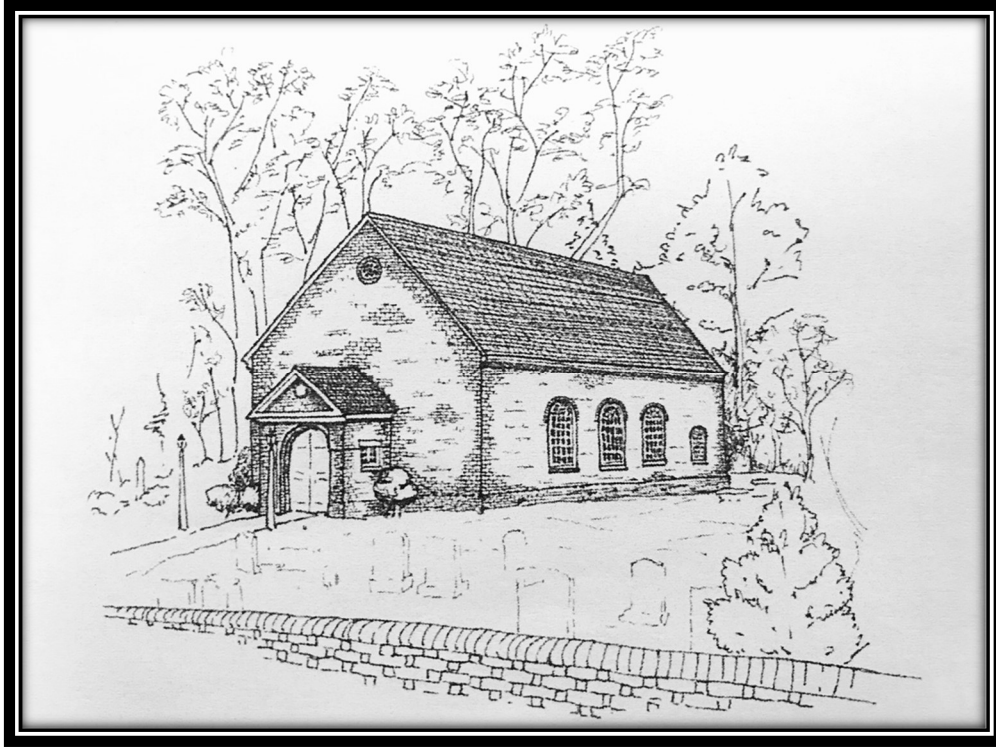


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)
July 16, 2023
10:30 a.m.
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*



Founded in 1666

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.
During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II – July 16, 2023

God's word is power (*The Parable of the Sower*).

Opening Voluntary "*Highland Cathedral*" C. Callahan (arr. C. Tyler)
Processional Hymn 493 "*O, for a thousand tongues to sing*"
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Proper 10*) BCP Page 231
First Lesson Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-1112 BCP Page 772
Second Lesson Romans 8:1-11
Sequence Hymn 512 "*Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*"
Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
The Sermon The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form VI BCP Page 392
The Absolution BCP Page 360
Prayers for healing
The Peace BCP Page 360
Offertory Hymn 288 "*Praise to God, immortal praise*"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendor, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
*All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B BCP Page 367
Sursum corda (Hymnal S-120)
Sanctus (S-129) BCP Page 367
The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread:

Officiant Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

People *we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei: *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.

Communion

Communion Hymn 178 “Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord”

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP Page 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 408 “Sing praise to God who reigns above”

The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Voluntary Improvisations on “*Thine Be the Glory*” G. van Hoef
(arr. C. Tyler)

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Psalms 119:105-112

Lucerna pedibus meis

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

The Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

We give thanks with those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Jeannette Adkins, and Roland Anderson.

Please remember in your prayers those on our Prayer List: Gibbie Mangum, Pam McClelland, Betty Evans, Jim Ray, Ann Donoff, Susie Loustaunau, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Kathy Page, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lundin, Lucille Redmon, and Jenny Wright.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the members of Racial Reconciliation/Outreach/Mission committees and all those for whom they labor.

The Eucharist will not be celebrated on Wednesday this week because the rector will be away this week.

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon / Sermon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Acolyte / Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Jack Tarran

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon / Sermon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	The Rev. Coleman Tyler
Gospel Book / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Ann Padgett
Crucifer / Acolyte	Tom Clarke
Lector	Miles Libbey
Ushers	Sallie Wells, & Sharon Colston
Altar Guild	Virginia Miller, Sallie Wells, Jody Anglin Pat Anderson, & Sharon Colston
Flower Guild	Ginger Smither, Sharon Colston, & Cathy Spence
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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Clayton Neal ‘23	Henry Moncure ‘25
Karen Brown ‘24	