

# Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

*A Home to All*

*Sharing God's Unconditional Love*



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 8, 2018 – 10:30 AM**

**Celebrating 20 years!**

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin  
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker  
Rector

# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are delighted God has brought you to this special place. Our tradition is to invite newcomers to introduce themselves during the announcements, if they would like. Following the service, the ushers have guest cards which we hope you will fill out, so we can personally welcome you to the church community. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards.

**What do you need to know about worship?** Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

**Are you worshipping with us for the first time?** We would love to get to know you! Please fill out one of the pew cards tucked into the pew in front of you. Let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

**Home communion visits:** Do you know someone who isn't able to get to church, but would like a home communion visit? Please call the church office at 336.372.7983 to arrange a visit.

**Please wear a name tag.** No permanent one? Please use the temporary adhesive name tags found in the church entryway. We're happy to make you a new nametag, a replacement, or simply a spare. For permanent name tags, sign up on the clipboard in the entryway.

**Newsletter:** Sign up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly *Good News & Notes*. Email the church office at [ccepiscopal@skybest.com](mailto:ccepiscopal@skybest.com).

**Sermons Available:** Recent sermons available at [www.christchurchallegghany.com](http://www.christchurchallegghany.com).

**Adult Formation** at Christ Church includes an Adult Forum series Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall downstairs.

**We extend special thanks today to the following person:**

**The Reverend Charles R. Supin**, our visiting priest,

**Laura Davis**, for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents, and

**Brenda Weems**, for providing refreshments for our fellowship following the service.

# The Gathering

Prelude

*All stand, as able.*

Processional Hymn #556

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart!*

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Let us pray (*prayed by all*)

BCP 355

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: S280 (*sung by all*)

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.*

*Remain standing, as able.*

### **The Collect**

Presider            The Lord be with you.

**People            And also with you.**

Presider            Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

**2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10**

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

The Response  
Psalm 48

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

God is in her citadels; \*  
he is known to be her sure refuge.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; \*  
they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \*  
your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.

Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks;  
examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

**The Second Reading**  
**2 Corinthians 12: 2-10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

**Gospel Hymn #508**

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

*Remain standing, as able.*

Presider            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
People             **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel**  
**Mark 6: 1-13**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

*All are seated.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Charles R. Supin

*A time of silence following the sermon.*

*Please stand, as able.*

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that  
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -  
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and  
 died; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly  
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for  
 died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was  
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of  
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God  
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
 last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

Form III (adapted)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially .....

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.  
We pray especially for ... and also all who suffer in silence.  
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We give you thanks for ...; and all the blessings of this life.  
People **That we may share your joy.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, and for those who have  
died...may they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; *the people may add their own petitions.*

*Silence*

Presider:

**All: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider 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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

*Please greet one another in a way that is comfortable as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.*

Offertory

Laura Davis

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Standing, as able.*

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider 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.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider 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.

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

Presider 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.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider 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:** S129 (*sung by all*)

BCP 362

*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.*

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 all 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,

**People**            **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 Sarah, Rebekah and Leah; 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.

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

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

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

**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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction: S154 (sung by all)

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

### The Invitation to Communion

Presider            The Gifts of God for the People of God.....

*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.  
If you are gluten allergic, please ask for a rice wafer at the distribution.*

Communion Music (sung by all)

Laura Davis

Hymn #333

*Now the silence Now the peace*

*Now the empty hands uplifted  
Now the kneeling Now the plea  
Now the Father's arms in welcome  
Now the hearing Now the power  
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring  
Now the Body Now the Blood  
Now the joyful celebration  
Now the wedding Now the songs  
Now the heart forgiven leaping  
Now the Spirit's visitation  
Now the Son's epiphany  
Now the Father's blessing Now Now Now*

Hymn #711

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
Allelu, Alleluia!*

Refrain:  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Allelu, Alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;  
Allelu, Alleluia! (Refrain)*

Surely the Presence of the Lord

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Stand or sit, as able.

**Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

Presider Let us pray

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.

Please stand, as able.

**The Blessing**

The Rev. Charles R. Supin

**Recessional Hymn #371**

*Thou, whose almighty word*

**The Dismissal**

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Coming Lessons

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29

## The Following People are Assisting with the Services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Nancy Wilson	Nancy Wilson
Chalicerist I	Frances Buckle	Ann Hazard
Chalicerist II	Nancy Wilson	Frances Buckle
Crucifer	Bruce Smith	Nancy Wilson
Lector I	Barbara Halsey	Ann Hazard
Lector II	Jim Halsey	Allan Joyce
Prayers of the People	Phil Donaldson	Frank Hazard
Oblations Bearers	Jim & Barbara Halsey	Marybeth Lentz & Frank Hazard
Greeters/Ushers	Phil & Deb Donaldson	Bruce Smith & Jann Boggs
Book Bearer	Nancy Wilson	Ann Hazard
Sanctus Bell	Bruce Smith	Nancy Wilson

### Prayer List

**Intercessions:** Ben, Buck H., Ed & Jean, Fred P., Gina D., Julie O., Mark & Julee W., and Martha H.

**Departed:**

**Birthdays:**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

### Schedule

**Sunday, July 8 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday, July 11**

11:30 am – Friends in Faith

**Sunday, July 15 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

## Announcements

**Adult Forum and Wednesday morning services will resume in August.**

### **Friends in Faith**

The Friends in Faith group is meeting on Wednesdays at 11:30 am. We gather as sisters in Christ to praise, pray, study, and share our lives. Please join us!

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS!**

August and September are going to be very busy months as we gear up for another great season! Some important events to mark on your calendar are:

### **Licensing and Training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers Saturday, August 11th at 10:00 AM**

If your license has expired or if you would like to become licensed to serve the chalice, please make every effort to be at this important event.

**Genesis Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 19th at 11:30 and will conclude Wednesday, November 14th.** This will be a deep exploration of The Beginning of all things!

### **TBA: Training, refreshment and Support for all Servers of all ages, Ushers, and Readers**

As the Fall season unfolds, look for these opportunities to refresh your ministry in these areas, join one of these ministries for the first time and go deeper into why these are key areas of ministry for the entire parish!

**Food & Fellowship Person of the Month for July is:** Jeanne Green. She can be reached at [jrgreen@skybest.com](mailto:jrgreen@skybest.com) or 336-372-4781.

**Vestry Person of the month for July is:** Sheila Pfaender. She can be reached at [sspfaender@gmail.com](mailto:sspfaender@gmail.com) or 336.363.9522.

**While Rev. Stephanie is on vacation, please call Martha Honaker for all pastoral needs. She can be reached at 336.363.9163 or [marthahon@gmail.com](mailto:marthahon@gmail.com).**

**For any building or property issues, please contact:** Phil Donaldson with your concerns.

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