



Holy Baptism
9th Sunday after
Pentecost
July 30, 2023
10:00 AM

*Notes referencing posture – stand, sit, kneel – should be assumed to be optional.
Assistive hearing devices are available in Surface Hall, outside the double doors.*

Prelude Improvisation on Be Thou My Vision

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Standing

Opening Hymn Be Thou My Vision **H 488**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP 299**

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day **BCP 231**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Seated*

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136 *Read responsively by whole verse*

BCP 774

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 **When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 **Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.**
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 **Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.**
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 **My eyes shed streams of tears, ***
because people do not keep your law.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Standing

Sequence Hymn

Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord

H 615

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Seated*

The Rev. Becca Kello

The Baptism

BCP 301

Collins Leigh Eblen

Collins is the daughter of Zoe and Joseph Eblen and the great-granddaughter of Mike and Ellen Buchanon.

Celebrant The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Sponsors I present Collins to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
I do.

All stand as able.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support each of these persons in their life in Christ?
We will.

Let us join with all who commit themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for Collins, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP 306

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism

of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collins, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Collins, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Standing

Celebrant

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

Communion Instructions

Seated

Music at the Offering

A Hymn of Thanksgiving

Standing

H 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By Christ's blood, we are reconciled. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

H S129

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Almighty God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our holy and righteous fore-bearers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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

A period of silence is kept.

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

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

H S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All persons baptized in any denomination are invited to receive Holy Communion.
Our clergy and Eucharistic Ministers will provide you with instructions if you need them.*

Communion Hymns

Seek Ye First H 711
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song H 513

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 365

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Standing

Closing Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory H 594

The Dismissal

All Respond **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Improvisation on God of Grace

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Arnold, Rosa and Nitza Wesche and Ray and Donna Knauft by Terry and Miliska Knauft.

10 AM Ministers of the Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey
Preacher	The Rev. Becca Kello
Deacon	The Ven. Kellie Mysinger

Lectors	David Kem, Mike Harper, Bill Collins
Altar Party	Benjamin Chaffin, Helen Siewers LaJuana Wilcher, Larry McCraney
Organist/Choir Director	C. Kenneth Stein
Eucharistic Visitor	Brenda Willoughby
Audio/Visual Team	Rick and Linda Mitchell
Bell Ringer	Eliza Pankey
Oblationers	The McAllisters
Altar Guild	Leanna Andrews, Paula Maier
Ushers	Becky McCraney and TBD
Shepherd	TBD

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, July 30

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:00 AM Bread of Angels – Conference Room

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

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

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

12:00 PM Centering Prayer – Duncan Hines Chapel

4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall

Wednesday, August 2

7:00 AM Morning Prayer – Conference Room

11:00 AM Wednesday Community Lunch – Moore Hall

12:00 PM Healing Eucharist – Nave

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

Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 4

Church office is closed

Saturday, August 5

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 or
https://www.youtube.com/c/CECBG
TO VIEW THE ENTIRE CHURCH CALENDAR, please access our website, cecbg.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

7/30 Alison Grow	7/30 Julie Adams	8/01 Bob Harrison
8/02 Yuko Attaway	8/02 Joe Hunt	8/02 Ann Puckett
8/05 David Lee		

Worship

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will resume Sunday, August 13th at the 10:00 AM service.

BACKPACK BLESSING will be on Sunday, August 13th at both services.

Learn and Grow

GODLY PLAY TRAINING if you are interested in learning about Godly Play, we will be offering training sessions on the following dates: 9/26, 10/17, and 11/28. If you are interested, please go to [Tuesday Nights Godly Play Training](#) to sign up.

BREAD OF ANGELS is a group of about two dozen adults of all ages who gather to explore what it means to be a Christian in the world in which we find ourselves. We are just beginning to read Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's book Love is the Way, Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times, making this a perfect time to join us! The only requirements for membership are an open, curious mind and a willingness to share ideas. For more information, please check us out at cecbg.com/boa.

