



THE TRUMPETER

OCTOBER 2023

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service
10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm- Holy Eucharist Service

THURSDAYS

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

Chrismons

Thank you to everyone that has come in on Tuesday mornings to craft Chrismons to adorn our trees during the holiday. The Chrismons are absolutely beautiful! Please consider joining us on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. as we continue crafting ornaments.



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Jane Brewer (2026) Rod Bytwerk (2025)

UPCOMING LESSONS

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-8
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-14
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 21:33-46

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

November 5

Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

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



THE PRIEST'S DESK

Above all else, we are followers of Jesus. We are a people of faith and we believe it is our duty to love as Jesus loved, feed as Jesus fed, and heal as Jesus healed. Our faith leads us to action, not because we fear but because we are loved.

God's love for us goes beyond our understanding. It's easy to see why. There is no love on earth like the love God has for us. We tend to give God human characteristics... it is convenient. Jesus is fully human and fully divine. It's interesting to see how we try to separate the two, but in reality, we cannot.

It's easy to say Jesus was fully divine when we are called to act like him. When we are called to love others as God loves us. Oh, Jesus was the Son of God. It's not possible for ME to do that! It becomes an even greater challenge when we are reminded that Jesus was also fully human. Jesus knew pain, both physical and emotional. Jesus knew love. He understood rejection. Jesus understands every human emotion, every ache and pain. He experienced a great deal of loneliness.

We are fickle Christians. When all goes well, we believe God loves us. When things become difficult, we begin to doubt. God is present in the beautiful and good times. God is present in the bad and ugly times. Over and over again, we hear the stories of how God brought people through. How in the darkest of moments, God was still present.

So, if you are going through a difficult time in your faith journey, hang on. You don't have to go it alone. It is together that we are called to be the church. Together we will ride out the storms of life. Together, we will see how much our God loves us and we will see how strong we are as followers of Jesus.

Let's roll up our sleeves and go about doing the business of God...together!

Blessings,
Jerry+

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...



Greetings Everyone!

As we are back in full swing with our choir, please allow me the thrill that this moment provides---YAY!!! How wonderful it is to be chanting and singing hymns and making music as our offering to God.

Janet Taylor paid our choir such a lovely compliment Sunday morning, following the Bach masterpiece, "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"--she said that despite our being only 11 voices that day, we still were able to produce a very full sound! ---and then she also mentioned a brilliant musician who was once upon a time the music director here, Gene Coburn! --which started me thinking about the wonderful succession of very fine musicians who have shared their musical talents in this church; Katherine S. Huber, Lavonne Bomeli, Roger Pan and Dr. Joseph D. Daniel. The musical tradition at St. Christopher's is alive and well!

Father Jerry has asked me if it might be possible for our bell choir to reassemble...I am game if you guys are! Please let me know if you might be interested in ringing! We have a wonderful Malmrk three-octave set of bells just waiting oh-so-very patiently in their cases! (a tremendous thank you to Ellen Safley for donating the third octave!) Although our mighty bell-choir leader, Victor Galea is hanging out in Munich, Germany these days, there is no reason we could not polish up our bells and resume rehearsals! Please do let me know if you have interest in ringing bells---we are salty ensemble, but in general pretty fun!

Too, if you are a singer who needs to dust off their vocal chords, just come to a rehearsal on a Wednesday evening, and we can get you started! Singing is good for the soul and good for our church! Rehearsals are from 7-8-ish p.m. every Wednesday.

Please stay healthy everyone---it's that time of year!

In Christ, I am Yours,
Nada





Family Coat Closet

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Every Saturday!
October through December
10am - Noon

 **St. Christopher's**
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

Join us for Sunday Services!
 8:00am and 10:15am
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Blessing of Animals Service

Please mark your calendars for the Blessing of the Animals Service scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. This service will be held outside. If there is unfavorable weather, the service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9 a.m. @ Sophia's Kitchen, 11395 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in September: Nada Radakovich, Karen Miller, Shirley Showler and Rene Carpenter.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a small snack or treat item if desired.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 11:45 a.m. at Antonio's Coney Island, 5485 Fenton Road, Flint. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334 no later than October 8th as we need to give a head count to the restaurant.



MEN'S
BREAKFAST

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER 2023

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>OCTOBER 1</u>						
8 am	Jane Brewer/ Dave Butler		-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ken Duck	Bill Anderson & Jan Taylor		Louise McAra	Flo Gjerstad	Jane Brewer
<u>OCTOBER 8</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells	Dave & Melissa Butler		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Luckey	Paul & Jerry Bassett		Mary Van- Duyne	Available	Neuman & Jan Convis
<u>OCTOBER 15</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Joyce Thewalt	Jane Yorks & Mary VanDuyne		Dawn Ruther- ford	Available	Shirley Showl- er
<u>OCTOBER 22</u>						
8 am	Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Rod Bytwerk	Jan Taylor & Becky Stermer		Shirley Showler	Jane Yorks	Jane Brewer



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Another month has flown and October is upon us with its falling leaves, cooling temperatures, and early sunsets. Activities on hiatus during the summer months have begun again-I have a reason to be at church nearly every day!

October also reminds us that 2024 will be here very soon. Members of the Vestry, our Treasurers and Fr. Jerry have begun to budget for next year. Stewardship letters and commitment cards were sent out last week, hopefully you have received yours. Every member of our parish family has a role in stewardship beginning with prayerfully considering your financial commitment to St. Christopher's for 2024 and returning your commitment card on or before October 15th.

Next time you are in church, please take a look at the Principal Payoff Campaign "thermometer" and our current mortgage balance. We are (slightly) over halfway to our goal of paying off our bank mortgage. Every donation is such a huge step toward being responsible stewards and relieving the monthly budgetary commitment to the mortgage payment. Let's keep working together-WE CAN DO THIS!

Peace to all,
Ellen

Our Furry Friends at St. Christopher's

