

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 of Easter

***Hymn
Number**

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* Indicates that the people stand

Prelude: Prelude in d minor

Alexandre Boely

The Word of God

*296 *We know that Christ is raised from the dead*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*S280 *Gloria*

***The Collect of the Day**

(see insert)

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

(see insert)

Psalm 148

(see insert)

Second Reading: Revelations 22:1-6

(see insert)

*583 *O holy city, seen of John*

Gospel: John 13:31-35

(see insert)

The Children's Sermon – The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman, Rector	
Children may go to Children's Church	
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The Holy Communion

<i>Offertory Anthem: Easter</i>	<i>Roland Martin</i>
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Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Rise heart! Sing His praise Without delays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with Him mayst rise: That as His death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound His name, Who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings what key Is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long: Or, since all music is but three parts vied And multiplied, Oh, let Thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And make up our defects with His sweet art.

* 380	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow (verse 3)</i>	
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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."	
*623	<i>O what their joy and their glory must be</i>	
*	The Dismissal (Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.)	

<i>Postlude: Improvisation</i>	
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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, Brooks our Seminarian, Joe our Music Minister, Liz, our Nursery Attendant and for Janet 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):
Katherine Frear-Holms, Harper Vasquez, Rose Rogers, Nora Holm, Andrew Johnson, Jean Pates, Gabrielle Ritchie, Andrew McLaughtry, Emily Wilsey, Carolina Foster, Kayla Evans, Trish Taylor, Isaac Hall, Travers Foster, Melissa Sanders, Tina Kraus, Sharyn Tomita, Jim Bradshaw, Nicholas Sanders, Danny Gorham, and John Quinn.

The Sick, Suffering, and in Need Lee Johnson, 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 **May 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, Alleman Family, Dawn, Bev Gilman, Matt Zeller, and Robin Courts.

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

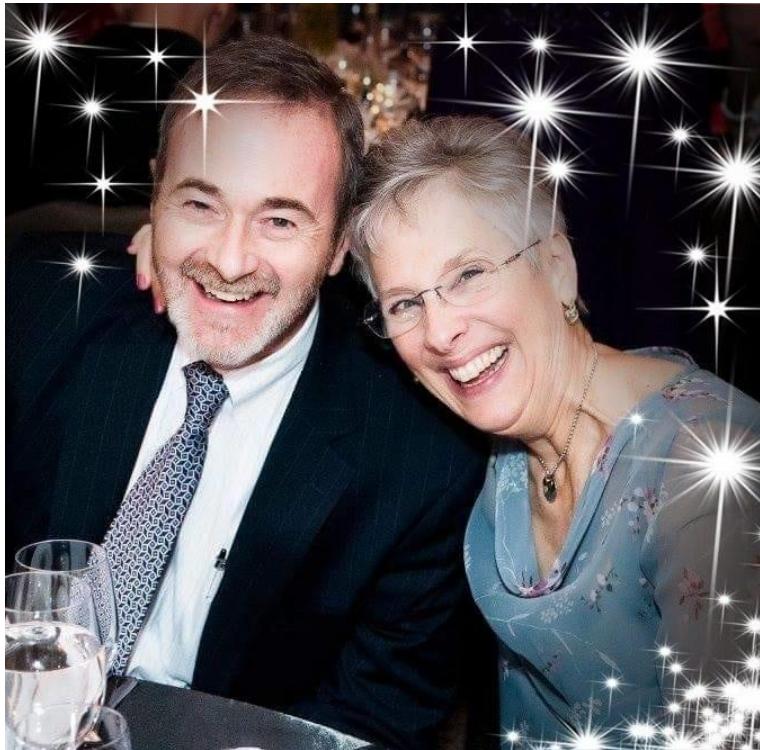
The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God the Altar Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us immediately following our services for a Forum Hour in the worship space. Today, grab your coffee and snack, and bring them back into the worship space where our guests Julie Simonton and Stephanie Gurnsey Higgins, from the Diocese of Virginia, will speak further, and answer your questions about Creative Planned Giving.

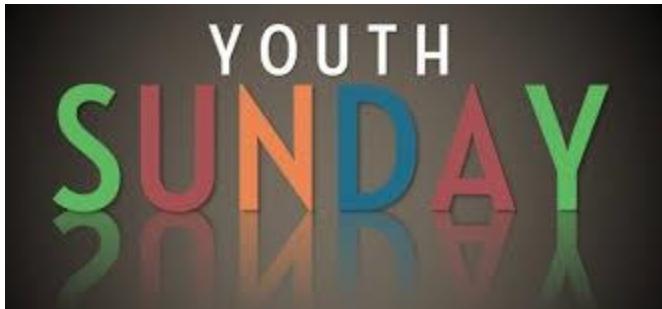
Book Discussion Group, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. The May selection is *The Jossing Affair* by J.L. Oakley. It is an exciting and very well-researched book of historical fiction that focuses on the brutal five-year occupation of Norway by the Nazis during World War II. We will meet at the home of Judy Lawson for a potluck discussion at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 21st. Please RSVP to Judy or to Christine Meloni. Everyone is welcome.