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

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 the past several months, 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 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), Janice Erbach (kassta@jadegrel.net), or Margie Dotson (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 Prayer List

**indicates new*

Parishioners of Christ Church

Judy Adams	Annie Barry	Trish Beresford
Aldis Brunson	Vickie Cole	The Most Reverend Michael Curry
Dolores Dodd	Carol Dubose	Dean Gilbert
Bill Gilliam	Bob Harrison	Nick Heil
Nancy Huston	Joyce Lawhorn	Paula Morgan
Gretchen Niva	Elaine Price	Maryanne Ringo
Karen Robeson	Josh Stiles	Teddi Taylor
Carroll Travelsted		

Parishioners of Christ Church teaching overseas

Boo Petersen, South Africa
Galen Olmsted, Venezuela

In Remembrance

*John Gulson, *brother of Mary Cobb*
*Mary Anne Wehrum, *mother of Laura Cobron*
*Deborah Wilkins
Wayne Ferland, *cousin of Bob Harrison*

Andy Wilkins, *requested by Kellie Mysinger*
Nancy Stewart, *requested by Janet Grider*
The Rev. Nicolette Papanek, *former interim rector of Christ Church*

Parishioners of Christ Church in discernment for ordained ministry
The Rev. Ken Casey, *deacon at Trinity Owensboro*

In Thanksgiving
For our Cloister Community

Military serving overseas known by Christ Church parishioners

Family of Christ Church parishioners

Sue Cathey, <i>mother of Deb Stein</i>	Josina Cavallo, <i>sister of Barbara Powell</i>
Angelina Cavallo-Sanchez, <i>niece of Bruce and Barbara Powell</i>	Nevada Cavallo-Sanchez, <i>niece of Bruce and Barbara Powell</i>
Nancy Cook, <i>cousin of Sue Edwards</i>	Ronnie Corn, <i>brother of Vonda Garringer</i>
Bethaney Curry, <i>daughter of Karen Adams</i>	Dixie Daniel, <i>sister of Portia Wimp</i>
Walter Derryberry, <i>father of Pitt Derryberry</i>	Joan Harper, <i>mother of Mike Harper</i>
Aggie Hudson, <i>mother of Vonda Garringer</i>	Jessie Hurst and family
Sharon Johnson, <i>aunt of Vonda Garringer</i>	Todd Niva, <i>son of George & Gretchen Niva</i>
Brent Page, <i>son-in-law of Deb Stein</i>	Robert Paul, <i>husband of Shanna Paul</i>
Joyce Pedigo, <i>mother of Jenny Morehead</i>	Melanie Pepper, <i>granddaughter of Henry & Ann Pepper</i>
Matthew Reimer, <i>son of Gary & Judy Reimer</i>	Mark Spraker, <i>brother of John Spraker</i>
Debbie Stiles Wurth, <i>aunt of Josh Stiles</i>	James Swick, <i>son of Cathie Huston</i>
Kelly Taylor, <i>daughter-in-law of Teddi Taylor</i>	Mary Lou Wells, <i>mother of Paula Lyons</i>
Joyce Westrall, <i>mother of Lara Westfall Ellison</i>	David Witty, <i>brother of Marcia Eastin</i>
Jim Wimp, <i>brother-in-law of Portia Wimp</i>	Addie Zaker, <i>niece of Jan Campbell</i>

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Ashley, <i>requested by Vonda Garringer</i>	Jamie Crawford, <i>requested by Karen Crabtree</i>
Tandy Simpson Hubbard, <i>requested by Crystal Stiles</i>	Holly Irwin, <i>requested by Taylor Hale</i>
J.J., <i>requested by Leigh Harper</i>	Kevin Karl, <i>requested by Paul & Betty Young</i>
Magdalena, <i>requested by Laurie Joyce</i>	Edward Morreale, <i>requested by Jenny Morehead</i>
Brian & Devon Rodgers, <i>requested by Taylor Hale</i>	Susan Rogers, <i>requested by George Anna McKenzie</i>
Shawn, <i>requested by Mac Jefferson</i>	Asher Slaton, <i>requested by Mikey & Karen Crabtree</i>
Chris Valentine, <i>requested by Taylor Hale</i>	April Webb, <i>requested by Laurie Joyce</i>
Dianna Wheat, <i>requested by Ann Puckett</i>	Jon Wolf, <i>requested by Terry & Miliska Knaust</i>