Baker: Liz Zubritsky

Greeters: Marifran Bustion

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

Refreshment & Fellowship: Niki Purkoski

Tellers: Alice Mary Hymel and John Olsen

Ushers: Team Medding

*\*if you are unable to serve, or a trade did not get posted, please let Fr. Peter know by Sunday morning (email/voicemail) and he will let the appropriate ministers know.*

**The Vestry of St. Christopher's: Senior Warden, Bob Hall, Jr. Warden, Katy Dunlap, Register, Liz Zubritsky, Parish Life Team Lead, Marifran Bustion, Service Team Lead, Trish Taylor, Education Team Lead, Cathy Branch, Evangelism Team Lead, Brent Guernsey, Building Lead, John Olsen, Financial Stewardship, Chris Erbe, Grounds Lead, Logan Foley, Worship, Bob Hall and Katy Dunlap working with Fr. Peter.**

**The Staff of St. Christopher's** The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman, Rector; Meredith Maple, Youth Minister; 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 15**

7:00 p.m. SA Anonymous

### **Tuesday, July 16**

Book Discussion Group - please contact either Janet Quinn or Christine Meloni for the location and the time. Everyone is welcome.

### **Wednesday, July 17**

7:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

### **Thursday, July 18**

10:00 a.m. Women's Discussion Group

5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

### **Friday, July 19**

### **Saturday, July 20**

8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

### **Sunday, July 21 – The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Rite II (Nursery Available)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship & Refreshments

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**ECHO is looking for a new Teen Program Lead.** The Teen Program Lead is responsible for scheduling adult Teen Program supervisors (at least two every week), volunteering time to supervise the teens, manage the teen program email inbox, approving volunteer hours as they come into the inbox and coordinate with ECHO department chairs to ensure there is a list of tasks for the teens each week. When volunteering as a teen supervisor, the individual will be responsible for working with the other teen supervisors to assign tasks to the teens, instruct the teens on what to do with each task and generally watch over the teens to ensure problems do not arise.

The Teen Program runs every Wednesday (except 5th Wednesdays and Wednesdays that fall on school holidays such as Winter Break) 7:00-8:30 p.m. from Sept - May. If you have an interest in this vital volunteer position, e-mail [volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org) .