SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026



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Christ Church
Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10 am service. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The Child Care Room is open.**

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10am service, then proceed to their classrooms.

Adult Forum is usually held during Coffee Hour in the Upper Parish Hall following the 10am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 noon when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome to attend!

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study continues on Mondays at 8:00 pm via Zoom. We have a lot of great discussions and would love to have everyone who is able to join!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Parish Halls . The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

Let Reverence and Quietness
Characterize your Entrance into God's House

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am
THE ENTRANCE RITE

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening Acclamation .....Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity .....BCP 323

Summary of the Law ..... BCP 324

Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis .....BCP 324

The Collect of the Day (Proper 20) ..... Bulletin p. 5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11..... Bulletin p. 5

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 145:1-8.....Bulletin p. 6

The Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30..... Bulletin p. 7

The people standing

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:116..... Bulletin p. 7

the people are seated

The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

the people standing

The Nicene Creed ..... BCP 327

The Prayers of the People ..... BCP 328

the people kneeling

Confession of Sin ..... BCP 330

the people standing

The Peace ..... BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward, the people standing

At the Presentation:

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II ..... BCP 340

Sursum corda ..... BCP 340

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit ..... BCP 341

Said by all

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass

The Great Amen ..... BCP 343

The Lord's Prayer ..... BCP 336

Fraction ..... BCP 337

Agnus Dei ..... BCP 337

Prayer of Humble Access ..... BCP 337

Invitation to Communion ..... BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest.

Post Communion Prayer ..... BCP 339

The Blessing ..... BCP 339

the people standing

Dismissal ..... BCP 340

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am
THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude: Improvisation ……...…….....Matthew Glandorf

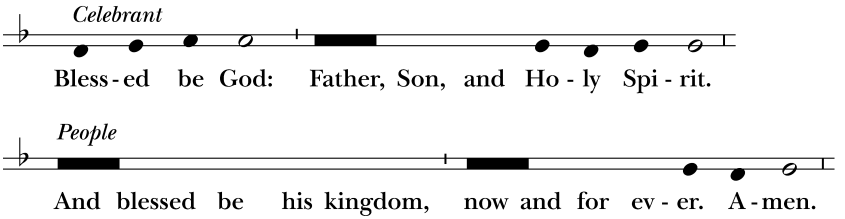
The Congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Processional Hymn 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven" ..... *Lauda anima*

Introit……...Mode VII

Behold, O God, our defender, and ;look upon the face of thine Anoited: for one day in thy courts is better than a thousand. *(Ps)* O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts: my soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord . Glory be..., As it was..., Behold, O God...,

Opening Acclamation .....S76 Hymnal



The Collect for Purity .....BCP 323

Summary of the Law.....BCP 324

Kyrie……..... (*see H. Willan Music Supplement*)

Gloria in excelsis ..... (*see H. Willan Music Supplement)*

COLLECT OF THE DAY (Proper 20)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated

The First Lesson .....Jonah 3:10 –4:11

Lector A reading from the book of Jonah

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, "I pray thee, LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repentest of evil. Therefore now, O LORD, take my life from me, I beseech thee, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. And the LORD God appointed a plant, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm which attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nin′eveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people remain seated.

Gradual Psalm 145:1-8……*Exaltabo te, Deus*

The Psalm is said responsively by verse.

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King; *
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever. .

Every day will I give thanks unto thee; *
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised; *
there is no end of his greatness.

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One generation shall praise thy works unto another, *
and declare thy power praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; *
and I will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; *
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful; *
long-suffering, and of great goodness .

The Epistle ..... Philippians 1:21-30

Lector A reading from the Apostle Paul to the Philippians.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people standing

Alleluia and Verse .....*Mode VI*

Alleluia. Alleluia. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Alleluia.

Sequence Hymn 617 "Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round"……..…..…….*Song I*

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw

others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The people are seated

The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

The people standing

The Nicene Creed .....BCP 327

The Prayers of the People: ..... Form III

The leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
People ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the ✠ departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

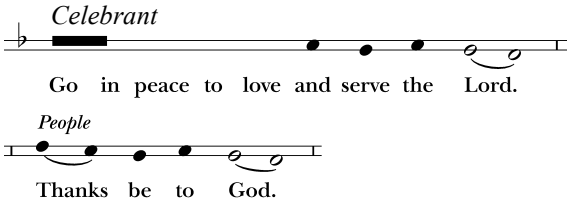
The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The people kneeling

The Confession of Sin ..... BCP 330

The Peace



All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

the people standing

Offertory Sentence……...*Tone II*

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them: O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

the people sitting

Offertory Anthem "Day by Day" .....Martin How (1932-2022)

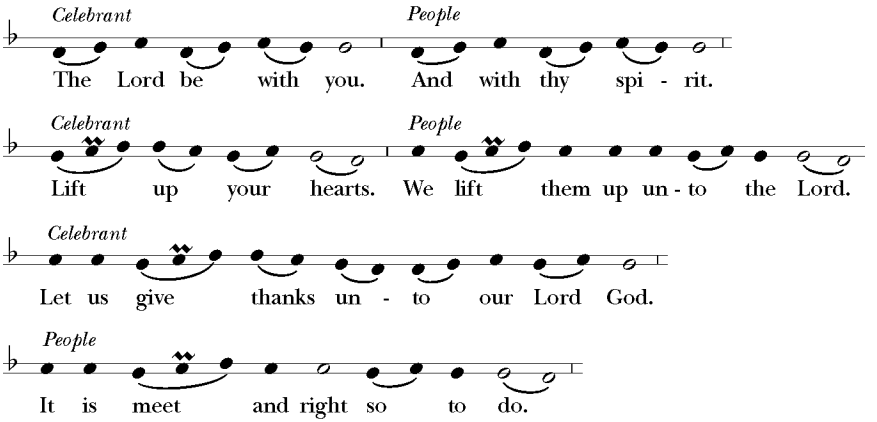
Day by day dear Lord of Thee three things I pray: to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

the people standing

Offertory Hymn 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless".....*St. Agnes*

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II ..... ….. BCP 340

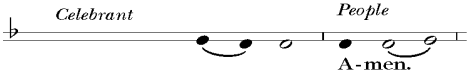
Sursum corda ..... S112 Hymnal



Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit .....(*See H. Willan Music Supplement)*

the people kneel for the canon of the Mass

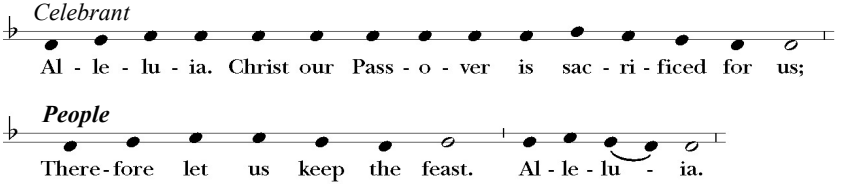
The Great Amen ..... S118 Hymnal



The Lord's Prayer ..... S119 Hymnal

The people kneeling.

Fraction



Agnus Dei .....(*See H. Willan Music Supplement)*

Prayer of Humble Access.....BCP 337

Invitation to Communion ..... BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. the people kneeling

Communion Sentence……...*Tone I*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God: and all these things shall be added unto you, saith the Lord.

Communion Motet *"Teach me, O Lord"* ……..……..……...…….William Byrd (1543-1923)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.
Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgements are good.
Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness
Glory be to the Father.....

Communion Hymn 660 "O Master, let me walk with Thee" ……...……...*Maryton*

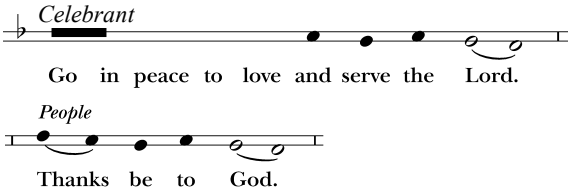
the people kneeling

Post Communion Prayer ……... BCP 339

The Blessing……...…...…….BCP 339

The people standing

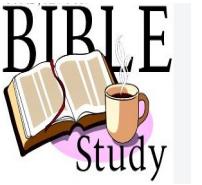
The Dismissal ……S 174 Hymnal



Processional Hymn 690 "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah"…….. *Cwm Rhondda*

There will be no Bible Study for the next upcoming weeks.

Please stayed tuned for more information to come



Those Who Serve Today	**8:00 am** **Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale **Server & Chalice:** Steve Lewis **Lector:** Maureen Carrigan **Ushers**: Mark Hendricks & Brian Erasmus	**10:00 am** **Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale **Organist:** Matthew Glandorf **Master of Ceremonies:** Ed Ferrell **Crucifer:** Joey Lyden **1st Server**: Thomas Piskun **2nd Server**: Annabella Scales **Torches:** **Thurifer:** Scott Cranston **Acolyte Master**: Robertta Shomo **Chalice Bearers:**: Ed Ferrell & Sarah Cranston **Lector I & Intercessor:** Charles Lewis **Lector II**: Robin Atkins **Ushers:** Nathan Wishnick & Mark Novalsky **Childcare**: Jennifer Allbright **Vestry Lock up:** Doreen Mills **Notewriter**: Gwen Simpson **Food Bank:** Ed Ferrell **Vestry Counters:** Team 4: Nathan Wishnick, Doreen Mills, Charles Lewis

Prayer List



Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Wesley, Nancy, Aimee, Bill, Edward, Baby Mark, Baby Anderson, Khoury, Don, John, Luke, Baby Emily, Francine, Mary C., Luke, Averil, Phil, Jack, Terry, J.J., Maureen, Louise, Janet, Krista, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Steve, Mike, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Pat, Gwen, Joy, Stephen, Sandie, Shirley, Ella Beth, Becca, Barbara T, Joshua, Anne, Doreen, Barbara, Mary Sue, Joseph, Sammy Jo, Jillian, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, Téo and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Pray for those that are serving in our armed forces: Omar, CJ, Jacob

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you

Upcoming Events

Monday *Saint Matthew Apostle and Evangelist*	September 21	6:00 PM	AA
Tuesday *Feria*	September 22	NOON 8:00 PM	AA Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday *Feria*	September 23	**10:00 AM**	**Mass & Sacrament of Healing**
Thursday *Our Lady of Walsingham*	September 24	**6:30 PM** 8:00 PM	**Mass** AA Meeting
Friday *Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392*	September 25	**5:30 PM**	**Evening Prayer**
Saturday *Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1686* *Eve of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*	September 26	9:00 am **4:30 PM**	Acolyte Training & Retreat **Vigil Mass**
Sunday *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*	September 27	**8:00 AM** **10:00 AM**	**Mass** **Choral Mass**

Designated Monthly Offerings

September…….Sunday School
October ……..…...All Soul's
November…….……Thanksgiving

Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 27, 2026

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32
Psalm 25:1-8
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation

Annual Woodbury Fall Festival Parade



Saturday, October 3rd (Rain date: October 10th)
Parade time is 5:00 pm, Line up 4:00 pm

Please join the vestry as we march in the parade representing Christ Church.
Please email Father Civale if you wish to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

September 26	Acolyte Retreat 9:30 - 10:45 am
September 28	Confirmation Classes 7:00 - 9:00 pm
October 3	Special Blessing of the Animals 11:00 am




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November 13. 2026 5:00 - 8:00 pm
November 14, 2026 9:00 - 3:00 pm
Christmas Decorations * Wreaths * Tablecloths * Dishware * Glassware * Trees * Trains * Pillows * Bows * Outdoor Decorations and more
Baked Goods & Refreshments will be available for purchase.
Any parish members that wish to voluteer please look out for a Sign-up Genius notice in the upcoming coming weeks.
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Christ Episcopal Church
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GAME NIGHT
Fourth Thursday of the Month!
6:30 PM
Join us for Mass
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Game Night in the Parish Hall
We have games, or bring your own!
Bring a snack or two to share at the snack table.
Good games. Good snacks. Great company.
All are welcome!

