

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.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Seated

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and

all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Read responsively by whole verse

BCP 633

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 **Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 **For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 **But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.**
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 **The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

Someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Standing

Luke 6:27-38

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

The Sermon *Seated* The Ven. Kellie Mysinger

The Nicene Creed *Standing* BCP 327

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 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 Sean, our presiding bishop, Terry, our bishop, Steve, our priest, 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 Donald, 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

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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,

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

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

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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 thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Kevin and Gail Brooks.

8 AM Ministers of the Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey
Preacher	The Ven. Kellie Mysinger
Lector	Tommy Adams
Intercessor	Kirk Patton
Altar Party	Kevin Brown, Clyde Joyce
Shepherd	John Carter
Altar Guild	Laurie Joyce

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, February 23

Last Sunday After Epiphany

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 AM Bread of Angels

9:00 AM CEC 101

9:00 AM Children's Sunday School

9:00 AM Conversations with Scripture

9:00 AM Youth Sunday School

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM Episcopal Youth Community

12:00 PM Weekly submission deadline for next Sunday's bulletin

Monday, February 24

9:00 AM Education for Ministry

5:00 PM Education for Ministry

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

Tuesday, February 25

12:00 PM Centering Prayer – Chapel

4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 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, February 27

Friday, February 28

Church office is closed

Saturday, March 1

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!!

2/23 Angela Collins

2/24 David Kem

2/25 Laura Harper Lee

2/24 Pipes Gaines

2/25 Suzanne Hanratty

2/27 Michael Buchanon

2/24 Harry Ford

2/25 Carolyn Hagaman

3/01 Mike Buchanon

Worship

AN INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT The Season of Lent is a chance to reconnect with God through practices like Bible study, prayer, and fasting. How you live into this invitation is up to you, however, Christ Church is offering several ways to engage each week.

Monday @ Noon - Stations of the Cross

Tuesday @ Noon – “The Art of Lent” Discussion Group

Wednesday @ Noon - Holy Eucharist

Thursday - Confession by Appointment

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL written by the members of Christ Church, this daily devotional for the Season of Lent will be available on March 2 in print and online. We hope that it will help you reflect on this most holy season.

LENTEN QUIET DAY will be on Saturday, March 15. This is a time to rediscover your Lenten practices. We will offer some new classes to take. Please keep this date in your calendar! Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeirBuYcPCWP4-heUdy2aX7LWQ3CGwAd8BS7TTFAYMoYl8uSw/viewform>.

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. We begin our new year reading *Falling Upward, A Spirituality for Two Halves of Life* by Franciscan Priest Richard Rohr. Rohr, author of 36 books, is widely respected for supporting interfaith relationships and somewhat unorthodox views of God, speaking more to action and less to dogma. Join us at 9:00 in the Conference Room.

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 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

Janice Sebree, *aunt of Shannon Smith*
Earl Denney, *requested by Bonnie Schlicht*
Mary Marshall, *mother of Carol DuBose*

In Thanksgiving

For our Cloister Community

Military serving overseas known by Christ Church parishioners

Parishioners of Christ Church in discernment for ordained ministry

David Kem
Laurie Joyce

Family of Christ Church parishioners

Anastasia Arnold, *daughter of Deb Stein*
Martha Burch, *mother of David Burch*
*Jerre Coleman, *son of Ward & Jane Coleman*
Nancy Cook, *cousin of Sue Edwards*
Ron Corn, *brother of Vonda Garringer*
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*
Kim Hart, *daughter of Tom Hart*
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*
Doyle Pendleton, *brother of Sue Wilson*
Becky Scott, *sister of Ken Stein*
Kathryn Smith, *mother 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*
Dwight & Judy Trew, *cousin of George Anna McKenzie*
Jack and Helen Tyson, *parents of Helen Siewers*

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Dick Anderson, *requested by Father Steve*
Braylen Bell, *requested by Vonda Garringer & Lilah*
Wendy Blakenship, *requested by Devan MacGregor*
Keith and Jan Cassada and family, *requested by Laurie Joyce*
David Corns, *requested by Clyde Joyce*
Earl & Kaleb Denney, *requested by Bonnie Schlicht*
Chris & Amy Engelhoven, *requested by Jenny Morehead*
Sharon Harvey, *requested by Doug Lawhorn*

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*
Peggy Robinson, *requested by Belinda Palmer*
The Rev. Michael Vollman, *requested by the Clergy*
Sally Watson, *requested by Belinda Palmer*
Kristen Wheeler, *requested by Deacon Kellie*

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Church Office Hours

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