



CHRIST CHURCH
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IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
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Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025 — 8:30 AM

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer (black),
S or H: Hymnal 1982 (blue), WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (green), L: Lift Every Voice (red)*

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Praeludium in G major, BuxWV 147 Dieterich Buxtehude

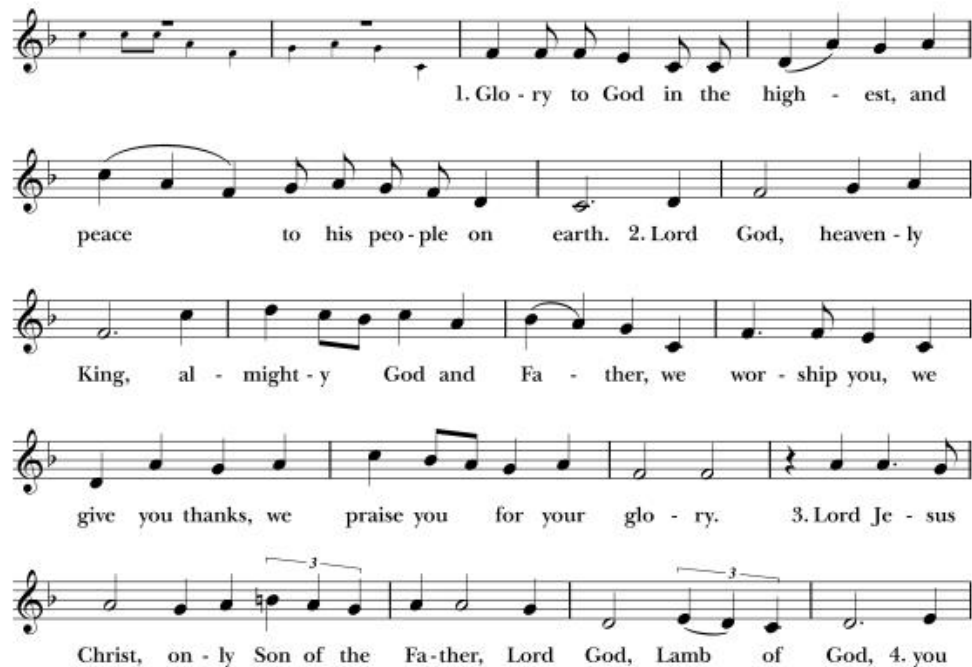
Processional Hymn Praise my soul, the King of Heaven **H 410**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP 355**

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise Glory to God **S 280**





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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
 Where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
 If I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning *
 And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
 And your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
 And the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
 The night is as bright as the day; *
 Darkness and light to you are both alike.

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**14 My body was not hidden from you, *
 while I was being made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book; *
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
 how great is the sum of them!**

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Lesson

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

O God our help in ages past

H 680

The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Luke 14:25-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Children's Homily

Hannah Hutchens

The Sermon

The Rev. Suzanne Hood

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Stand or kneel*

Intercessions for the Christian People

We hope to see the Lord's work in this world, answering God's call and not fighting against it. Let us pray with one voice, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Help us to heed and not to harm the messenger of peace, we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to bear and not break the discipline of trust, we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to feel and never to fear the love of Christ, we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To those who must bear a message of peace, give a Christlike courage, we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To those who must teach the ways of trust, give a Christlike courage, we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To those who must love when hatred rules, give a Christlike heart, we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Take away war; take away lies; take away hatred, we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send us prophets, send us teachers, sons and daughters of your name, we pray to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Bill Hambidge and Georgie Kear, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We remember St. Peter's, Washington, in this week's Cycle of Prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for the Diocese of East Carolina, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the people of Christ Church.

As followers of the Prince of Peace, we ask for God's mercy and protection in places around the world where peace is elusive. Haiti. The Democratic Republic of Congo. Israel. Gaza. Ukraine. Myanmar. May God guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them the peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

O Lord, we have learned what to ask you through your Son, the peacemaker, the teacher of trust, who loved without limit. It is you that he revealed. We want to be like you in him, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Silence

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

All My Days
Joyful Voices

Mark Miller

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips.
- If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself.
- Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available at the lower station.
- Respond to communion by saying "Amen."
- If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.
- Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to a priest to learn more.
- If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the Chapel after receiving communion or a blessing.
- Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer C

BCP 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

Be your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

As we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Deborah, Ruth, and Esther; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus

L 136

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *Standing*

Celebrant We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

People **Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.**

All **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 833

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing *Standing*

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

God of grace and God of glory

H 594

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata, from Symphony No. 5

Charles Marie Widor

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MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

Please Note: You will notice that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar> and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 7

Return to Fall / Winter/ Spring Schedule

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

5 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room) - *First meeting since summer break*

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room) - *First meeting since summer break*

Monday, September 8

8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)

11:30 am: Contemplative Prayer (Pelletier Room) - *First meeting since summer break*

1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 9

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

5 pm: GIG Families Orientation Meeting (GIG Room)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, September 10

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Pelletier Room) - *First meeting since summer break*

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, September 11

11 am: Graveside Burial Service for Charles Winfree, Jr.

5 pm: GIG Volunteer Meeting (GIG Room)

Friday, September 12

11 am: Funeral Service for Bill Hambidge (Nave) with reception beforehand

Sunday, September 14

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45 am: Coffee Hour and Sunday School for All Ages

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

6 pm: EYC Meeting (Youth Room)