

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Seated

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

Read responsively by whole verse

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- 1 **To** you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; ***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, ***
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; ***
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Standing

Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Remain Standing

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

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, 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*

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Celebrant 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

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Eucharistic Prayer I *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, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through 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

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**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

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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

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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 today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Sonny Travelsted, by Mary Travelsted.

8 AM Ministers of the Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Becca Kello
Preacher	The Ven. Laurie Brock
Rector	The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey
Lector	Tommy Adams
Intercessor	Sue Edwards
Altar Party	Leonard Edwards
Shepherd	TBD
Altar Guild	Shanna Paul

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, December 1

Last 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 Brotherhood breakfast – Moore Hall

9:00 AM Children’s Sunday School

9:00 AM Conversation with Scripture – All Saints’ Room

9:00 AM Youth Sunday School

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

11:00 PM Christmas Pageant Practice

11:15 PM Daughters of the King Meeting - Chapel

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

Monday, December 2

9:00 AM Education for Ministry

5:00 PM Education for Ministry

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

Tuesday, December 3

12:00 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel

4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall

Wednesday, December 4

7:30 AM Morning Prayer – Conference Room

11:00 PM 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, December 5

Friday, December 6

Church office is closed

Saturday, December 7

8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew – Conference Room

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>

TO VIEW THE ENTIRE CHURCH CALENDAR, please access our website, cecbg.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

12/1 Ken Stein

12/5 Miliska Knauft

12/6 Beth Sigler

12/3 Maryanne Ringo

12/6 George Niva

12/7 Indie Tabor

12/3 Ann Brown

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 November 10 we will begin a journey through The Book of Common Prayer, the Christian life, and basic beliefs of our faith. Our guide will be “Walk in Love” by Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe. 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. This week we are beginning to explore Fr Thomas Merton's 1955 classic work *No Man Is an Island*, sixteen thought provoking essays with a very current feel and style. Merton has been called the most important Catholic Theologian of the last Century and his influence on interfaith dialogue and spirituality continues to have a huge impact today.

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 or Janice Erbach at 270-904-1164 or email kassta@jadegrel.net.

Radiate

ROOM IN THE INN A new year of one of our outreach ministries- Room in the Inn is starting soon. At CEC many hands make programs run smoothly and we are asking for help. During the cold winter nights our church is open for approximately 8 evenings, late November through early March. Please consider helping with this important ministry by donating your time as an overnight Innkeeper, preparing and serving dinner for our overnight guests, sending a breakfast, or packing a sack lunch for them as they leave. We are also in need of drivers to pick up our guests, and church members to set up or take down our cots. If you would rather make a donation (please mark your donation RITI) as we are in need of women's hygiene products, deodorant, laundry detergent dryer sheets, and other items as needed. There are many ways to make RITI successful on these evenings so if you have questions reach out to Brenda Willoughby or Paula Maier.

<https://volunteersignup.org/9JYDD>

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), or Janice Erbach (kassta@jadegrel.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

STAFF APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS OFFERING This is the time of year to show your thanks for our clergy, program directors, and administrative staff by giving to the Staff Appreciation Christmas Offering. Please make check payable to CEC with "Staff Appreciation" in the memo. These gifts need to be in no later than Sunday, December 15th so the staff can be paid by Christmas. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC OFFERING There are inserts in the bulletin for the next couple of weeks for you to fill out for Christmas flowers and music offerings. Please fill out the form and return it with your check made payable to CEC, please put "Christmas Flowers and Music" in the memo. All forms and money need to be in by December 15th.

SAVE THE DATE the annual Boar's Head Festival and Madrigal dinner will be December 8th @ 6.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS Find the box and the wish list in Surface Hall underneath Linda's and Howard's Photo. We are getting gifts for 13 years and older. Unwrapped gifts need to be in by December 8. The Giving Tree is in Surface Hall.

BOWLING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL-This year we are sponsoring six students' families and volunteering to help deliver, sort, and shop for gifts. Gifts need to be in by December 9. The BGHS Giving Tree is in Surface Hall.

BOWLING GREEN WARREN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY-We are purchasing high needs items and sponsoring adoption fees. The BGWCHS gifts need to be in by December 20. EYC will deliver gifts on December 22. The BGWCHS Giving Tree is outside Moore Hall in the Gathering Area.

Opportunities are available to volunteer. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kate Cline.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP The Christmas Pageant Sign Up sheet is in Surface Hall at Vonda's table. If you are interested in having your youth or children

Family of Christ Church parishioners

Anastasia Arnold, *daughter of Deb Stein*
Martha Burch, *mother of David Burch*
Nancy Cook, *cousin of Sue Edwards*
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
Jerry McKenzie, *brother-in-law of George Anna
McKenzie*
*Debbie Morrison, *sister-in-law of Brian Morrison*

Daniel Ohrmundt, *brother-in-law of Laurie Joyce*
Ken Parks, *nephew of John Grider*
Robert Paul, *husband of Shanna Paul*
Joyce Pedigo, *mother of Jenny Morehead*
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 Sieners*

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Dick Anderson, *requested by Father Steve*
Braylen Bell, *requested by Vonda Garringer &
Lilah*
Keith and Jan Cassada and family, *requested by
Laurie Joyce*
Earl & Kaleb Denney, *requested by Bonnie
Schlicht*
Chris & Amy Engelhoven, *requested by Jenny
Morehead*

Danny Horn, *requested by Laurie Joyce*
Ann King, *requested by George Anna McKenzie*
Morgan King, *requested by George Anna
McKenzie*
*Debra Lanham, *requested by Brian Morrison*
*Jeanne Marie Patterson, *requested by Barbie
Tatman*
Sally Watson, *requested by Belinda Palmer*

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