



have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect of the Day**

**BCP 181**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

*Seated*

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 146**

*Read responsively by whole verse*

**BCP 803**

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- 2 **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.**
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 **Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.**
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 **The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

## **The Second Lesson**

**James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a

transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel**

*Standing.*

**Mark 7:24-37**

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*A list of those for whom we pray is available in the back of the bulletin.*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop elect, Terry, our bishop, Steve and Becca, our priests, and Kellie, our deacon, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our president, Andy, our governor, Doug, our county judge executive, Todd, our city mayor, and for all who serve in the military, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor... and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and

to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**     *Kneeling*

**BCP 330**

Deacon     Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**People**     **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant     Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**     *Standing*

Celebrant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

**Communion Instructions**     *Seated*

### The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**BCP 340**

**Eucharistic Prayer II**     *Standing*

Celebrant     The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant     Lift up your hearts.

**People**     **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God ... *here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface...* Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**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 people kneel or stand.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.



And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 336**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 337**

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

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy**

so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant        The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Communion is available to all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination. We serve communion at two stations: up at the altar rail and in front of the lectern, and you may go to either station. We have gluten-free wafers available; one arm across your chest will indicate that need to the clergy. To receive the wine, you can dip into or drink from any of the large chalices, or if you would like to dip into a chalice that no one has drunk from, that will be available at the station in front of the lectern on the pedestal. You can request a blessing instead of communion, whether baptized or unbaptized, by crossing both arms across your chest.*

### **Sending Forth the Lay Eucharistic Visitor**

Deacon        In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People        **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Standing or kneeling*

**BCP 339**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

## The Dismissal

All Respond

**Thanks be to God.**

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by Tom and Joyce Hart.**

### 8 AM Ministers of the Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Steven J. Pankey
Preacher	The Rev. Becca Kello
Deacon	The Ven. Kellie Mysinger
Lector	Brenda Willoughby
Intercessor	Kirk Patton
Altar Party	Laurie Joyce, Julie Adams
Shepherd	TBD
Altar Guild	Shanna Paul

### This Week at Christ Church

#### Sunday, September 8

##### The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite I In-person and live-streamed

**9:00 AM** Bread of Angels – Conference Room

**9:00 AM** Children & Youth Sunday School

**9:00 AM** Conversation with Scripture – All Saints' Room

**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II In-person and live-streamed

**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM** Episcopal Youth Community

**12:00 PM** Weekly submission deadline for *The Lancet*, and the Sunday bulletin

#### Monday, September 9

**9:00 AM** Education for Ministry

**5:00 PM** Education for Ministry

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

#### Tuesday, September 10

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM** Churches United in Christ HELP Ministry

**12:00 PM** Centering Prayer - Chapel

**4:00 PM** Yoga – Moore Hall

#### Wednesday, September 11

**7:00 AM** Morning Prayer – Conference Room

**11:00 AM** Wednesday Community Lunch

12:00 PM Healing Eucharist

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry

**Thursday, September 12**

**Friday, September 13**

Church office is closed

**Saturday, September 14**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

\*Streamed services can be found at [facebook.com/cecbg](https://www.facebook.com/cecbg) or

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CECBG>

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

9/09 Tom Fabian

9/11 Jenny Morehead

9/14 Andrea Petty

9/09 Mike Harper

9/12 Rachel Kem

9/14 Cate Loiers

9/10 Vonda

9/13 Brian Morrison

Garringer

### ***Worship***

**LIVESTREAM WORSHIP** will continue at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings on Facebook and YouTube.

### ***Learn and Grow***

**CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE** meets on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the All Saints Room. On July 28 we will begin discussing “the story - and history - of the second book of the Bible” - Exodus and using "Exodus for Normal People" by Peter Enns as our study guide. Copies are available in the All Saints Room. All are welcome to participate in this ongoing open discussion, or maybe just listen in.

**BREAD OF ANGELS** is a group of adults of all ages who gather to explore what it is to be a Christian in the world in which we find ourselves. Today we are beginning to read *Vital Signs of Faith* by The Very Rev Kate Moorehead Carroll, Dean of St John’s Episcopal Cathedral in Jacksonville, Florida. She is not just a leader in the diocese, and an accomplished author, but is also a leader the development of the Cathedral District, renewing a core of Jacksonville.

We also salute Craig Taylor who won the Ministry Fair BoA free raffle (see you all next year)!

