

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

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Seated*

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial

of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.” Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Read responsively by whole verse

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- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 **Hear my prayer, O God; ***
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 **Behold, God is my helper; ***
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice ***
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Second Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something

and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Standing.

Mark 9:30-37

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

The Sermon

Seated

The Rev. Dr. Steven J. Pankey

The Nicene Creed

Standing

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**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 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.

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 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.

Deacon 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 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,

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

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 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marilyn Bell Morgan, Ruth Ann Bell and Edward Louis Peach by Billy Bell.

8 AM Ministers of the Service

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey
Deacon	The Ven. Kellie Mysinger
Lector	Laurie Joyce
Intercessor	Sue Edwards
Altar Party	Leonard Edwards, Clyde Joyce
Shepherd	TBD
Altar Guild	Shanna Paul

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, September 22

The Eighteenth 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

9:00 AM Youth Sunday School

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 23

9:00 AM Education for Ministry

5:00 PM Education for Ministry

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

Tuesday, September 24

12:00 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel

4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall

Wednesday, September 25

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 26

Friday, September 27

Church office is closed

Saturday, September 28

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!!

9/22 Richard Greer

9/23 Emma Loiers

9/25 Jan Campbell

9/26 Melanie Butler

9/27 Heidi

Huddleston

9/27 Brook Talley

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 reading *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.

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 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), 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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS One of the things that has yet to return post-COVID is a regularly staffed nursery for little one's who need some space to be their full selves while their parents can still participate in worship. As we have new families joining us, this becomes more and more important. If you would be willing to staff the nursery once month-ish on a rotating basis, please speak with either Father Steve or Jamie Chaffin and we'll get you trained and scheduled.

PARISH PICNIC Join us next 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!

Parish Prayer List

**indicates new*

Parishioners of Christ Church

Judy Adams	Tom Fabian	Leigh Constans Pierce
Goldie Brekalo	Dean Gilbert	Karen Robeson
James Brown	Bob Harrison	Carroll Smith
Aldis Brunson	Nick Heil	Crystal Stiles
David Cole	David McKillip	Josh Stiles
Vickie Cole	Paula Morgan	Teddi Taylor
Dolores Dodd	Gretchen Niva	Carroll Travelsted

Parishioners of Christ Church teaching overseas

Boo Petersen, South Africa Galen Olmsted, Venezuela

In Remembrance

*George Williams, *cousin of Cathie Huston*
*Robert Price, *stepdad of Jimmy Stewart*
Kitty Baumgartner, *requested by Kathy Leonard*
Mary Lou Wells, *mother of Paula Lyons*

In Thanksgiving

Thomas Robert Puckett, *grandson of Troy & Ann Puckett*
William Connor Joyce, *grandson of Clyde & Laurie Joyce*

For our Cloister Community

Military serving overseas known by Christ Church parishioners

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*
*Sarah Dickerson, *daughter of John & Suellen Carbin*
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 Lawhorn*
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 Sieners*

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*

Christ Episcopal Church Vestry Members

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David Lee
Brenda Willoughby

Class of 2026

Tommy Adams
Jamie Chaffin
Carol DuBose
Sharon Valk

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Cary McAllister
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Church Office Hours

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