

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.

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; 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

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

Read responsively by whole verse

BCP 708

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, ***
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, ***
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 **Righteousness shall go before him, ***
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him

you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Standing.

Mark 6:14-29

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

The Sermon *Seated* The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey

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 in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
 we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
 and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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

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

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

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our president, Andy, our governor, Doug, our county judge executive, Todd, our city mayor, and for all who serve in the military, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

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

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

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

Confession of Sin *Kneeling*

BCP 330

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

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

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

Communion Instructions *Seated*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 340

Eucharistic Prayer II *Standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

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

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

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

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious

Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Sending Forth the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

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

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

Post Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling

BCP 339

Let us pray.

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

The Blessing

The Dismissal

All Respond

Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donnie Corn, Jerry Corn, Charles and Wanda Applegate, Hubert and Leslie Corn, and in honor of the volunteers of Christ Episcopal Church by Vonda Garringer.

8 AM Ministers of the Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Becca Kello
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey
Deacon	The Ven. Kellie Mysinger
Lector	Tommy Adams
Intercessor	Clyde Joyce
Altar Party	TBD, Brenda Willoughby
Shepherd	John Carter
Altar Guild	Shanna Paul

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, July 14

The Eighth 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 Conversations with Scripture – All Saints' 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 15

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

Tuesday, July 16

12:00 PM Centering Prayer - Chapel

4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall

Wednesday, July 17

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

Thursday, July 18

Friday, July 19

Church office is closed

Saturday, July 20

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

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

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

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

7/15 Leigh Constans
Pierce

7/15 Anne Nuchols
7/16 Todd Kirby

7/16 Janet Grider
7/18 Dean Gilbert

Worship

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

Learn and Grow

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY is beginning to sign up for the 2024-2025 classes. We meet from September through May. There are two classes – the Morning EFM meets from 9 AM to noon and is led by Bill Leonard and Ed Tivol and the Evening EFM meets from 5 PM to 8 PM and is led by Kathy Wise-Leonard and Vonda Garringer.

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 and which we find ourselves. We are reading John Esposito's *What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam*. Esposito is a University Professor at Georgetown University and a practicing Roman Catholic. He wrote the book after 9-11 and it has been widely acclaimed. This is a perfect time to join us! Copies of the book are available in the reception area of the Church Office.

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

Family of Christ Church parishioners

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*
Spencer & Abby Goidel, *grandson & wife of Don & Lou Goidel*
Joan Harper, *mother of Mike Harper*
Todd Horn, *son of Dick & Jane Horn*
Jessie Hurst and family
Brandon Lawhorn, *grandson of Doug Lawhorn*
Joe Lawhorn, *brother of Doug Lawhorn*
Jerry McKenzie, *brother-in-law of George Anna McKenzie*

Todd Niva, *son of George & Gretchen Niva*
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*
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*
Mary Lou Wells, *mother of Paula Lyons*
David Witty, *brother of Marcia Eastin*

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Dick Anderson, *requested by Father Steve*
*Chan Cassada and family, *requested by Laurie Joyce*
Jill Frederick, *requested by Laurie Joyce*

Gio, *requested by Sue Edwards*
P. R. Page, *requested by Sue Edwards*
Linda Predeth, *requested by Laurie Joyce*
Sandy Proffitt, *requested by Nancy Minix*

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David Lee
Brenda Willoughby

Class of 2026

Tommy Adams
Jamie Chaffin
Carol DuBose
Sharon Valk

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Church Office Hours

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