**CENTERING PRAYER** is Tuesdays at 12:00 PM. We are meeting in the Chapel. Anyone who is interested is welcome. Any questions, please contact Kathy Wise-Leonard at 270-779-5595 or email [billkathyleonard@bellsouth.net](mailto:billkathyleonard@bellsouth.net) or Janice Erbach at 270-904-1164 or email [kassta@jadegrel.net](mailto:kassta@jadegrel.net).

### *Radiate*

**CHURCHES UNITED IN CHRIST HELP MINISTRY** is one of the oldest outreach ministries of Christ Church. In partnership with two other downtown Christian churches, we attempt to assist families with their utility bill, emergency prescriptions, gasoline for an out of town doctor appointment, etc. For a long time, the NEED has far exceeded our resources to help. In order to effectively sustain this ministry, we need for members to step up with a pledge of \$10 or more per week. The Help Ministry at Christ Church currently distributes well over \$1,000 per month to those in need. We only help an individual once every 12 months. Please include a gift to the Help Ministry in your gifts to Christ Church! God Bless!

**WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH** is now serving sack lunches. We are in need of monetary donations to further our program. Your donations are appreciated and can be put in the offering plate with a designation to WCL or may be made online at <https://www.cecbg.com/secure-giving>. We are also encouraging folks to join our team of volunteers to assemble and serve! Contact Mary Cash ([marygcash@gmail.com](mailto:marygcash@gmail.com)), Janice Erbach ([kassta@jadegrel.net](mailto:kassta@jadegrel.net)), or Margie Dotson ([madebg@bellsouth.net](mailto:madebg@bellsouth.net)) for more information.

**ONLINE GIVING** Make a secure contribution online to the current year operating fund and/or other funds. You can make your donations through the church website.

### *General Announcements*

**PARISH PICNIC** Join us on Sunday, September 29th at 10:30 at Basil Griffin Park for our annual Parish Picnic after we celebrate Holy Eucharist with the Renewal of Baptismal Vows (with water balloons for the kiddos) at Shelter #4. It's the best day of the year!



### **Family of Christ Church parishioners**

Anastasia Arnold, *daughter of Deb Stein*  
Martha Burch, *mother of David Burch*  
Nancy Cook, *cousin of Sue Edwards*  
Bethaney Curry, *daughter of Karen Adams*  
Dixie Daniel, *sister of Portia Wimp*  
Walter Derryberry, *father of Pitt Derryberry*  
Allen Dodd and family, *son of Dolores Dodd*  
Spencer & Abby Goidel, *grandson & wife of Don  
& Lou Goidel*  
Joan Harper, *mother of Mike Harper*  
Jessie Hurst and family  
Brandon Lawhorn, *grandson of Doug Lawborn*  
Duncan McKenzie, *son of George Anna  
McKenzie*  
Jerry McKenzie, *brother-in-law of George Anna  
McKenzie*

Daniel Ohrmundt, *brother-in-law of Laurie Joyce*  
Robert Paul, *husband of Shanna Paul*  
Joyce Pedigo, *mother of Jenny Morehead*  
Chona Powell, *sister-in-law of Bruce & Barbara  
Powell*  
Becky Scott, *sister of Ken Stein*  
Kathryn Smith, *mother of Tony Smith*  
Kenneth Smith, *father of Tony Smith*  
Betty Spraker, *mother of John Spraker*  
Mark Spraker, *brother of John Spraker*  
Debbie Stiles Wurth, *aunt of Josh Stiles*  
James Swick, *son of Cathie Huston*  
Kelly Taylor, *daughter-in-law of Teddi Taylor*  
Jack and Helen Tyson, *parents of Helen Siewers*

### **Others known by Christ Church parishioners**

Dick Anderson, *requested by Father Steve*  
Donna Aspley, *requested by Miliska & Terry  
Knauff*  
Braylen Bell, *requested by Vonda Garringer &  
Lilah*  
Keith and Jan Cassada and family, *requested by  
Laurie Joyce*  
Jill Frederick, *requested by Laurie Joyce*

Gio, *requested by Sue Edwards*  
Ann King, *requested by George Anna McKenzie*  
Morgan King, *requested by George Anna  
McKenzie*  
P. R. Page, *requested by Sue Edwards*  
Linda Predeth, *requested by Laurie Joyce*  
Sandy Proffitt, *requested by Nancy Minix*

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### Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM | Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Closed Friday