CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

The Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King
November 22, 2026
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary	*"Toccata in D Minor"*	J. S. Bach
Introit	*The Lord will give strength unto his people*	Psalm 29
Processional Hymn	*"At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow"*	Hymn 435

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant says

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.*

Gloria in excelsis *Glory to God* Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. ***Amen.***

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (34:11-16, 20-24)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm 100 / *Jubilate* / Hymnal S-41

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Ephesus (1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Sequence Hymn *"Jesus, our mighty Lord"* Hymn 478

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (25:31-46)
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me

food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon *"Mt 25 in Congress"* The Rev. John Adams

Ideas to ponder:

- How do you understand this Gospel reading in relation to governing?
- What does it mean to name Christ our King?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV BCP 388

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. (*Pause*) Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Comfort and heal *Sue, Julia, Mallory, Ginger C., Ashley F., Michael, Jim A., Valerie B., LaRue, Jean, Nancy, Honore, James H., Chase I.,* and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin *Kneeling or standing* BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

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 *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem *Who at My Door is Standing* K. Lee Scott

The Doxology: v. 3, Hymn 380

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

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A *Standing* 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.

Celebrant BCP 361-362

It is right… proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant *Kneeling or standing* *BCP 362-363*

Holy and gracious Father: … do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant *Kneeling or standing* *BCP 363*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption…Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

Fraction Anthem *(sung in unison)* Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalicer will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalicer. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant *Inherit the kingdom prepared for you* Matthew 25, Psalm 145

Communion Hymn *I am the bread of life* Hymn 335

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people *Kneeling or standing* BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as
living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn *"Crown him with many crowns"* Hymn 494

Priest: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*
People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Closing Voluntary *Diademata* Gordon Young

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Ronnie L. Wagoner on our wedding Anniversary
By Ginger Wagoner

We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Narthex Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Paul B. Toms and May Hooker Toms
By the Family

The Bountiful Harvest is Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving
For our Many Blessings

Pray today for the Retired Clergy of The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and their Chaplains, The Rev. Dr. Bob Copenhaver and The Rev. Dr. James Hubbard. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Angel Tree – Starts November 22
Christ Church is again partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of The Blue Ridge in the annual Angel Tree Ministry to provide Christmas gifts for children in need. We are blessed with this opportunity for our congregation to serve our community by brightening the holidays of needy children and their families.

There are two methods by which members of the congregation can participate. One: Take an angel card from the tree and purchase a gift for a specific child (or children) Two: Write a check payable to Boys and Girls Club with a notation "For the Angel Tree Ministry." Checks are due in the church office no later than Monday, December 7.

Detailed instructions on both methods are available in printed form near the Angel Tree in the narthex or from the office. If you would like to participate by providing a gift or gifts AND by writing a check, that would be wonderful! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help wrap and/or deliver the gifts to the various schools, please call the church office.

Thanksgiving Holiday
There will be no Monday Bible Study November 23 or Wednesday Eucharist on November 25. The Office will be closed Thursday and Friday (November 26 and 27).

Stewardship
The 2027 pledge campaign is underway. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please get one from the narthex (church entrance area) or office. We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge of financial support to Christ Church for 2027 and return your pledge in the offering plate or to the office as soon as you are comfortable doing so, which will help us as we prepare the budget for 2027.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for November thru December: Saltine Crackers (box). For November: bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes (individually wrapped), and other hygiene items. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

Christmas

Our Christmas service will be at **5:00 pm on Thursday, December 24**. During the service, Will Zimmer and any children who wish to join him will lead us in singing "Away in a Manger." **If you have children or grandchildren who would like to sing, please let him know (wilzim61@yahoo.com) by December 18**; there will be a short rehearsal prior to the service.

2026 St. Nicholas Appeal

This year's St. Nicholas Appeal will support the Diocesan Youth Summer Pilgrimage Program taking place in Summer 2027 in New Orleans. This pilgrimage will help our youth discern who they are becoming as people of faith by giving them a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, cultural enrichment, and community. Donations may be made at the Diocesan website (www.dioswva.org) or by sending a check made out to the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia (with "St. Nicholas Appeal" in the memo) to PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009.

Vestry Membership

At our Annual Meeting on November 15, we elected Gus Barber, Ben Lewis, Val Payne, and Dawn Stone to three-year terms on the Vestry expiring at the end of 2029. They join continuing members Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, and Steve Keyser (2027) and Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, and Ron Probst (2028). Many thanks to Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman, LaRue Powers, and Bob Weatherall, whose terms expire at the end of this year, for their three years of dedicated service on the Vestry.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams
Reader: Pete Scouras
Chalists: Bob Bushnell, John Swezey
Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West
Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir
Ushers: Jay Dickens, Rives Coleman
Camera Operator: Hank Long
Counters: Steve Keyser, Jay Dickens
Nursery: Caroline Davis
Altar Guild Team #5 – Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce, Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby

2026 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers, Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden
Year 2: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser
Year 1: Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst