

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

WELCOME TO OUR HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE
HYMNALS AND THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ARE LOCATED IN THE PEWS.
YOU ARE INVITED TO SAY ALOUD THE ITEMS PRINTED IN BOLDFACE.

-Voluntary	Arioso – J.S. Bach
-Opening Hymn	H-436
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
-Hymn of Praise	S-236
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16- See Insert
-The Psalm	(Spoken) Psalm 70 – See Insert
-The Second Reading	Amos 5:18-24 – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	H-61
-The Gospel	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 -See Insert
-The Homily	The Rev. Jerry Lasley
-The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
-The Prayers of the People	

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Alleluia! Let us join the countless throngs who sing God's praises, praying, "We Bless, O Lord; *your praise is ever in our mouths.*" God of pilgrim Church, you love us and tell us your children: give your Church a hunger and a thirst for righteousness. Continue to nurture us by the example and fellowship of those saints who have journeyed before us. We bless, O Lord; **People: Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Leader: God of all people, you love us and call us your children: In a world of violence and war, you bless the peacemakers. Make us instruments of healing and peace. We bless, O Lord; **People: Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Leader: God of creation, you love us and call us your children: you have given this earth to the meek. May our steps be gentle and leave a small footprint on our earth. As it has been handed on to us, may we carefully preserve this creation for future generations. We bless, O Lord; **People: Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Leader: God of the city, you love us and call us your children: bless the poor with good things. Visit our impoverished neighborhoods with hope, mercy, and relief. Give us hearts for the poor in our region. We bless, O Lord; **People: Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Leader: God of the mournful and suffering, you love us and call us your children: comfort and heal those in need. Hear them in their affliction and save them from their troubles. We especially pray for Tom, Alena, William, Darnell, Susan, Kay, Tammie, Mary Jo, Richard, Crystal, John, Libet, Amy Jo, Mike, Rae, Sue, Debbie, Gwen, Annie, Bob, Marge, Alesia, Nancy, Bob and Family of Susan. We thank you for the presence of your Holy Spirit in our congregation and in the lives of our siblings in our partner congregation, Trinity in Three Rivers. Together, may we use those gifts for the building of your Kingdom. We bless, O Lord; **People: Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

Leader: God of the Church at rest, you love us and call us your children: we praise you for the faith and witness of the saints. May their prayers and presence continue to strengthen us. It is with triumphant voices that we join our own prayers and praises. Alleluia! We bless, O Lord; **People: Your praise is ever in our mouths.**

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

All: Amen

- The Confession & Absolution BCP 360
- The Peace BCP 360
- The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.
- Offertory Anthem Ave verum corpus - Mozart
- Doxology H -380, Verse 3
- The Holy Eucharist Prayer A- BCP 361
- Sanctus S-125
- The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
- The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364
- Fraction Anthem S-155
- Communion Hymn H-324
- Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365
- The Blessing
- Closing Hymn H-68
- The Dismissal
- Voluntary Allegro Moderato – Hermann Schroeder

THIS WEEK:

Principal Payoff Challenge (PPC)

Oxford Bank Mortgage Balance (as of March 2023) \$ 535,701.05

Donations:

Through June 30 th	\$229,318.30
July & August	\$ 22,750.00
September	\$ 8,708.00
October	\$ 62,732.65
TOTAL	\$ 323,508.95

Mortgage Balance (as of October 30, 2023) \$191,552.00

Includes the regular monthly mortgage payment plus the PPC donations

Flowers:

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given in remembrance of Nancy Lee Fawcett given by her husband, Ken Fawcett.

Thanksgiving Meal

If you would be interested in attending a Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, November 23rd at the church, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. In the past, Father Jerry has provided the turkey, and the side dishes were brought by attendees. We are trying to determine if we have enough interest in holding a meal this year. Thanks in advance.

In-Reach

Friends of St Christopher, old and new. Please join us for a fundraising event on Friday, November 17th at 5 p.m. centered around enjoying each other and having a fun evening.

