

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

All Saint's Day

November 5, 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	
-Opening Hymn	H-287
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
-Hymn of Praise	S-236
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Revelation 7:9-17- See Insert
-The Psalm	(Sung by Choir) Psalm 34:1-10, 22 – See Insert
-The Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3 – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	H-293
-The Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12 -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: My brothers and sisters, all who humble themselves will be exalted. So let us appeal to God, praying, "We cry to you, O Lord; good Lord, deliver us." Humbly we adore you, good Lord. Give to your Church humility. May our lives be pure, upright, and blameless; may we, in word and deed, proclaim your gospel. We cry to you, O Lord; **People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: Humbly we adore you, good Lord. Give to this nation humility. May we find our greatness not in status or self-exaltation, but in service to others. We cry to you, O Lord; **People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: Humbly we adore you, good Lord. Teach us to handle your creation with humility. Bless the soil to bring forth a fruitful harvest for the hungry. Bless the springs to give drink for the thirsty. We cry to you, O Lord; **People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: Humbly we adore you, good Lord. Give to our city humility. You have blessed us with a good place in which to dwell. Renew the spirits of our languishing. Put songs of thanksgiving in our mouths. We cry to you, O Lord; **People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: Humbly we adore you, good Lord. Give healing and strength to those who call to you from humble hearts. Lift the burdens of those who are heavy laden. Encourage the sick and sorrowful with your love. 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 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 cry to you, O Lord; **People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: Humbly we adore you, good Lord. Your mercy endures forever. Bring those who have walked through the waters of baptism into that place of eternal life and promise. **People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

All: Amen

-The Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.

- Offertory Anthem Hear My Words – Stephen Paulus
- 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-620
- Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365
- The Blessing
- Closing Hymn H-618
- The Dismissal
- Voluntary

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 appreciation for all the members of St. Christopher’s and the wonderful friends that we have made. ~Rod Bytwerk and Cindy Donner

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

Please save the date for Friday, November 17th at 5 p.m. for an exciting In-Reach event!

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.

Healing and Holy Eucharist Service

The next Healing and Holy Eucharist Service will be Friday, December 1, 2023 at Noon. We hope that you will join us!

Men's Group: The next men's breakfast will be held on November 11, 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, November 8th 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:

October 29

The Bishop Whittemore Foundation
The Order of Naucratus

Next Week

November 5

Trinity, Lexington – Virginia McNabb, Sr. Warden
St. Andrew's, Grand Rapids – Molly Bosscher, Rector

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 5 November 2023: The Diocese of Katakwa – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Monday 6 November 2023: The Diocese of Katanga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Tuesday 7 November 2023: The Diocese of Katsina – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 8 November 2023: The Diocese of Kebbi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 9 November 2023: The Diocese of Kentucky – The Episcopal Church

Friday 10 November 2023: 3rd Sunday before Advent 24th Sunday after Trinity – The Church of South India (United)

Saturday 11 November 2023: The Diocese of South Kerala – The Church of South India (United)

Serving Today

LEM/Lector: Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses (LEM) (8 am)
Ken Duck (10:15 am)

Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)
Paul & Jerri Bassett (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Colleen Shrank

Serving Next Week (November 12th)

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

Usher/Greeters: Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses (8 am)
Jane Yorks & Mary Van Duyne (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Cindy Donner

Birthdays

Dale Rice 11/3
Jackie Beal 11/9
Carrie Luckey 11/10

Flo Gjerstad	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

**TODAY, WE REMEMBER THOSE
WHO HAVE DIED SINCE LAST ALL SAINTS' DAY**

Sue
David
Ljubica
Maestro Igor
Marcello
Lynn
Denison
Ronald
Felicia
Susie
Ernie
Phyllis
Robert
Larry
Avis
Bill
Lou
Dean
Helene
Sally
Fred
Anna
Rex
Rosmarie
Lorli
Wilma

Lillian
Margaret
Agatha Maria
Anderson
Rachel
Elbert
Elsie
Raymond
Jewel
Marvin
Mary
Clayton
Cynthia
Arnold
Emily
Monna Fay
Harry Bernard
Margaret
Kathleen
Elizabeth
Charles
Helen
Mary Jane
Eleanor
Jerry
Susan

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP
| THE REVEREND JERRY LASLEY, RECTOR
THE REVEREND DR. MICHAEL CARR, PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
THE REVEREND ELIZABETH MORRIS DOWNIE, ASSISTANT EMERITUS
NADA RADAKOVICH, 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)

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