

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026



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Christ Church

Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey

Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist: Rite I— Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 8:00 am
THE ENTRANCE RITE

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening AcclamationBook 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 PurityBCP 323
Summary of the Law BCP 324
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated
The First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32..... Bulletin p. 5

the people remain seated
Gradual Psalm 25:1-8.....Bulletin p. 6

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The people standing
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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
<i>Said by all</i>	
<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:</i>	
<i>Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.</i>	
<i>Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.</i>	
<i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.</i>	
<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>	
<i>the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass</i>	
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.	
<i>Celebrant and People</i>	
<i>Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.</i>	
<i>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.</i>	
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
<i>the people standing</i>	
Dismissal	BCP 340
<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude: Improvisation

The Congregation stands when the bell is rung.

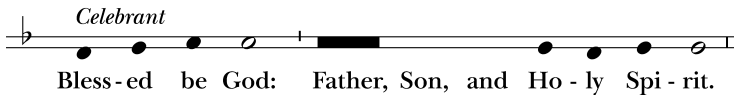
Processional Hymn 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" *St. Denio*

Introit.....Mode VII

Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me: O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee; have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee. (*Ps*) Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul . Glory be..., As it was..., Bow down, O Lord...,

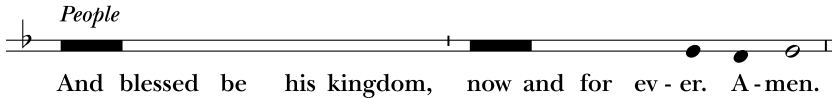
Opening AcclamationS76 Hymnal

Celebrant



Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Collect for PurityBCP 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 21)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Lector A reading from the book of Ezekiel

The word of the LORD came to me again: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins shall die. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of any one, says the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

The people remain seated.

Gradual Psalm 25:1-8.....Jon Aveyard

Read responsively at the 4:30 pm & 8:00 am Mass

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: *
O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

***For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed *
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion..***

Shew me thy ways, O Lord *
and teach me thy paths. .

***Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me *
for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.***

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies ; *
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old..

*O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; *
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O LORD, for thy goodness.*

Gracious and righteous is the LORD; *
therefore, will he teach sinners in the way.

*Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment; *
and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.*

The Epistle Philippians 2:1-13
Lector A reading from the Apostle Paul to the Philippians.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

The people standing
Alleluia and Verse*Mode VI*

Alleluia. Alleluia. For the Lord is a great God: and a great King over the earth.
Alleluia.

Sequence Hymn 642 “Lord Jesus, think on me”.....*Southwell*

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

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

People

And when Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he repented and went. And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

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 CreedBCP 327

A Litany of Thanksgiving:

The leader and people pray responsively

Intercessor Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of thy creations, in earth and sky and sea,

People **We thank thee, O Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and woman, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For all valiant seekers of truth, liberty and justice,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank thee, O Lord.

Above all, we give thee thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord:

To him be praise and glory, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

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

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People

And with thy spi - rit.

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





Christ Church Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank thee for all of the gifts that thou hast given us; our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have, and all that we are. Most of all we thank thee for Jesus, thy son and our redeemer who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of thy gifts, showing that complete trust in thee is the most important part of following him. May the offerings of our time, talent, and resources be made in the spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by his life and death for us. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen

THE HOLY COMMUNION

the people standing

Offertory Sentence.....*Tone II*

I waited patiently for the Lord , and he inclined unto me: he heard my calling, and hath put a new song in my mouth even a thanksgiving unto our God.

the people sitting

Offertory Anthem “Ave Verum Corpus ” Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Ave, verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O merciful, O mild, O precious Jesus, Son of Mary

Offertory Hymn 474 “Before thy throne, O God we kneel”.....*St. Petersburg*

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II BCP 340

Sursum cordaS112 Hymnal

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

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

the people kneel for the canon of the Mass

The Great AmenS118 Hymnal

Celebrant *People*

A-men.

The Lord's PrayerS119 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.

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

Prayer of Humble Access.....BCP 337

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

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. the people kneeling

Communion Sentence.....*Tone I*

The bread that I will give is my Flesh: which I will give for the life of the world.

