

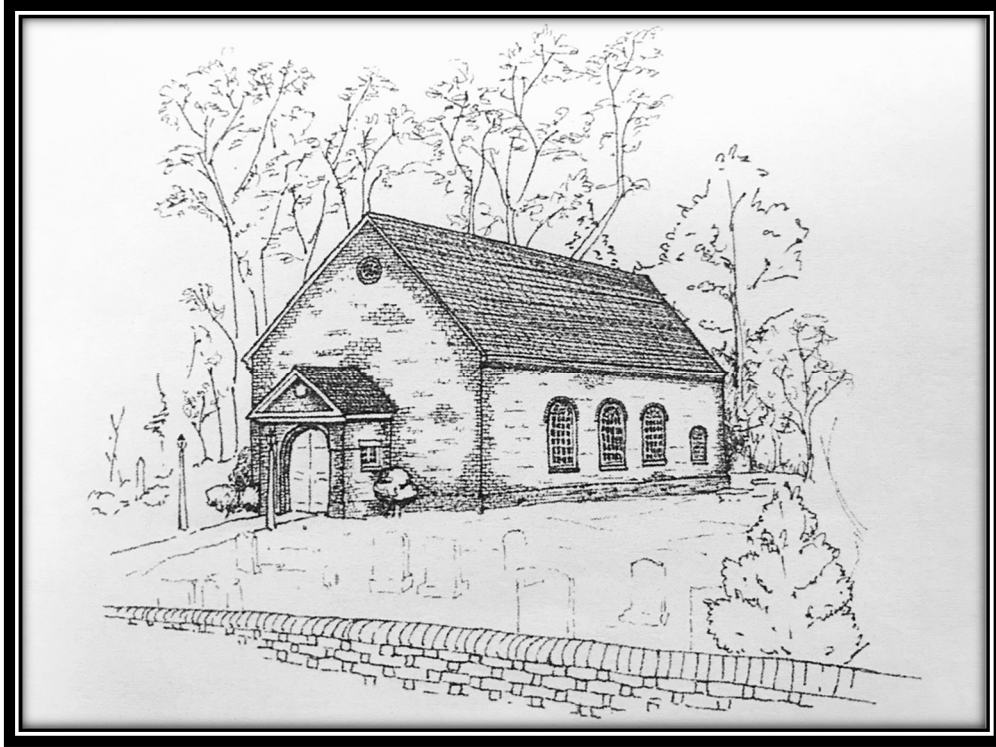
*Welcome to Christ Church Parish*

*(Episcopal)*

*August 27, 2023*

*10:30 a.m.*

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



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**Christ Church Parish Mission Statement**

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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 – August 27, 2023

*The foundation of faith.*

Opening Voluntary	<i>Woodlands</i>	J. Wayne Kerr
Processional Hymn 379	<i>God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him</i>	
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
Gloria in excelsis (S-280)		

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day ( <i>Proper 16</i> )		BCP Page 232
First Lesson		Exodus 1:8–2:10
Psalms 124		BCP Page 781
Second Lesson		Romans 12:1–8
Sequence Hymn 438	<i>Tell Out, My Soul</i>	
Gospel		Matthew 16:13–20
The Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood	
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form II		BCP Page 385
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
The Peace		BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	<i>Hal Hopson</i>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Officiant* Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life and the  
bread of heaven.

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B	BCP Page 367
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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Officiant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-163)

*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 Voluntary	<i>O Waly Waly</i>	J. Bert Carlson
Post Communion Hymn 51	<i>We the Lord's People</i>	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP Page 366
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 522	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	
The Dismissal: Go in the peace of Christ		
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Closing Voluntary	Fanfare on <i>Austrian Hymn</i>	Gordon Young

## The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

## Exodus 1:8—2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to

her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

## Psalm 124

*Nisi quia Dominus*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
**let Israel now say;**
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
**when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
**in their fierce anger toward us;**
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
**and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
**have gone right over us.**
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

## The Epistle

**Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## The Gospel

**Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

We give thanks with those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Jamie Barnhardt, Steve Gahan, and Andrew Wilton; and with those celebrating their anniversaries: Byron & Linda Parker, Bill & Judi Snider, Chip & Mary Buxton, and Jeff & Susie Loustaunau.

Please remember in your prayers those on our Prayer List: John Quilter, Jack Tarran, Shannon Budd, Gibbie Mangum, Pam McClelland, Betty Evans, Ann Donoff, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Kathy Page, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lunden, Lucille Redmon, and Jenny Wright.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders.

**The mid-week Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday morning this week at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel**

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

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

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Euch. Min. / Lector	Jeannette Adkins
Usher	Don Harris

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

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gospel Book / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Sharon Colston
Crucifer / Acolyte	Ann Padgett
Lector	Miles Libbey
Ushers	Bill Snider & Bob Montague
Altar Guild	Bev Hart, Evie Wilton, Kathy Clarke, Susan Hilliard, Helen Tarran, & Pam McClelland
Flower Guild	Mary Anne Harris-White, Karen Gorin, & Cindy Naylor
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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Mike Gorin ‘23	Bill Budd ‘25
Clayton Neal ‘23	Henry Moncure ‘25
Karen Brown ‘24	

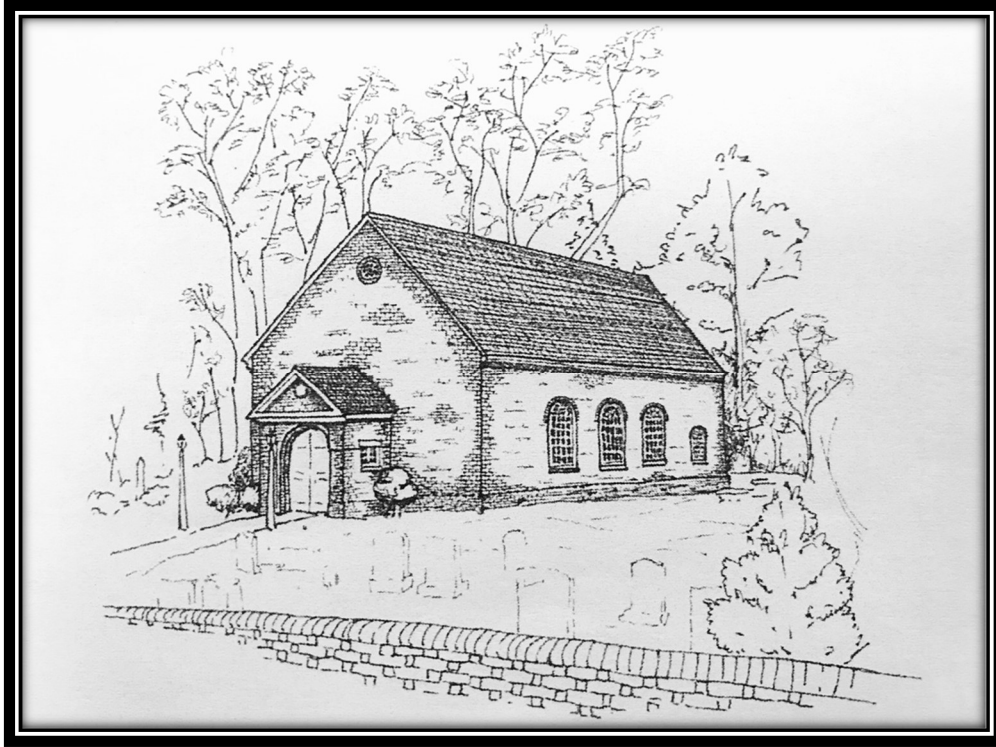
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