Recruiting New Acolytes



There is no greater way to worship the Lord, than by serving at His Altar. Whether you are an adult, teen or child (second grade and up) we could use your assistance. Please reach out to Robertta Shomo or Fr Civale by email if you or your child are interested in serving in this important ministry.

Confirmation Classes Begin September 28th



Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Faith will be celebrated during Eastertide of 2027. Although we don't yet have an exact date from the bishop, we will begin preparation this fall. Instead of a crash course in spring, we will meet once a month to review our assigned readings and explore what it is about the faith that we are confirming. The extra preparation time will also explore how our parish ministers to its needs and the needs of the community. Classes will generally meet from 7:00- 9:00pm on the fourth Monday of the month beginning on Monday, September 28th. The spring dates may need to be adjusted depending on when the bishop schedules her visit and there will be no class in December. The evening will begin with Mass in the church and continue with class in the parish hall. It is expected that confirmands attend all eight sessions, however if an emergency occurs the class work can be made up.

Please let Fr Civale know by email if you or your child are interested by September 23rd. And don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Confirmation, is the sacrament when a baptized Christian makes "a mature commitment to Christ and receives strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 857) It involves making our own commitment to Christ- a commitment originally made for us by our parents and godparents. Confirmation reinforces our personal desire to live as a Christian, as a member of the Body of Christ, as a follower and lover of Jesus. Confirmation also expresses the desire to live out our faith within the Episcopal Church and the world-wide Anglican Communion.

Reception into the Episcopal Church is for a person who has already been confirmed in another denomination of the Church.

Reaffirmation is for people already confirmed in the Episcopal Church, who desire to deepen their faith and reaffirm their commitment to Christ and His Church. Reaffirmation is a great way to spend time reviewing the faith and why it is important enough for us to reaffirm.

Confirmation and Reception and Reaffirmation all require a period of preparation, examination, and exploration into all aspects of the Christian life and what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ.

What's The Buzz About?

The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



2026-2027

(ECW)

Episcopal Church Women

Registration

ALL Women of the Parish are Welcome!

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Phone: (Home): _____

(Cell): _____

Email: _____

Birthday (month/day): _____

☐ I can provide transportation to ECW meetings.

☐ I would like a ride to ECW meetings.

Registration forms may be turned in on Homecoming Sunday, Sept 13th , or at our September 16th meeting, placed in the offering plate, or mailed to the church office, Attn: ECW, 62 Delaware St., Woodbury, NJ 08096. Yearly dues of $15 is requested to help support ECW programs. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Mass Schedule Updates



A Vigil Mass to begin a trial run on Saturday, September 26th – December 20th

This fall Christ Church will offer three weekend Masses. Beginning on Saturday, September 26th at 4:30 we will offer a short more contemplative celebration of the Eucharist which will include a sermon. We are adding the service to accommodate those families and individuals who often run into Sunday morning conflicts with sports and school and other activities. Ushers, Altar Guild and acolytes are not expected to attend unless they want to. This is a trial run. If it is well received, we will continue the service in the new year. The Vigil or Eve of a major Feast Day and Sunday has always been observed in the Church beginning the evening before- preferably after sundown. As you know the Roman Catholic Church has offered the Vigil Mass option for decades and it is increasingly popular in the Episcopal Church. The preference is always that one attends on Sunday morning itself, but there are times when conflicts might occur and the availability of a Saturday evening option is welcomed.

