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Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 2025 — 8:00 and 10:00 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 (10 am only)

Prelude in F minor, BWV 857

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn (10 am only)

We gather together

H 433

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 (10 am only)

L 243

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, ha - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Glo - ry ha - le - lu - jah, Lord we

8
praise your Ho - ly name, 1.Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to His peo - ple on earth. 2.Lord God,

15
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your

21
glo - ry. 3.Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo - ry, Glo - ry, ha - le - lu -

27

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry, Gl - ry ha - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4.You

34

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, 5.You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our__

41

prayer. 6.For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are__ the Lord, 7.You a - lone are the Most High,

48

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of__ the Fa - ther. Glo - ry,

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Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,__ Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

57

- jah, Lord we Praise your Ho - ly name. A - - - - - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*) ***Qui regis Israel***

BCP 702

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
 behold and tend this vine; *
 preserve what your right hand has planted.

**15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
 at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

**17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (10 am only)

I want to walk as a child of the light

H 490

(At the 10 am service, children may leave for Gospel & Prayers. They will return at the Peace.)

The Holy Gospel Standing

Luke 12:49-56

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

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby

The Nicene Creed *All stand*

BCP 358

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 to break the discipline of truth, 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 truth, give a Christlike strength, 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 remember the three local ministries started with the aid of Christ Church: Interfaith Refugee Ministry, MERCI Clinic, and Religious Community Services. We pray that their mission of assisting the vulnerable and those in need in the name of Christ will be strengthened.

We remember St. George's, Englehard, and St John's, Fayetteville, 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 loving memory of Elliott Hudgins by his wife, Nancy.

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 truth, 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 *(8:30 am service)*

Prelude in F minor, BWV 857

J.S. Bach

Music at the Offertory *(10 am service)*

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

Pop-Up Choir

The Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant All things come of you O Lord

People **And of your own have we given you.**

Our declaration at the presentation of the gifts is a passage from 1st Chronicles 29:14. It's part of a prayer by King David proclaiming the continuing goodness of God. While the call and response recitation has been used in Episcopal worship for many generations, there is no place in previous Books of Common Prayer where it was intended for congregational response. In both the 1892 and 1928 BCPs, it was the last listed and the shortest option among two pages of offertory sentences. It is not in the current (1979) BCP. As a reminder of the complex breadth of our history, we will use this at the presentation during August.

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 A

BCP 361

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the holy world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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

Just as I am

H 693

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*

Friends, by the power of God, you were brought into this world. By the mercy of God, you have been sustained to this very moment. And by the love revealed to us in the Risen Christ, you are being redeemed. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata

John Weaver

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Intercessor/Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Henke (10 am)

Prayer Ministers: Jane Peele Hobbs (10 am)

Acolytes: Caroline Carpenter (8 am), Celia Morini (10 am)

Greeters: Randy and Joanie Bogle (10 am)

Ushers: Ben Parrish, Jude Falcao (8 am), Michael Wofford, Arthur Friedel (10 am)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. George's, Englehard, and St. John's, Fayetteville

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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, August 17

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:15 am Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:30 am: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Monday, August 18

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm. Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 4 pm: Daughters of the King Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, August 19

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11:30 am: Chair Yoga (Parish House)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, August 20

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Friday, August 22

Vestry / Staff Retreat at Trinity Center

Saturday, August 23

Vestry / Staff Retreat at Trinity Center

Sunday, August 24

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9 am: Young Adults and Young Families Brunch (Church Lawn)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II and Blessing of the Backpacks (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)