



THE

JULY 2022

TRUMPETER

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service (In-Person)
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service
(In-Person & Livestreamed via Facebook Live)

THURSDAYS

5:30 pm - Evening Prayer on Facebook Live
6 pm - Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom



August 22-28, 2022

The Ally Golf Challenge at Warwick is coming up! August 22-28 we will be parking cars and we need volunteers!



Please sign up on the sign outside of the sanctuary for a time (or two) that you would be willing to help park. Or you can sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4DACAC28A4FFCF8-ally1> (or scan QR code to the left).

No experience is necessary! You will be instructed on what you are doing upon arrival. This is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year so please consider joining in to help!

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Kay Van Natta (2023)

FOCUS GROUP

The Vestry is having discussions about the future of the church and how we make our footprint into the community. We are planning on a conducting a focus group discussion with members of the community. We are asking every parishioner that knows of someone in the community between the ages of 25 and 45 to invite them to attend our Focus Group Discussion on Wednesday, August 3 at 6 PM. Our goal is to hear from community members about they would be looking for in a church and we can help meet their spiritual needs.

ORGAN GUILD

Our new parish organist, Jeffrey Walker, would like to recruit some volunteers to assist him with organ tuning and maintenance. The current agenda includes weekly touch up tuning of the reeds and other stops as needed and the installation of the swell mixture stop. For more information or to sign up please email him at jeffrey@stchrisgrandblanc.org.

LIVE STREAMERS NEEDED

We are desperately in need of volunteers to help livestream our Sunday morning 10:15 am service for those watching online. This is a VITAL part of St. Christopher's ministry! Frank Burger, our livestreaming head, is willing to train anyone - no experience needed - and it is VERY simple once you have learned how to do it! If you would be willing to help, please speak to Fr. Jerry or Frank Burger.

RESIGNATION

Elizabeth, our parish administrative assistant, has announced that she will be leaving St. Christopher's at the end of August. The Vestry will discuss at their next meeting the process of hiring a new assistant.

UPCOMING LESSONS

July 10 - Proper 10

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 17 - Proper 11

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

July 24 - Proper 12

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

July 31 - Proper 13

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

August 7 - Proper 14

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

**Find the readings every
week at
lectionarypage.net**



Summer is here! As the choir will get a much-deserved break, I wanted to take a moment to thank the folks who will be offering their musical talents throughout the remainder of July and August. Already Greg Hassold had time in his schedule to return and play for us; and the fabulous and mellifluously toned Ken Duck will be playing a beautiful work of Bach on his saxophone. I just rehearsed with him today---it was glorious! Also, stentorian tenor, Aaron McCoy-Jacobs will be singing a beautiful "Ave Maria" of George Bizet later in July. Soprano Bobbie Goergen will be thrilling us with her lush soprano, also toward the end of July. Then in August, singing sensations twin sisters Audrey and Marissa Ditri will be sharing the lovely "Homeward Bound" duet (August 7), and then on August 14th, Cynthia Butcher will be sharing her soaring soprano voice. Rumor has it that Noralynn Hassold may have time this summer to bring her beautiful sound to "O Rest in the Lord" from Mendelssohn's Elijah. August 21 will be a musical thrill for us, as the Flint Master Singer's Chorus will be providing music for our entire service that morning. Tom Fortier will be playing the organ, and our own Nancy Lee Fawcett and Bobbie Goergen and Audrey Ditri will be sharing their vocal talent with this very fine choral ensemble.

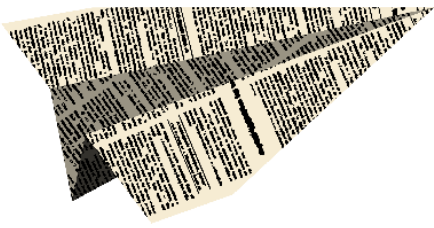
We are so blessed to have so many musically talented friends at St. Christopher--thank you for offering your gifts to the Lord during worship!

Bells: Too, if there is a ringer among the persons reading this article, hang on tight---I am planning to hold a rehearsal or two over the summer---I believe our snowbirds are now in town, and well, maybe if we shift our rehearsal schedule for bells to now-ish, it might just work

In Christ, I am yours,

Nada Radakovich

Director of Music



FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

Psalm 9 begins with these words: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing to your Name, O most High." In all things, we should give thanks. Very often, our prayers are ones of supplication. The word supplication means to plead or ask humbly. Prayer is powerful. Prayer can change things and can change us.

Prayer can be as simple as possible. It is a conversation with the Almighty. And the Almighty hears our prayers.

How often though, do we pray to know and put into practice the will of God? (Or do we really pray that God will do OUR will?) How often, do we simply give the Almighty praise or thanks? Think about your prayers over the last few days. What experiences have you had with God that really stand out?

Sometimes, we feel that our prayers fall on deaf ears. Not so. Sometimes, our prayers are answered with a no. That's always difficult for us. Especially when we pray for loved ones who might be ill or facing difficulties.

Over the years, my prayer life has definitely evolved and continue to do so. Growing up, my prayers basically consisted of three prayers, (remember I grew up Roman Catholic), The Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be. Once in a while,

I would say the Act of Contrition (a prayer that acknowledged my sinfulness and asked for God's forgiveness.

My prayer life today is all over the place. Sometimes, I do my best to sit in silence. We live in a world filled with distractions, so that's not always easy. Each day, I pray the Daily Office. (Venite.com) Other times I use music. Sometimes, I even take a walk in nature so that I am reminded of the amazing glory of God's splendor. And yes, sometimes my tears are my prayers.

Our prayer life reminds us of the connection between us and God. It also reminds us that we are connected to one another. It is sometimes difficult to pray. But persist we must. Even in those difficult times, if all we say is "God have mercy," God hears us and walks with us.

Whatever you do, know that God hears you, loves you, and wants nothing but the best for you. Blessings,

Jerry+

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 2022

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>July 3</u>						
8 am	Kay Van Natta	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ken Duck	Joyce Thewalt Shirley Showler		Louise McAra	Shirley Showler	Ken & Myrtle Duck
<u>July 10</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Flo Gjerstad Bobbie Walton	Jan Taylor Mary Van Duyne		Sharon Rice	The White Family	Bill & Sandi White
<u>July 17</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Luckey	Shirley Showler Becky Stermer		Mary Van Duyne	Rene Carpenter	
<u>July 24</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Mike Latesky Flo Gjerstad		Shirley Showler	Rod Bytwerk	Bill & Joyce Thewalt
<u>July 31</u>						
8 am	Kay Van Natta	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ken Duck	Jerri & Paul Bassett		Anne Naber		
<u>August 7</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer	Don & Nancy Wells	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Joyce Thewalt Ellen Safley	Flo Gjerstad Jan Taylor		Jane Brewer	Jane Yorks	Jane Brewer