Library Refurbishment Dedication – The Memorial Committee and Library Staff from St. Christopher's would like to invite you to participate in a special dedication service on **Sunday, May 26th**. After the 10:30 am service, Fr. Peter invites the people of St. Christopher's and guests to the Parish Library in the Education Building where he will lead a brief and prayerful dedication for the gift of the library refurbishment which was paid for through the memorial for the late Joe Kamalick who died three years ago. Please join us for this special service, which will be followed by light refreshments at the library. The traditional Coffee Hour will also be held in the Church building as usual. (Worship Committee will meet in Fr. Peter's office immediately following the dedication for their meeting).



Good-bye Reception for the Beloved Spences It is with joyfulness and sadness we will say good-bye to Stan and Helen Spence with a reception June 2, after the 10:30 service. They've been vibrant leaders in the choir and brass quintet, our financial well-being, receptions, legal issues and many others! They will be moving to Delaware from whence they came. To help with the celebration, there are sign-up sheets on the table by the door for items to bring, cleanup and setup. Please contact Marifran Bustion, marifranbustion@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Lectio Divina - Please join us on Sunday, June 2nd for Lectio Divina at 9:45 a.m. in the Library in the Education Building. Lectio Divina is a reflective reading of a Bible passage that allows you to engage with God. Please contact Christina Manning at christina.manning.cm@gmail.com or at 703-975-4319 for more information.



Annual Picnic and Youth Sunday Celebration!! St. Christopher's is celebrating its annual picnic and Youth Sunday, June 9, after the 10:30 service. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns are provided and we ask you to bring sides and

desserts. If your last name begins with A-M, bring dessert; if it begins with N-Z, bring a side dish. There will be entertainment, games, and we all hope for a dry day. If you'd like to help with grilling or entertainment, please let Marifran Bustion know. Sign-up sheets are on the table by the door. Please contact Marifran Bustion at marifranbustion@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Thursday Eucharist/Morning Prayer Hiatus Due to the summer schedules of our lay and ordained officiants and with the agreement of those who regularly attend, there will be no Thursday Morning Eucharist or Morning Prayer from June to the end of August. When these return in the late summer, you will be invited to join us.

Summer Service Schedule! Here we are again! In mid-June, *specifically June 16th* we will be on our Summer time schedule. We retain two services, with the later one now at *10:00 a.m.* Additionally I offer us our annual Covenant. You are invited to come “as you are” for your summer day. Wear your baseball fan-gear, your shorts and t-shirt, whatever (while still church appropriate) will offer you the opportunity to worship first, and play after. For my part we lightly trim the service time by eliminating one reading, one hymn and sometimes offering a shorter sermon. Thus you can still experience the St. Christopher’s Worship and Coffee Hour experience and partake in your after church summer activity. Bring your family and friends as well. And remember, if you see an unfamiliar face, reach out and greet the person! During summer a lot of neighbors begin “church shopping,” because we do not have a lot of after-activities or Children’s Church during these few months, it helps people to know our regular routines as they make their decisions on where God is guiding them to worship. I enjoy the fact that our service numbers are better compared to other parishes during the summer months thanks, in one part, to the Covenant and in another that you and yours bring joy to worship! Fr. Peter

Service Participants For Sunday, May 19, 2019

7:30am

Acolyte: Laura Kirk

Lector: Mike Brandt

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Branstetter

10:30am

Acolyte(s): Lillian Foley

Lectors: Gail Ritchie (L1), Pam Osborn (L2)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Meredith Maple (PB), Chris Erbe (CB1),
Carroll Hill (CB2)

Chapel Prayer Team: Jennifer Guernsey and Janet Quinn

Altar Guild: Katie Alleman and Margi Williams

Flower Guild: Mary Andrews and Indra Corea

Vestry Person of the Week: Cathy Branch

Prayer Intercessor: Betty Carper

Communion Bread Baker: Janet Bush

Greeters: Ruth York and Sarah Belisle

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

Refreshment & Fellowship: Margaret Kirk

Tellers: Joe Bush and Debbie Frear

Ushers: TBA

**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, May 20

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

9:30 a.m. Preschool Water play day

Wednesday, May 22

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7:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Thursday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

5:00 p.m. S. Anonymous Meeting

8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, May 26 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Children's Sermon and Children's Church (Nursery Available)

11:45 a.m. Refreshments & Fellowship

11:45 a.m. Library Refurbishment Dedication

12:15 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

•Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day; The Preschool and Parish Office will be closed.