Communion Motet “Christus Factus Est ”Felice Anerio (1560 - 1614)

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
 usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

*Christ became obedient for us unto death,
 even to the death, death on the cross.*

Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et ded-
 it illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

*Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him
 a name which is above all names.*

Communion Hymn 306 “Come risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”*Sursum Corda*
the people kneeling

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing.....BCP 339

The people standing

The DismissalS 174 Hymnal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 429 “I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath”..... *Old 113th*

Postlude Improvisation

**Those Who
Serve Today**

8:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Server & Chalice: Ed Ferrell

Lector: Jack Ennis

Ushers: Mark Hendricks & Steve Shomo

10:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Organist: Matthew Glandorf

Master of Ceremonies: Jim Bathurst

Crucifer: CeCe Lyden

1st Server: Maya Sanchez

2nd Server: Joey Scales

Torches:

Thurifer: Sam Buck

Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo

Chalice Bearers:: Jim Bathurst & Doreen Mills

Lector I & Intercessor: Tori Wishnick

Lector II: Nathan Wishnick

Ushers: Chris Piskun & Mike Sanchez

Childcare: Jennifer Allbright

Vestry Lock up: Doreen Mills

Notewriter: Marilyn McGeoch

Food Bank: Sue Velasquez

Vestry Counters: Team 1: Jim Bathurst & Mark Novalsky

Prayer List

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

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: John, 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, Téó 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



LITURGICAL NOTES ON HONORING THE CROSS

The cross or crucifix is the most powerful symbol in our lives as Christians. We are reminded of Christ's sacrificial love and his victory over sin, brokenness and death. We are reminded that we are a people reconciled and in covenant with Christ and each other by means of our baptism. As we gaze upon the cross, it should fill us with gratitude, joy, and thanksgiving for Christ's work on our behalf.

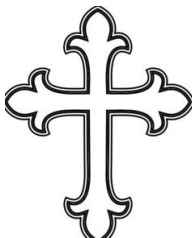
The Special Role of the Processional Cross

As the cross leads the opening procession, it symbolizes that Christ is in our midst and faithfully gathers us as a united people, His Church. We move from our lives outside to a visibly united life around the altar where we worship and where we are nourished to do the work we are called to do. We should be focused on the cross, not only in procession, but on the altar throughout the Mass. As the cross passes by we bow and turn toward the altar. We don't wait until the rest of the procession passes by because the cross and what is going to happen on the altar is now our focus.

The processional cross takes on a special meaning during the closing procession as well. We are a people who have been nourished and strengthened. As we leave the church, we leave entrusting our lives to the One who has nourished us and who goes before us. We are a united people in faith, led by Christ, moving out into the world with a duty to spread the Gospel as that Body of Christ.

The Gospel Procession

You may notice at the 10:00 Mass we no longer lead the Gospel procession with the cross. This is because our sole focus is on the Gospel itself. Instead of bowing and turning as the cross goes by, we may bow and turn as the Gospel book goes by. This shows that we are now focused in a special way on hearing the teachings of Jesus and hearing about his life, passion, death and resurrection.



Upcoming Events

Monday <i>Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia and Martyr, 929</i>	September 28	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	AA Confirmation Classes begin
Tuesday <i>Saint Michael and all Angels</i>	September 29	NOON 8:00 PM	AA Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday <i>Jerome, Priest and monk of Bethlehem, 420</i>	September 30	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Mass & Sacrament of Healing <i>(Transferred St. Michael and all Angels)</i> Sunday School Meeting via Zoom
Thursday <i>Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, 530</i>	October 1	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Mass Executive Meeting AA Meeting
Friday <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	October 2	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Saturday <i>Therese of Lisieux, Monastic, 1897</i>	October 3	11:00 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals in Jubilee Garden Vigil Mass Woodbury Fall Festival Parade
Sunday <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	October 4	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mass Choral Mass

Designated Monthly Offerings

September.....Sunday School

OctoberAll Soul's

November.....Thanksgiving

Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—October 4, 2026

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-14

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

*Please note Christ Church uses the
RSV Bible Translation



With Gratitude and Generosity

You are invited to the

Stewardship

Kick-Off

Breakfast

September 27

Upper Parish Hall

Following the 10:00 mass

Offered by your Vestry



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

New beginning on September 26th
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