Dale Rice will greet you with your choice of drink options. Stroll and visit with your friends while you check out the Silent Auction table where you’ll find many donated gift certificates, items and services to bid on. (IE: dinner for 4 or 5 prepared by Fr. Jerry)

Free will donation dinner and drinks:

Think “chili bar on steroids”

*Dave Miller will make his famous Smoked Pork Chili

*Fr Jerry is making his traditional Ground Beef Chili

*Flo Gjerstad will prepare her White Chicken Chili recipe

*Ellen Safley is donating her Vegetarian Chili

*Karen Miller is including yummy Mac and Cheese, Homemade Cornbread and Apple Crisp to round out our meal.

Dust off your vocal chords, karaoke fun will be happening with our very own Junior Warden Bill Hartley at the helm.

Rod Bytwerk and Jan Taylor will be selling raffle tickets throughout the evening.

After dinner you’ll have a little extra time to check the bid sheets on our auction items before the cutoff bid time at 7:30

Additional raffle and silent auction items are welcomed. Let Colleen Shrank know if you can donate any new items or services.

Important Changes

Please be advised that we will no longer have the Wednesday Evening Service at 5:30 p.m. due to choir rehearsal being moved to Sunday.

Please note that Thursday’s Evening Prayer has been moved to 3 pm. Bible Study will follow the Evening Prayer. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Men’s Group: The next men’s breakfast will be held on December 9, 2023 at 9 am at Sophia’s Kitchen, 11395 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. Location to be determined. Please sign up at the kiosk.

Ladies’ Luncheon: The next Ladies’ Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 11:45 am. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Please have all reservations in by Sunday, November 5th so we can let the restaurant know how many will be attending. Thank you.

Bi-diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

November 5

Trinity, Lexington – Virginia McNabb, Sr. Warden

St. Andrew’s, Grand Rapids – Molly Bosscher, Rector

Next Week

November 12th

St. John’s, Dryden – Becky Foster, Sr. Warden

Emmanuel, Hastings – Georgette Schirmer, Sr. Warden

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 12 November 2023: 3rd Sunday before Advent. Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Monday 13 November 2023: The Diocese of Asante-Mampong – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Tuesday 14 November 2023: The Diocese of Saint Asaph – The Church in Wales

Wednesday 15 November 2023: The Diocese of Athabasca – The Anglican Church of Canada

Thursday 16 November 2023: The Diocese of Atlanta – The Episcopal Church

Friday 17 November 2023: The Diocese of Attooch – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Saturday 18 November 2023: The Diocese of Auckland – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

Serving Today

LEM/Lector: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)
Rod Bytwerk (10:15 am)

Ushers/Greeters: Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses (8 am)
Jane Yorks & Mary VanDuyne (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Cindy Donner

Serving Next Week (November 19th)

LEM/Lector: Debbie Moses (8 am)
Linda Rathburn & Steve Huber (L) (10:15 am)

Usher/Greeters: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)
Bill Anderson & Jan Taylor (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Dawn Rutherford

Birthdays

Dale Rice	11/3
Jackie Beal	11/9
Karen Carr	11/10
Carrie Luckey	11/10
Flo Gjerstad	11/11
Mike Carr	11/11
Jack Schmier	11/11
Don Wells	11/12
Becky Stermer	11/18
Ken Fawcett	11/21
Linda Smith	11/28

Current Financial Standing

October 2023 Income: \$ 56,620.94

October 2023 Expenses (includes the monthly mortgage payment): \$ 27,640.57

Current Diocesan Mortgage Amount: \$500,000.00

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP
 | THE REVEREND JERRY LASLEY, RECTOR
 THE REVEREND DR. MICHAEL CARR, PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
 NADA RADA KOVICH, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC | ANGELA ZINSLI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
 JEFFREY WALKER, ORGANIST | JOEL STOEKLIN, SEXTON

VESTRY 2023
 ELLEN SAFLEY, SENIOR WARDEN | BILL HARTLEY, JUNIOR WARDEN
 STEVE HUBER, CLERK | DALE RICE & JANE BREWER, TREASURERS
 LINDA RATHBURN (2026) | MYRTLE DUCK (2024)
 STEVE HUBER (2024) | BILL HARTLEY (2026)
 FLO GJERSTAD (2024) | JANE BREWER (2026)
 ELLEN SAFLEY (2025) | COLLEEN SHRANK (2025) | ROD BYTWERK (2025)

9020 SOUTH SAGINAW ROAD, GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN 48439
 810.694.3600 | WWW.STCHRISGRANDBLANC.ORG
 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 OR WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STCHRISGB