CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Feast of All Saints
November 1, 2026 **8:00 am**

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant 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 *spoken together*
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
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *prayed responsively*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

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8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson **1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Chris Streeter, Rector

The Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

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 *Please stand or kneel.*

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for the church and the world.
A brief silence is kept.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the life you have given us and for the love and care that surrounds us on every side. Help us to be faithful stewards of your good creation, caring for this earth and the gift of its resources.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all who exercise authority in the communities and nations of the world. Preserve them from temptations of power and privilege, and grant them the wisdom and the will to serve the common good. As we approach Election Day, we pray for this country and for the peaceful transition of political power.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

On this All Saints' Sunday, we give you praise for the women and men who have been an inspiration to us, for those who have set us an example to follow, and for those who have nurtured us and strengthened our faith. We ask you to bless them and the saints of this congregation: past, present, and yet to come.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the blessings we share in this holy place, and for the members of our Christ Church family who carry forward the ministry and mission of the church in your name. Bless us, and continue to make us a blessing to those we serve.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the uncountable blessings of our lives. Grant to us the gift of generosity and the joy and freedom that come with it. Help us to grow in understanding that the life we prize, filled with joy and spiritual depth, is closely tied to giving generously and with thankful hearts.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, because of illness, troubles or addictions, and all whose struggles are known to you alone. Guard them with your healing presence, and restore them to health and wholeness in your good time and way.
Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

Celebrant We thank you, O God, for the saints of all ages; for those who, in times of darkness, kept the lamp of faith burning; for the great souls who saw visions of larger truth and dared to declare it; for the multitude of quiet and gracious souls whose presence has purified and sanctified the world; and for those we knew and loved, who have passed from this earthy fellowship into the fuller light of life with you.

A period of silence is kept, during which you may reflect on the saints who have shaped your life.

May we, with all who have died, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

To make a donation or to pay your pledge online,
please visit www.christchurchnewton.org
and click on the "Make a Contribution" tab.

Scan the QR Code with your phone
and you will be directed to our online giving portal.

The Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord,
People **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Holy Communion
Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again;**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

Thanksgiving after Communion *Please stand or kneel.*
Celebrant Let us pray.
People **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.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal
Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am
Lector: Cecelia Clayton
L.E.M.: Eric Fohl
Usher: Bill Habermann

Joining us in worship & fellowship on October 25, 2026
8:00 am: 34 10:00 am: 125

Christ Church Prayer List

We offer our prayers for those who are ill, including:

Amy, Ann, Antonia, Arlene, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Carolyn, Carolyne, Christie, Cindy, Dan, Daryl, David, Deanna, Derek, Ed, Elaine, Elaine, Emily, Erin, Gary, Grace, Harry, Helise, Holly, Jack, Jason, Jay, Jerry, Joe, John, Jon, Joyce, Kate, Lindsay, Lisa, Lynn, Madeline, Mary, Mary, Michael, Mike, Paul, Peggy, Richard, Ryan, Sharon, Shawna, Shelagh, Stacy, Sue, Suzanne, Thomas, Tracy.

We offer our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, including:

Angel, Dean, Jonathan, Michael, Robert

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week, including:

Barbara Parker, *(November 1)*; Fletcher Kirby, *(November 2)*; Daniel Beatty, Kimberly Genung, Anne Reed, *(November 3)*; Jason Harris, *(November 6)*.

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week, including:

Sylvia Montero & O.B. Taylor, *(November 4)*; Nick & JoAnn Orichio, *(November 5)*.

We want to be praying with you!

Please contact the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

Announcements & Events

All Souls Requiem Mass
TODAY: Sunday, November 1
4:00 pm
Fauré Requiem with Orchestra

Join us **this afternoon at 4:00 pm** as we give thanks to God for all the blessed souls who now dwell in heaven.

Our talented choir will offer *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, featuring orchestra and soloists. A festive reception will follow. Consider inviting friends to come hear this beautiful work in our sacred space.

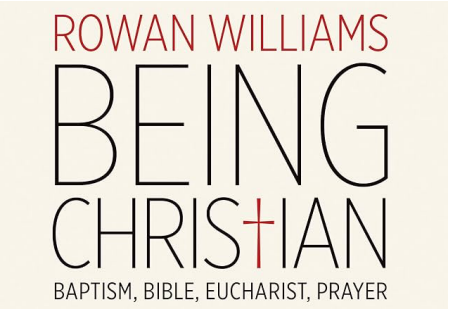
Annual Giving at Christ Church

Extra Stewardship packets and pledge cards can be found in the back of the church. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge of financial commitment to Christ Church for 2027, and return a completed pledge card by **Sunday, November 22.**

"You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor." James 3:18 (MSG)

Adult Formation Series: Being Christian
Continuing on Wednesday Evenings
7:00-8:00 pm in Holley Hall

What does it actually mean to be Christian?
Not as a set of ideas to agree with,
but as a life shaped by four simple things:
baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist, and prayer.



Whether these topics are brand new to you or you have been hearing them in church for decades, there is more here than any of us has finished discovering. Come for the conversation, the questions, and the joy of learning alongside one another. All are welcome. For more information, please speak with **Rev. Tricia Lyons.**

New Member Classes with Father Chris
Sunday, November 8 & 15
11:30 am in the Church Parlor

New to Christ Church? Join Chris for two sessions after our 10 am service for an overview of the Episcopal Church and to learn more about our special parish.

Annual Stewardship Dinner
Friday, November 20 at 5:30 pm

Bring a favorite entrée or dessert to share.
Prizes awarded for best dishes!
During our dinner, our Christ Church in Stiches group will hold a Silent Auction, with proceeds supporting Christ Church programs!

Violin & Piano Recital featuring our own Diana Greene
Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 pm

Join us for a recital featuring Nicholas Currie on violin
and **our own Diana Greene on piano.**
Invite family and friends to enjoy an afternoon of incredible music at Christ Church.

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