

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019

***Hymn
Number**

**Prayer Book
Page Number**

* Indicates that the people stand

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Prelude: "Offertory"

Maurice Greene

The Word of God

***10** *New every morning is the love*

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: Jeremiah 18:1-11

(see insert)

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

(see insert)

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

(see insert)

***675** *Take up your cross the Savior said*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 14:25-33

(see insert)

(7:30 a.m. People: Glory be to thee, O Lord)

(7:30 a.m. The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise be to thee, O Christ)

(10:00 a.m. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ)

(10:00 a.m. The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Christ)

The Children's Sermon – Miss. Meredith Maple
Children may go to Children's Church
The Sermon – Father Peter with Parishioners Prompts;
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Offertory Anthem: Pilgrim's Hymn Stephen Paulus

The Holy Communion

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*S163 *Jesus, Lamb of God (Fraction)*

The Communion of the People

*WLP757 *Will you come and follow me*

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."

*9 *Not here for high and holy things*

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

Postlude: The people respond.....Amen!

Dan Locklair

welcome back from Children's Church!

We are looking forward to helping the children *"To Know Christ, To Love Christ, To Serve Christ in Others"*. If you are interested in volunteering with this fun and rewarding ministry, please contact Tam O'Neil at

tamara.oneil@yahoo.com.

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, Polly, our Preschool Director, and for 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):

Niki Purkoski, Mark Ingebretsen, Virginia Berg, John Wells, Jacob Farrar, Sabrina Marshall, Helen Spence, Zachary Manning, Dawn Wilsey, Tosh Horita, Norbert Hymel, Meredith Mayes, Sandy Rowley, Ralph Woodrow, Lauren Hinson, David Medding, Camilla Hicks, Deborah Downie, and Carroll Hill.

The Sick, Suffering, and in Need Bill Price, Virginia Clark, 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 **September Parish Family Prayer List (names not read in the service)**: Eleanor Alleman, 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.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Belisle Family in thanksgiving and celebration of their granddaughter Nora Jo Belisle's birthday.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ministry Fair is next Sunday, September 15 - After both services, we will hold our annual ministry fair. The ministry fair is a great place to find out where and how you can help. Please visit the various tables, and explore how you can contribute to our efforts. Happy fall, everyone!

YARD SALE/ FUNDRAISER! If you're like most of us, you've collected a lot of "stuff" that you no longer want, but know could be valuable to somebody. Here's a chance to make some money for yourself and for your church! St. Christopher's will hold a Yard Sale/Fundraiser on **Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 am-1 pm** in the Hanover St. parking lot area. Bring in your items on the day of the sale between 8 and 9 am (no storage in the church). Sell your items – meet the neighbors – food items will also be on sale. Contributions to St. Christopher's are voluntary and will go toward maintenance of the education building. Unsold items must be taken home by the owner. A sign-up list is located in the church fellowship hall or contact Chris Erbe or Bob Hall.

News from the St. Christopher's Library Corner: 1) Janet Quinn and Katie Alleman recently reflected on how delighted they are to have been able to revitalize the library with the support of the vestry, the memorial committee, the congregation, our rector and our administrative assistant. Many hands made the work light and enjoyable! As the new school calendar begins, Janet, grateful for

Katie's steadfast commitment and leadership, will be taking on as the church librarian. Katie will continue behind the scenes ensuring our lively collection of books stays current and ready for your check out. 2) Rosemary Henry reviewed *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer-Fleming: An Episcopal priest who flies combat helicopters and helps solve crimes? Clare Fergusson lives that exciting life as the leading character in an entertaining series of novels by award-winning mystery writer Julia Spencer Fleming. The first title in a series of nine adventures, *In the Bleak Midwinter* is among books you can check out from St. Christopher's church library. Set in upstate New York, the story revolves around former Army officer Clare, who, after being graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary, is assigned as rector of a small church in the town of Miller's Kill. New in town and intent on "doing good," she finds herself dealing with an infant left on the church doorstep early one very cold morning. In the course of trying to identify and find care for the child, she meets the town's chief of police, Russ Van Alstyn. Ms. Fleming is strikingly good at weaving together conflict, church family dynamics, romance, intrigue and adventure. All are well-melded in *In the Bleak Midwinter*.