September 26 Acolyte Retreat 9:30 am - 10:45 am

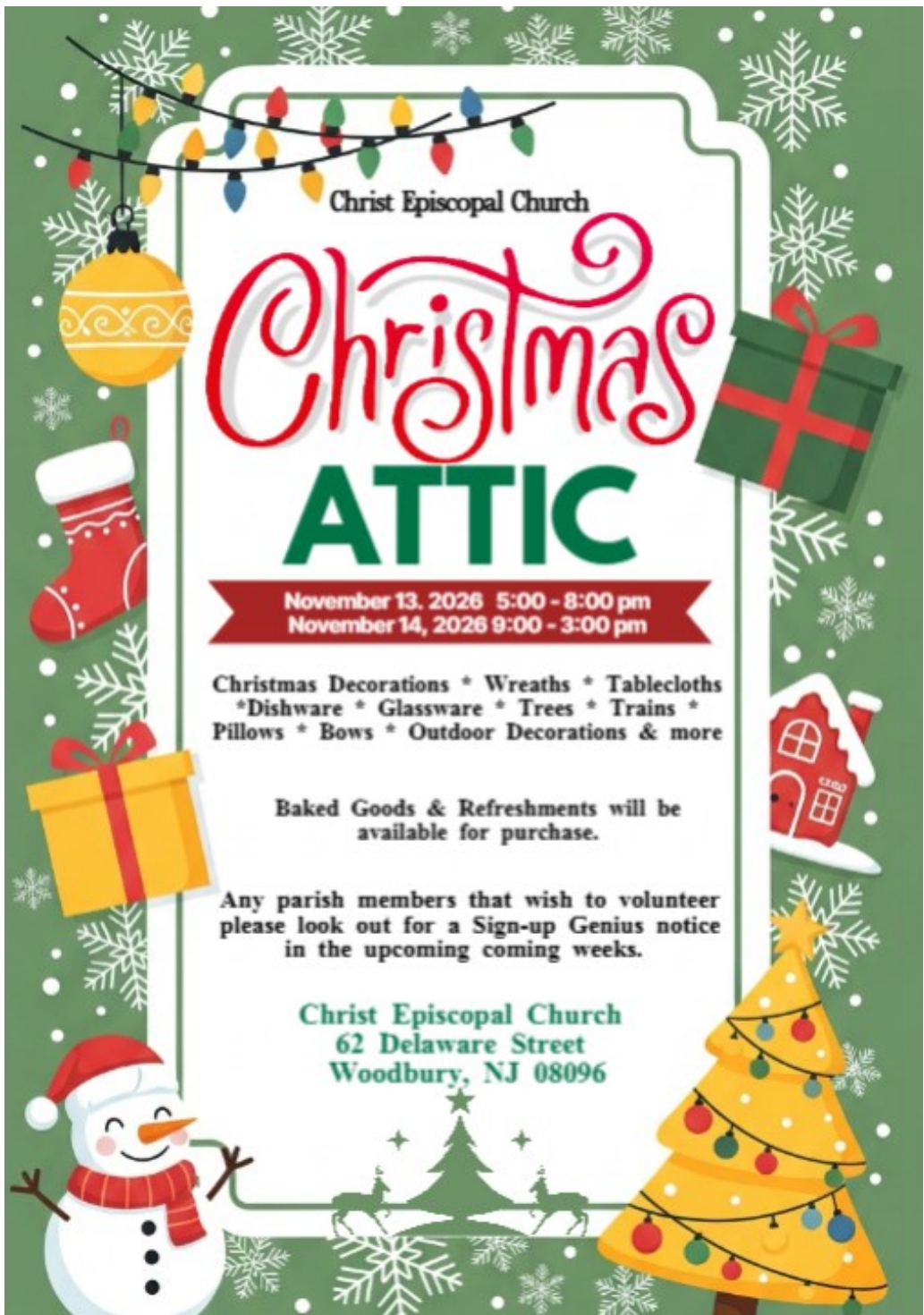
September 28 Confirmation Classes begin
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

October 3 St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals
in the Jubilee Garden - 11:00 am
Woodbury Fall Harvest Parade - 5:00 pm

November 13 Christmas Attic 5:00 - 8:00 pm

November 14 Christmas Attic 9:00 am- 3:00 pm





Christ Episcopal Church

Christmas ATTIC

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 & more

Baked Goods & Refreshments will be
available for purchase.

Any parish members that wish to volunteer
please look out for a Sign-up Genius notice
in the upcoming coming weeks.

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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! =
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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 18.

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. Civalé.

Rector

Fr. Lawrence Civalé

Email: frcivale@christchurchwoodbury.org

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

Father Civalé observes Tuesdays as his Sabbath.



Please Note

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

Father Civalé

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.

Stay Connected – Update Your Email!

Christ Church sends out a weekly e-newsletter every Friday, filled with helpful updates including *Those Who Serve*, the Sunday bulletin, weekly readings, and upcoming events.



If you're not receiving it, be sure to check your spam or junk folder. To update your email address or be added to the mailing list, please send an email to

parishadministrator@christchurchwoodbury.org

Let's stay connected as a church family!

Share your pictures....

If you attend a Christ church event, please take pictures and email them to the office: parishadministrator@christchurchwoodbury.org.

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





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Service Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

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

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

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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