Adopt-a-Project: Caring for Our Parish Home

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is grateful for the many ways our parish community helps care for our shared property. We invite you to consider supporting the Adopt-a-Project fund, which helps address smaller facility and grounds needs that keep our parish home safe, welcoming, and well maintained. Over the past several months, we have identified several projects that are smaller than our Capital Projects but still need attention, including repairing the rear property gate, replacing the window shades in the Sunday School wing, improving the walkway from the Rectory to the Church for safety, and replacing the deteriorating utility shed. While some funds remain from previous Adopt-a-Project efforts, additional support is needed to complete these projects. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and may be made to the Adopt-a-Project fund. Thank you for helping us care for the place we gather, worship, learn, and serve together.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed for 2026-2027

Coffee Hour is a warm and welcoming part of our parish life and a simple ministry of fellowship and hospitality. We are beginning to plan the 2026-2027 schedule.

Please prayerfully consider hosting one or two Sundays, either on your own or with a friend. Hosting is simple, food choices are flexible, and help is always available.

We have about 30 Sundays to schedule, so if each volunteer signs up for two weeks, we will need about 15 volunteers.

A general sign-up will be available in September on Homecoming Weekend, but if you feel called to serve you can sign up today on "Sign Up Genus" by using the QR code that is below. An email invitation was sent out to those who participated last year but if you sign up you can help "lessen the burden".

To volunteer, please contact Mary Beth at jim5001@verizon.net, 609-412-0691, or Jim at 609-472-2812.

Thank you for helping make Coffee Hour a joyful place to share God's welcome through fellowship, hospitality, and parish family.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm, they are on a break for the summer and meetings will resume in September. Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth.



Gloucester County Division of Senior Services

September is WORLD ALZHEIMER'S MONTH

Join us for a **Dementia Resource Fair**, where you can find valuable information and support for Alzheimer's disease and all forms of dementia.

Date:

Friday, September 25, 2026

Time:

9:00am - 12:00pm

Location:

Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ)
Behavioral Science Center
1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell NJ 08080



Light refreshments will be served!

To RSVP or to receive additional information, please contact Stacy Reid, (856)686-8338 or sreideco.gloucester.nj.us

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Gloucester County Senior Services
Caregiver Support Program

LEAD by LOVE SUPPORT GROUP

A program for grandparents or older relatives raising a child under the age of 1

An opportunity to receive resources and support among other grandparents or older relatives who are raising children under the age of 18. Group held in-person.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Connect with other caregivers, receive support, resources and solutions to common caregiving matters. Group held in-person.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A safe and inviting space where caregivers experiencing loss can come together and share feelings. Group held in-person.

CAREGIVER CONNECTION

Missed a support group? Caregiver Connection is an opportunity to ask questions virtually about available services or support.

For dates, times, locations or additional information please contact Stacy Reid at (856)686-8338 or sreid@co.gloucester.nj.us

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Parish Office Business Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Email: parishadministrator@christchurchwoodbury.org
Phone: (856)845-0190

The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civale.

Rector

Fr. Lawrence Civale
Email: frcivale@christchurchwoodbury.org
Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.
Father Civale observes Tuesdays as his Sabbath.



Please Note

Effective immediately, please use the following email addresses to get in contact with us:

Father Civale
frcivale@christchurchwoodbury.org

Jackie Fahr
parishadministrator@christchurchwoodbury.org

Please update your records.
Thank you.

Caring for the Earth: Stories from Faith Communities



Faith communities across the country have active hope-filled ministries of Creation Care. If you're looking for inspiration for your own Creation Care ministry, this six-week online video and discussion series will offer you resources to build your own ministries of justice and compassion.

Each week you will receive an email with the week's video, discussion questions, and zoom link. When we meet, we will begin with a group viewing of the video of the week, followed by discussion. You are welcome to watch the video before class, and re-watch with the class during our meeting. This film series was created by Blessed Tomorrow, an ecumenical ministry of those, who are engaged in climate change ministries. (https://blessedtomorrow.org/).

