

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

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	Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice – Robert Elmore
-Opening Hymn	H-408
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity	BCP 355
- Song of Praise	S-280
-The Collect of the Day	See Insert
-The First Reading	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 - See Insert
-The Psalm	(Spoken) Psalm 54 – See Insert
-The Second Reading	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a – See Insert
-Sequence Hymn	H-414
-The Gospel	Mark 9:30-37-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: We look to you, O God, to teach us how to be whom you created us to be. Shine your light on the path ahead. Catch us when we take a wrong turn, and by your Spirit, move us in the right direction. We are your children; **People:**

Teach us how to live, O God.

Leader: We yearn for peace but are constantly at war with ourselves, our neighbors, and the nations throughout the world. We are your children; **People: Teach us how to make peace, O God.**

Leader: We, your church, are easily distracted by things that don't matter. Turn our eyes to you; open our hearts to you; deepen our love of you. Bless our bishops, priests, and deacons. May we teach each other how to walk in love. We are your children. **People: Teach us how to serve you, O God.**

Leader: Our bodies ache, our spirits are restless, and our minds grow weary with constant worry. Lead us to a place of wholeness and make each of us agents of healing in this world. We pray for those who have asked our prayers today. We especially pray for Karsen, Carl, Tom, Amanda, Sue, Sarah and Family of Mike. We are your children.

People: Teach us how to trust in your healing embrace.

Leader: When a dear one dies, we ask that you receive them into your eternal kingdom as promised. Assure those who grieve that you will not leave them desolate in their sorrow but hold their loved one close to your heart. We are your children. **People: Teach us the way home to you.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- The Confession & Absolution BCP 360
- The Peace BCP 360
- The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.*
- Offertory Anthem Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice – Moravian Hymn, 18th Century
- Doxology H -380, Verse 3
- Gluten Free Wafers available*
- The Holy Eucharist Prayer B- BCP 367
- Sanctus S-129
- The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
- The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364
- Fraction Anthem (Spoken)
- Communion Hymn H-660
- Post-Communion Prayer BCP 366
- The Blessing
- Closing Hymn H-636
- The Dismissal
- Voluntary Fanfare 1 – Arthur Bliss

THIS WEEK:

Flowers

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given in loving memory of family members by Bob and Mary Van Dyne.

Bible Study

The next Bible Study will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 1 pm.

Prayer List

Beginning this week, we will have two prayer lists. The individuals that are currently listed in the bulletin will be moved to the private prayer list and will be prayed over by the Prayer Team. If there is anyone that should be removed from the list in the bulletin please advise Father Jerry or Angela in the Church Office asap. All new requests for individuals to be added to the prayer list will be put in the bulletin for service for three weeks and then will be moved to our private prayer list.

Please Continue To Pray For...

Crystal, Amy Jo, Rae, Annie, Bob, Bob, Cindy, Peggy, Howard, Marianne, Janell, Ed, Ron, William, Ed, Ruth, Cherie, Sam, Erin, Bill, Tom, Jane, Linda, Kylie, Joanne, Jane, Hank, Cornelius, Nick, Pete, Terri, Ken, Sue, Frank, Karen, Carrie, Rocky, and Anita.

Coat Closet Outreach

Our 3rd year begins October 5th and we are ready to serve our community. Team leaders are: 1st week of the month: **Louise McAra** 2nd week: **Flo Gjerstad**, 3rd week: **Bill Hartley**, 4th week: **Ellen Safley** and 5th Week: **Karen Miller**. Each of these teams have a few dates when they could use a volunteer. Do you have 2 hours that you could donate on a Saturday morning? If so please call or text me and I will respond with a date that we need to fill in. Thank you, Jane Yorks **810-441-6968**

Adult Formation

Adult Formation resumes today at 9:15 a.m – 10 a.m. See you then!

Healing and Eucharist Service

The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held Friday, October 4, 2024 at Noon. Please join us.

School Supply Collection

We are collecting school supplies for local children. Please consider donating some school supplies (paper, folders, pencils, Kleenex, Lysol Wipes, etc) Donated school supplies can be brought to the Church Office. Thank you!

Front Door

Please note that if you have a key to the church and you enter through the front door, please make sure that when you leave that the top knob is locked and does not turn. Thank you.

The Chosen

Come join us on September 26, at 10:00 a.m. to watch the next episode of Season 4 followed by discussion and homemade soups afterwards. Hope to see you there!

Financial Statement

The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes and a Financial Statement are located on the kiosk in the narthex for review.

Collection

We are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, individual hand sanitizer and protein bars for those in need. We have a basket in the narthex for items that you bring in. Thank you.

From the Rector...

Near the end of September, Father Jerry will be offering a class for newcomers and current attendees of St. Christopher's that are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. There is a sign-up sheet and survey located in the Narthex. Please take a moment to sign up. We will be ordering books and will need an accurate account of those attending. Thank you!

Bulletins

Please note that the bulletins are printed on Thursday mornings. For inclusion in the weekly bulletin, please have all items to Angela in the church office no later than Wednesday by noon. Thank you.

Men's Group: The next men's breakfast will be held on October 12, 2024 at 9 am at the Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint, Michigan. Please sign up at the kiosk.

Ladies' Luncheon: The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 11:45 am. Location to be determined. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Thank you.

Bi-diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

September 22nd

Trinity, Niles – Kathy Davies, Sr. Warden

Transfiguration, Indian River – Kathy Piotraczk, Sr. Warden

Next Week

September 29th

St. John's, Dryden – Harold Schneider, Priest-in-Charge

Emmanuel, Hastings – Georgette Schirmer, Sr. Warden

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 22 September 2024: 17th Sunday after Trinity Season of Creation. The Church of North India

Monday 23 September 2024: Season of Creation – The Diocese of Isikwuato/Umunneochi – The Church of Nigeria

Tuesday 24 September 2024: Season of Creation – The Diocese of Western Izon – The Church of Nigeria

Wednesday 25 September 2024: Season Creation – The Diocese of Jabalpur – The Church of North India

Thursday 26 September 2024: Season Creation – The Diocese of Jaffna – The Church of South India

Friday 27 September 2024: Season Creation – The Diocese of Jalingo – The Church of Nigeria

Saturday 28 September 2024: Season Creation - The Diocese of Jamaica and The Cayman Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Serving Today

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

Ushers/Greeters: Neuman Convis & Susan Armstrong (8 am)
Renee Carpenter & Bill Anderson (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Colleen Shrank

Serving Next Week (September 29th)

Nancy Wells (LEM)/Kay Van Natta (8 am)
Frank Burger (10:15 am)

Dale & Sharon Rice (8 am)
Jane Yorks & Mike Latesky (10:15 am)

Shirley Showler

Birthdays

Dolores Higgerson	9/5
Frank Burger	9/6
Mike Latesky	9/7
Barbara Soloski	9/11
Ken Duck	9/14
Marcie Davidson	9/18
Susan Carter	9/28

Current Financial Standing

July 2024 Income \$ 37,843.96

July 2024 Expenses \$ 28,233.90

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

VESTRY 2024
ELLEN SAFLEY, SENIOR WARDEN | BILL HARTLEY & ROD BYTWERK, JUNIOR WARDENS
LINDA RATHBURN, CLERK | DALE RICE & JANE BREWER, TREASURERS
LINDA RATHBURN (2026) | MYRTLE DUCK (2027)
JANICE CONVIS (2027) | BILL HARTLEY (2026)
DAVE MILLER (2027) | JANE BREWER (2026)
ELLEN SAFLEY (2025) | COLLEEN SHRANK (2025) | ROD BYTWERK (2025)

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