

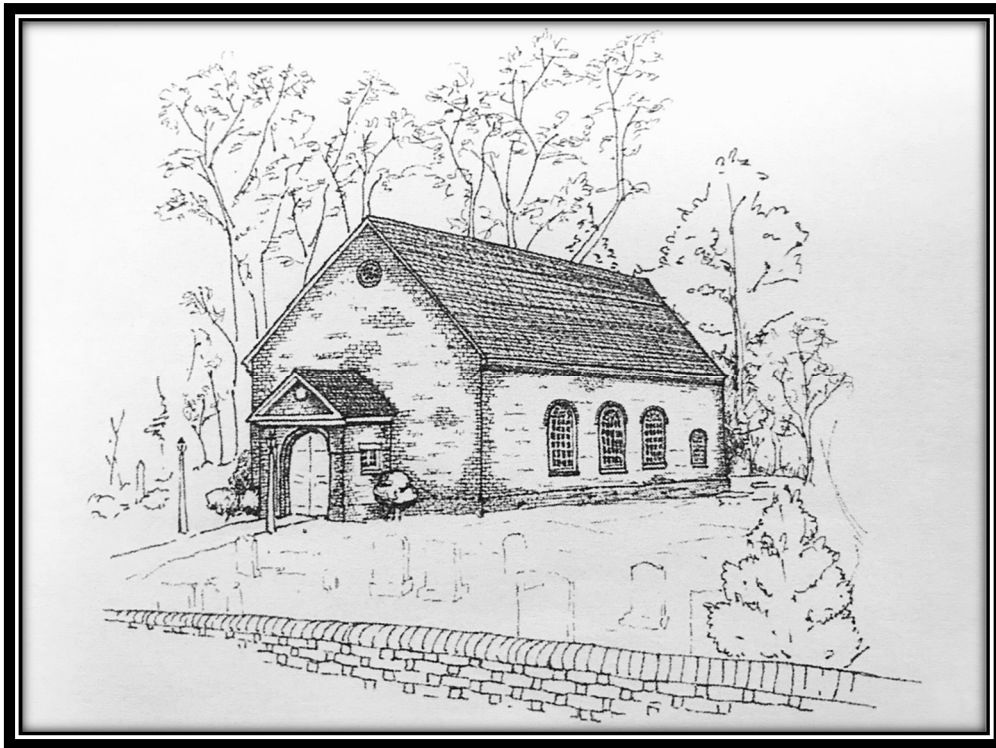
Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
(*Episcopal*)

*Homecoming Sunday*

*September 8, 2024*

*10:00 a.m.*

*The Sixteenth 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.*

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – September 8, 2024

Opening Voluntary	<i>Folk Prelude on Azmon</i>	by Carson Cooman
Processional Hymn 493	<i>Azmon</i>	“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Gloria (Hymnal S-280)		BCP Page 356

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (Proper 18)		BCP Page 233
First Lesson		Proverbs 22:1-2,8,9,22-23
Psalms 125	<i>Qui confidunt</i>	BCP Page 781
Second Lesson		James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17
Sequence Hymn 602	<i>Chereponi</i>	“Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love”
Gospel		Mark 7:24-37
The Sermon		The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form IV		BCP Page 388
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
The Peace		BCP Page 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem	“O Christ the Healer”	by Peter M. Kolar
The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer C		BCP Page 369
Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal S-129)		BCP Page 371
Lord's Prayer		BCP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP Page 364
Communion Voluntary	<i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i>	by C. Hubert Parry
Communion Hymn 455	<i>Dunedin</i>	“O Love of God, How Strong and True”
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP Page 365
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 376	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>	“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Closing Voluntary	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>	by Michael Burkhardt
Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ		
People: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		

## The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

### Proverbs 22:1-2,8,9,22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

## Psalm 125

*Qui confidunt*

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
**which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
**so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
**so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
**and to those who are true of heart.**

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
**but peace be upon Israel.**

## The Epistle

### James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to

those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## **The Gospel**

**Mark 7:24-37**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

## **Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week**

Those on our Prayer List: the Rev. Peg Moncure, Missy Albanese, Lurlene Samuel, Robin Wells, Jim Padgett, Ann Donoff, Joyce Reisinger, Taylor Johnson, Colt Johnson, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Lucille Redmon, Lovey Jane Long, Tim Schwartz, Denise Brown, Louise Woods, Cyndy Bristow, Levi, Elizabeth Foley, Andrea Mac-Fall, John Wilson, Garry Clay, Helen Tarran, Barbara Cockrell, John Hilliard.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Alyson Holt and Betsy Evans.

We give thanks for the lives of those who have died: Gari Sullivan and Sarah Geeson.

We pray for our Diocese, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Meade Memorial, Alexandria, and Wicomico Parish, Wicomico.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:00 a.m.**

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Organist -	Libby Boyer
Gosp. Bk. Bearer / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Grace Parker
Lector	Alyson Holt
Crucifer / Acolyte	Tom Clarke
Ushers	John Quilter , Scott Holt
Altar Guild	Bev Hart, Evie Wilton, Kathy Clarke Susan Hilliard, Kathryn Humphreys
Flower Guild	Harriette Floyd, Alyson Holt
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Rusty Spears, Monica Melendez, & Jack Fackler

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Karen Brown'24	Tom Clark '26
Garry Clay '24	Rick Smith '26
Ann de Peyster '24	Anne Wilcox '26
Henry Moncure '25	