

# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025



Woodcut from *The Canterbury Tales*, Richard Pynson (1449-1529)

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 10am service for infants to age 4. Parents are given pagers. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The nursery 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. **Sunday School for 2025-2026 will start Sunday, September 14, 2025.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back this fall!

Adult Forum is held in the Upper Assembly Room 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 Forum has concluded for the season. Homecoming is Sunday, September 14.**

Adult Bible Study The Bible Study will begin **September 15th** over Zoom on Mondays at 8 PM. We will be studying 1&2 Timothy and Titus. We have a lot of great discussion 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 Assembly Rooms. 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*

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## 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 17) ..... Bulletin p. 7

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*the people are seated*

The First Lesson: Book of Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18..... Bulletin p. 8

*the people remain seated*

Gradual Psalm 112 *Beatus vir* ..... Bulletin p. 8

The Epistle Hebrews 13:1-8..... Bulletin p. 9

*The people standing*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14 ..... Bulletin p. 9

*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.**

<b>The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II</b> .....	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 shouldst 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
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<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>





to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Music: *Old Scottish Chant*, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763?, alt.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (Proper 17):

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

**L**ord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 ..... Ecclesiastes 10:12-18

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Ecclesiastes.

**T**he beginning of man's pride is to depart from the Lord; his heart has forsaken his Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the man who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brought upon them extraordinary afflictions, and destroyed them utterly. The Lord has cast down the thrones of rulers, and has seated the lowly in their place. The Lord has plucked up the roots of the nations, and has planted the humble in their place. The Lord has overthrown the lands of the nations, and has destroyed them to the foundations of the earth. He has removed some of them and destroyed them, and has extinguished the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for men, nor fierce anger for those born of women.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people remain seated.*

Gradual Psalm 112 ..... *Beatus vir.*

*The Psalm is said responsively by verse.*

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; \*  
he hath great delight in his commandments.

***His seed shall be mighty upon earth; \*  
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.***

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; \*  
and his righteousness endureth for ever.

***Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; \*  
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.***

A good man is merciful, and lendeth; \*  
and will guide his words with discretion.

***For he shall never be moved: \*  
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.***

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; \*  
for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

***His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, \*  
until he see his desire upon his enemies.***

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. \*  
and his righteousness remaineth for ever;  
his horn shall be exalted with honour.

***The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; \*  
he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away;  
the desire of the ungodly shall perish.***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \*  
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen***

The Epistle ..... Hebrews 13:1-8

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

**L**et brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you." Hence we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

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

*The people standing*

Alleluia and Verse *Domine, speravi* ..... *Mode IV*

**A**lleluia! Alleluia! In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: deliver me in thy righteousness; bow down thine ear to me, make haste to deliver me. Alleluia!

Sequence Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" ..... *Hymn to Joy*

The Holy Gospel ..... Luke 14:1, 7-14

*People* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

**O**ne sabbath when he went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." He said also to

the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

*People*

*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 thy 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.***



The Great Amen ..... S118 Hymnal

*Celebrant* *People*

A-men.

Detailed description: A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody for the Celebrant starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on F4, and a half note on E4. The melody for the People starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on F4, and a half note on E4. The lyrics 'A-men.' are written below the notes.

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

*The people kneeling.*

Fraction

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Detailed description: Two musical staves with treble clefs and one flat. The Celebrant part has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;' are written below. The People part has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below.

Agnus Dei ..... (see *Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena Service Music Supplement*)

Prayer of Humble Access.....BCP 337

Invitation to Communion ..... BCP 338

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*Celebrant and People*

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Communion Sentence

Communion Hymn 321 “My God, thy table now is spread” ..... *Rockingham*

*the people kneeling*

Post Communion Prayer ..... BCP 339

The Blessing.....BCP 339

*The people standing*

The Dismissal ..... S 174 Hymnal

*Celebrant*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

Detailed description: Two musical staves with treble clefs and one flat. The Celebrant part has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' are written below. The People part has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' are written below.

Processional Hymn 450 “All hail the power of Jesus’ name!”..... *Coronation*  
Postlude *Concerto in G, Mvt. III* ..... Bach/Vivaldi (1685-1750)



### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by MaryBeth Bird  
in memory of the Reverend Dr. John E. Bird.

Those Who  
Serve Today

#### 8:00 am

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale  
**Server & Chalice:** Doreen Mills  
**Lector:** Maureen Carrigan  
**Ushers:** Mark Hendricks &  
Steve Shomo

#### 10:00 am

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale  
**Organist:** Nick Mynyk  
**Master of Ceremonies:** Steve Lewis  
**Crucifer:** Scott Cranston  
**1<sup>st</sup> Server:** Riley Shomo  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Server:** Cece Lyden  
**Acolyte Master:** Emily Piskun  
**Chalice Bearers:** Ed Ferrell &  
Steve Lewis  
**Lector I & Intercessor:** Charles Lewis  
**Lector II:** Jennifer Lewis  
**Ushers:** Chris Piskun & Steve Rash  
**Nursery:** Jennifer Allbright  
**Vestry Lock up:** Nathan Wishnick  
**Notewriter:** Cheryl Rheiner  
**Food Bank:** Scott & Sarah Cranston  
**Vestry Counters:** Team 1:  
Doreen Mills, Mark Novalsky, Nathan  
Wishnick

### Garden Reception



Today, following the 10:00 am Mass, there will be a special Reception in the garden for Nick Mynyk and Betsy Murphy to celebrate their last day at Christ Church Woodbury and their service to our community.