Pre St. Francis Day Pet Blessings This year we will have the first, hopefully annual, "**Sunday BEFORE St. Francis Day Pet Blessings**", **September 29th at 2:00p.m.** The Rev. David Crosby will preside over the festivities. If you are interested in helping coordinate some of the particulars please see Elaine Sevy or Bob Hall.

Save the Date for Shrine Mont Weekend! Our annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont in beautiful Orkney Springs, VA is scheduled for **October 4, 5, and 6**. Details and costs are forthcoming. If you are considering attending this year, please let Danny Gorham know as soon as possible (703.499.4067 or fgorham103@aol.com). Spots will fill up fast! Shrine Mont is the Virginia Episcopal Diocese Conference and Retreat Center located about 2 hours from the DC area. It is on the site of an old 19th century mineral spa nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. It is also home to the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration; a beautiful outdoor stone sanctuary that is stunning in the fall. More information about Shrine Mont is available at their website: www.shrinemont.com . This fun getaway is only 2 months away!

The Season of Creation, September 1 through October 4

The Season of Creation, a time when Christian Churches celebrate the sacredness of our natural world, began Sunday, Sept. 1. It will end Oct. 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis. <https://acen.anglicancommunion.org/resources/season-of-creation.aspx>.

During this time, St. Christopher's will celebrate God's gift of the natural world and explore ways that we can protect it. There are several initiatives underway at St. Christopher's to promote responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

Working with the Vestry's Grounds liaison, John Quinn is exploring ways to make our grounds an official wildlife sanctuary. There will be a meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 11:15 to discuss proposed first steps. Elaine Sevy will be reactivating the Green Team to restore native habitat at Lake Accotink Park and on our grounds, and Cathy Branch is pulling together up-to-date guidance on recycling in Fairfax County. Visit the **Outreach table at the Ministry Fair, Sept. 15**, to learn more. St. C's will hold a **"Blessing of the Animals," Sept. 29 at 2:00pm**, the Sunday before the Feast Day of St. Francis on Oct. 4.

Elaine Sevy invites our church members and guests to join her for two "Nature Journaling" hikes at Lake Accotink Park on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10:00am and Monday, Sept. 23 at 5:00pm. Both hikes will focus on the Monarch Butterfly's fascinating Fall migration. Please contact Elaine at yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

During this Season, try to set aside intentional time for you and your family to be outdoors. Take the time to notice the small miracles all around us.

https://www.youtube.com/embed/zf_0jzPQ8lo?rel=0 .

Service Participants For Sunday, September 8, 2019

7:30am

Acolyte: David Kirk

Lector: Dani Gudakunst

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Carroll Hill

10:00am

Acolyte(s): Zack Manning

Lectors: Steve McClaugherty (L1), Pam Osborn (L2)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Kim (CB1), Lynn Knox (CB2), David Kirk (PB)

Chapel Prayer Team: John Quinn and Diane Jones

Altar Guild: Katy Dunlap and Richard Sellers

Flower Guild: Mary Andrew for Camilla Hicks and Andrea Dugan

Vestry Person of the Week:

Prayer Intercessor: Brent Guernsey

Communion Bread Baker: Abigail Gabalski

Greeters: Ruth York

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

Meagher (PAT's on call as needed this week)

Refreshment & Fellowship: Ruth Erbe

Tellers: Cathy Branch and Lynn Knox

Ushers: Team Manning

**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, Cathy Branch, Evangelism Team Lead, Brent Guernsey, Building Lead, John Olsen, Financial Stewardship, Chris Erbe, Grounds Lead, Logan Foley, Worship, Bob Hall and Fr. Peter.

The Staff of St. Christopher's The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman, Rector; Nina Miller, Parish Administrator; Joe Bush, Bookkeeper; Joe Gabalski, Organist/Choir Director; Polly Colwell, Preschool Director

This Week at St. Christopher's Church

Monday, September 9

7:00 p.m. SA Anonymous

Tuesday, September 10

Wednesday, September 11

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Thursday, September 12

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14

9:00 a.m. – Noon, Frazelle Music Rehearsal in the Auditorium

8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, September 15 – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Ministry Fair

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

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Ministry Fair**

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

11:30 a.m. **Ministry Fair**, Fellowship and Refreshments!

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