

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21, 2025
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



Marinus van Reymerswaele, *The Unjust Steward* (1430).

Christ Church
Woodbury, New Jersey
A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey



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 started last week. We are excited to welcome everyone back this fall! **There is Sunday School today.**

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. **There is Adult Forum today.**

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study started last week over Zoom and continue on Mondays at 8:00 pm. We will be studying 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus. 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 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

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 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

Kyrie & Gloria in excelsisBCP 324

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Book of Amos 8:4-7 Bulletin p. 6

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 138 Bulletin p. 6

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Bulletin p. 7

The people standing

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 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
<i>Said by all</i>	
<i>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.</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 shouldst 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>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>



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

The people remain seated.

Gradual Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi.*

The Psalm is said responsively by verse during the 8 am Mass only.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

***I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,
because of thy loving-kindness and truth; *
for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.***

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; *
and enduedst my soul with much strength.

***All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord; *
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.***

Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, *
That great is the glory of the Lord.

***For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; *
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.***

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; *
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies,
and thy right hand shall save me.

***The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; *
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever;
despise not then the works of thine own hands.***

***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 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Lector A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy .

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was

appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.

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

The people standing
Alleluia and Verse *Tone VI*

Alleluia. Alleluia. God is righteous Judge, strong and patient: and God is provoked everyday.
Alleluia.

Sequence Hymn 551 “Rise up ye Saints of God” *Festal Song*

The Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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

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

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ And the steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations

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 al 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 earth

Give us grace to do thy will in all we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress

Give 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

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence *Tone II*

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O Save me for thy mercies sake..

the people are seated

Offertory Anthem *O Lord My God* P. I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

the people standing

Offertory Hymn 488 “Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart ” *Slane*

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II BCP 340

Sursum corda S112 Hymnal

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>And with thy spi - rit.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>We lift them up un - to the Lord.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>It is meet and right so to do.</p>
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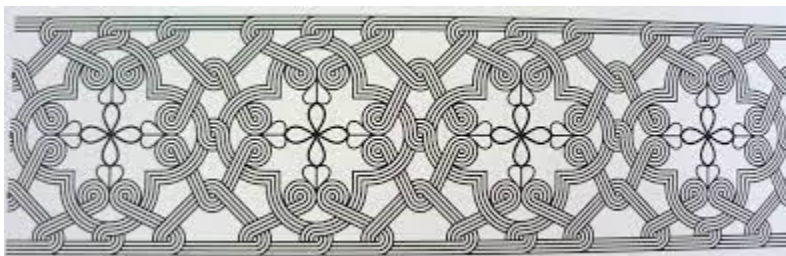
Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit (See *Missa Marialis Service Music Supplement*)

the people kneel for the canon of the Mass

The Great Amen S118 Hymnal

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>A-men.</p>
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The Lord’s Prayer S119 Hymnal



The people kneeling.

Fraction

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei (See *Missa Marialis Service 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 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*

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most Highest .

Communion Motet *O Lord, Increase Our Faith* Henry Loosemoore (d 1670)

Communion Hymn 475 “God himself is with us ” *Tysk*

the people kneeling

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing.....BCP 339

The people standing

The Dismissal S 174 Hymnal

Deacon
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People
Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe den Herren*

Postlude: *Alla Marcia* Thomas Adams (1857-1918)

Those Who Serve Today	8:00 am	10:00 am
	<p>Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale Server & Chalice: Jim Bathurst Lector: Maureen Carrigan Ushers: Mark Hendricks & Brian Erasmus</p>	<p>Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale Organist: Luke Stasiunas Master of Ceremonies: Steve Lewis Thurifer & Boat: Brandon Gorman Crucifer: Peyton Sims 1st Server: Riley Shomo 2nd Server: Maya Sanchez Torches: Daphne Rhodes & Cece Lyden Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo Chalice Bearers: Ed Ferrell & Steve Lewis Lector I & Intercessor: Mary Beth Bathurst Lector II: Sarah Cranstan Ushers: Dennis Sims & Mark Novalsky Nursery: Jennifer Allbright Vestry Lock up: Jim Bathurst Notewriter: Cheryl Rheiner Food Bank: Charles Lewis Vestry Counters: Team 4 Sherm Yeiter, Gwen Simpson, Jim Bathurst</p>



Altar Flowers
The flowers on the altar today
are in joyful thanksgiving of Maya Sanchez.



Prayer List

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

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

Pray for those with enduring needs: Gwen, 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 join Father Civale at Adult Forum for fellowship and some general discussion.

Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21

First Reading: Book of Amos 6:1-7

Second Reading: I Timothy 6:11-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation



Weekday Services this Week



Wednesday, September 24

Our Lady of Walsingham

10:00 AM Healing Mass

Thursday, September 25

Sergius, Abbott of Holy

6:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday, September 26

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester

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.



Upcoming Events

Monday	September 22	6:00 PM	AA Meeting
<i>Saint Matthew Apostle and Evangelist</i>		8:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	September 23	NOON	AA Meeting
<i>Feria</i>		8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday	September 24	10:00 AM	Mass with Prayers for Healing
<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>			
Thursday	September 25	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Sergius, Abbott of Holy</i>		8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Friday	September 26	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
<i>Lancelot Andrewes Bishop OF Winchester</i>			
Saturday	September 27	9:30 am	Acolyte Retreat
<i>Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>			
Sunday	September 28	8:00 AM	Mass
<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>		10:00 AM	Mass
		11:00 AM	Sunday School

Parish Office Business Hours



Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please don't hesitate to call the office to schedule an appointment - we are here for you.



Please join us in welcoming Jackie Fahr as she settles in her new role of our Parish Administrator. We are extremely happy to have her join our church family. Jackie enjoys spending time with her family, baking and reading. She spent the last 10 years as an administrative assistant in a school district in her hometown. She is excited to be a part of our Parish office team and looks forward to meeting everyone. As she begins her journey with us, please take a moment to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome .

Mark your Calendars!

All Members

Saturday, September 27

Acolyte Retreat

Vestry Members

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Vestry Retreat

Convention Delegates

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Diocese of New Jersey Convention



Share your pictures!



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

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



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 office@christchurch.woodburynj.org.

Let's stay connected as a church family!





Bible Study Now in Session

Our weekly Bible Study started last week. 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! Every Monday @ 8:00 pm via Zoom.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81627384062?pwd=PTpGtBPt7ZdyhgauIVzCreJFsn0vwM.1>

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 27th, 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!

Priest-in-Charge

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: 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.



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.

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

- ♥ **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

1 (one) item to church every week.

Please go to gwcm.org for more information and to see what else is needed.

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Service Schedule

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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