If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact The Rev Ellen Rutherford at Trinity Church, Swedesboro (ecrutherford@juno.com) to add your name and email to the weekly emailing. You can join the group for a single class or for all of the sessions. We will meet on Tuesdays, at 7pm, on zoom

Oct 6	Called by Faith: How Will You Answer?
Oct 13	Seeds of Fire: Building Resilient Communities
Oct 20	Holy Water: Protecting What Connects and Sustains Us
Oct 27	Climate Justice: Scared Voice Rising
Nov 3	Healing Creation: Honoring Nature and Each Other
Nov 10	In-person Woodbury Convocation meeting – details TBA
Nov 17	Young Leaders: Creating Hope for the Future

If you are interested in participating in this series, send your name and your email to me at ecrutherford@juno.com. Following your registration, you will receive a zoom link and the video of the week, prior to each meeting.

The Rev Ellen Rutherford, Trinity Church, Swedesboro, ecrutherford@juno.com, 609-319-9234

Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries News

Did you know?

GWCM is made up of 13 local faith communities. The Board of Trustees is made up of two Trustees per faith community. For Christ Church the trustees are Leslie Teris and Darcie Sanchez. Leslie has just stepped down as our Board Treasurer; a position she took over after our own Ed Ferrell held it. If you see Leslie please thank her for her years of dedication. She will still sit on the board as a trustee.

GWCM Summer News

Did you know the food pantry gave out fresh fruits and vegetables all summer?

These are the places that sent them:

Bushels of Blessings: working with farmers and gleaning produce as it becomes ripe
Woodbury Community Garden: maintains a plot just for GWCM and other gardeners give their overflow
Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative: donates 100 boxes of varying produce each week
Rowan: Students oversee a farm and send in their produce

The Summer Lunch Program

Funded by a private grant through the Food Bank of South Jersey. Every child received 5 lunches in a box each week. A TOTAL OF 2,736 BOXES WERE DISRIBUTED!

New Freezers

Over the summer one of our freezers died. In what can only be God's intervention, with a 1-day deadline, a grant application was turned in and approved through Food Bank of South Jersey! GWCM now has 4 new freezers!

Information about online monetary donations and events can be found at **GWCM.org**

From January through July GWCM has fed 24,210 clients!

GWCM Upcoming Special Collections:

Please mark your calendars for the following Special Collections. More information will be posted here as we get closer to the collection dates.

October

We will be collecting "The Fixens" for Thanksgiving Dinner. Things like cornbread mix, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, gravy, etc. Look for the table in Fellowship Hall starting on September 20th and running until November 1st.

Thanksgiving Turkeys

Last year South Jersey Foodbank donated 400 turkeys. This year they are donating 200. GWCM will have to make up the difference. Due to storage space here and at GWCM, and the need to keep the turkeys frozen, we will not be able to do an "official" collection at Christ Church. But if you find yourself with an extra turkey, or a free turkey with no home, please consider donating it to the food pantry. They are able to collect turkeys at the main pantry on Thursday, November 19th, during regular food bank hours.

(Seventh Day Adventist Church, 330 East Barber Avenue, Woodbury)

November

We will be making Hygiene Bags to be given out at Christmas. Last year, one Christ Church family assembled these after their Thanksgiving Dinner! What a great idea! Look for the table in Fellowship Hall starting on November 8th and running through December 13th.

Why do we have a deadline for Special Collections?

Having a deadline ensures that the items can be delivered to the pantry, and volunteers have enough time to count and pack them. For example: "The Fixin's" last collection date is November 1st. This allows time for the items to be collected and delivered to the pantry by November 3rd, and for the pantry to start distributing them November 5th.

Our ministry is always open to anyone who would like to help deliver the donated food to GWCM. We rotate weeks and deliver Saturday morning to Colonial Manor. We currently have 7 volunteers. If you see them, please thank them for their dedication to this Ministry.

Thank you to Ed Ferrell, Sue Velasquez, Doug & Carol Hill, Jim & Mary Beth Bathurst, Charles Lewis, Kim Henning, and Mike & Darcie Sanchez.





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Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass (Except Summer)
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

Rector

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Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis

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Brandon Gorman
Robertta Shomo
Nathan Wishnick

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