## *Prayer List*

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

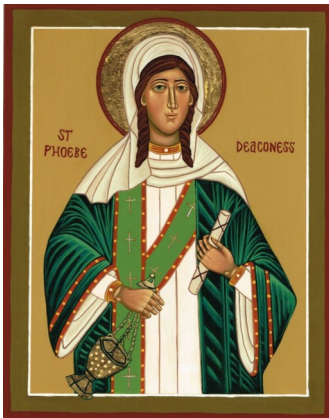


Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Kristen, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Larry, Betty, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Darrah, Rosie, Steve, Fran, Mike, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Joseph, Sammy Jo, Jillian, Jill, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Joy, 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.

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

## Weekday Services this Week



### **Wednesday, September 3**

*Phoebe, Deacon*

10:00 AM Healing Mass

### **Thursday, September 4**

*Feria*

6:30 PM Evening Prayer

### **Friday, September 5**

*Feria*

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

## **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.

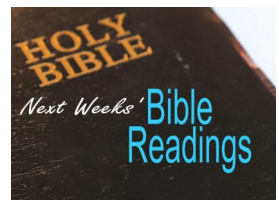
## **Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Reading: Philemon 1-20

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

\*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation



## Upcoming Events

Monday <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Feria</i>	September 1	6:00 PM	OFFICE CLOSED AA Meeting
Tuesday <i>The Martyrs of New Guinea</i>	September 2	NOON 8:00 PM	AA Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday <i>Phoebe, Deacon</i>	September 3	10:00 AM	Mass with Prayers for Healing
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	September 4	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Mass Executive Committee AA Meeting
Friday <i>Feria</i>	September 5	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday <i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	September 7	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mass Mass

### Priest-in-Charge

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: [frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org](mailto:frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org)

Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.

Fr. Civale tries to keep Monday as his Sabbath day.



### Parish Office Business Hours



**Monday:** Office Closed

**Tuesday:** 9 am - noon

**Wednesday:** 9 am - noon

**Thursday:** 9am - noon

**Friday:** 9 am - noon

We are grateful for your patience and understanding as our parish office goes through a time of transition. We look forward to extending our office hours soon. Until then, please don't hesitate to call the office to schedule an appointment—we are here for you.

# Fall Newsletter Deadline



THE THIRTY-FIRST OF

*August*

TWENTY TWENTY FIVE



**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
**Sunday, September 7, 10:00 am**  
**Sunday School Registration**  
**following the 10:00 am Mass**



**Don't Drop the Ball!**  
Join us as we Kick off the  
2025-2026 programming year

**Homecoming Sunday**  
**September 14, 2025**



# Share your pictures!



If you attend a Christ Church event, please take some pictures and email them to the office:  
[office@christchurch.woodburynj.org](mailto:office@christchurch.woodburynj.org).

We will try to include them in our Quarterly Newsletter, website, social media and Annual Report. Thank you!

## ✦ Acolytes Wanted! ✦

Calling all students entering 3rd grade and up!

Do you (or someone you know) have:

- 💠 A heart to serve
- 💠 A curious spirit
- 💠 A desire to grow in faith

If so, come be part of our Acolyte Ministry at Christ Church!

### Who Can Join?

👉 Anyone entering 3rd grade or older

Why Be an Acolyte?

- Serve God in a meaningful way
- Build confidence & leadership skills
- Make new friends & grow in community

**Acolyte Retreat — Coming Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm!**

📅 Saturday | 9:30 am–12:00 pm

A fun, faith-filled morning of training & fellowship—plus pizza lunch!



Interested?

Contact Robertta Shomo to get retreat details and be added to the Fall acolyte schedule.



Come be a light in worship — and learn to carry it!

## ECW (Episcopal Church Women)



The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm; meetings will resume in October. 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.

## 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.



## Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to Bernie Lasoski for recently repainting the parish office sign on Delaware Street. Your care and effort help keep our church welcoming and visible in the community.

## Mark your Calendars!

### Acolytes

Saturday, September 27, 9:00 am—Noon

Acolyte Retreat with Pizza Lunch

### Vestry Members

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Vestry Retreat

### Convention Delegates

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Diocese of New Jersey Convention



## We Can Do This!



Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries needs our help. Donations are especially needed at this time due to continued high numbers of clients. What an impact Christ Church could make if each family set a goal to bring 1 (one) item to church every week.

- ♥ **Breakfast** - cereal (hot or cold), pancake mix, syrup.
- ♥ **Lunch** - Peanut butter & jelly, mayonnaise, tuna, canned soup.
- ♥ **Dinner** - dried mashed potatoes, rice, pasta (spaghetti/macaroni), spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned fruits and vegetables (greens, corn, carrots, beets, etc), juice, tea/coffee, crackers, pudding mix, cake mix & icing.
- ♥ Other items to donate – hand soap, toilet paper, feminine products, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, shaving items, laundry detergent, etc.



Please go to [gwcm.org](http://gwcm.org) for more information and to see what else is needed.

Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

## Bible Study Starts September 15



Our weekly Bible Study will return on **Monday, September 15 at 8:00 PM via Zoom**. This fall, we'll spend 12 weeks exploring **1 & 2 Timothy and Titus**—letters that shape much of our Sunday worship this season. Together, we'll reflect on themes of **church leadership and faithful teaching** using the *N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide*.

We've had wonderful discussions in the past and would love for you to join us!

**Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81627384062?pwd=PTpGtBPt7ZdyhgauVzCreJFsn0vwM.1>

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## Service Schedule

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

## *Priest-in-Charge*

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

## Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Gwen Simpson

Class of 2026

Doreen Mills  
Gwen Simpson  
Sherm Yeiter

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst  
Charles Lewis  
Tori Wishnick

Class of 2028

Laura Erasmus  
Robertta Shomo  
Nathan Wishnick

