

Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

A Home to All

Sharing God's Unconditional Love



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 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.

Sermons Available: Recent sermons available at 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,

Jo Ellen Carson, for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents, and

Grace Mauney & Tom Dillon, for providing refreshments for our fellowship after the service.

The Gathering

Prelude

All stand, as able.

Processional Hymn #400, vss 1-4

All creatures of our God and King

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

All are seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

The Response

Psalm 89: 20-37

I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.

I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."

"If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;

If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;

I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;

But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.

His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;
It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
The abiding witness in the sky.' "

The Second Reading

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

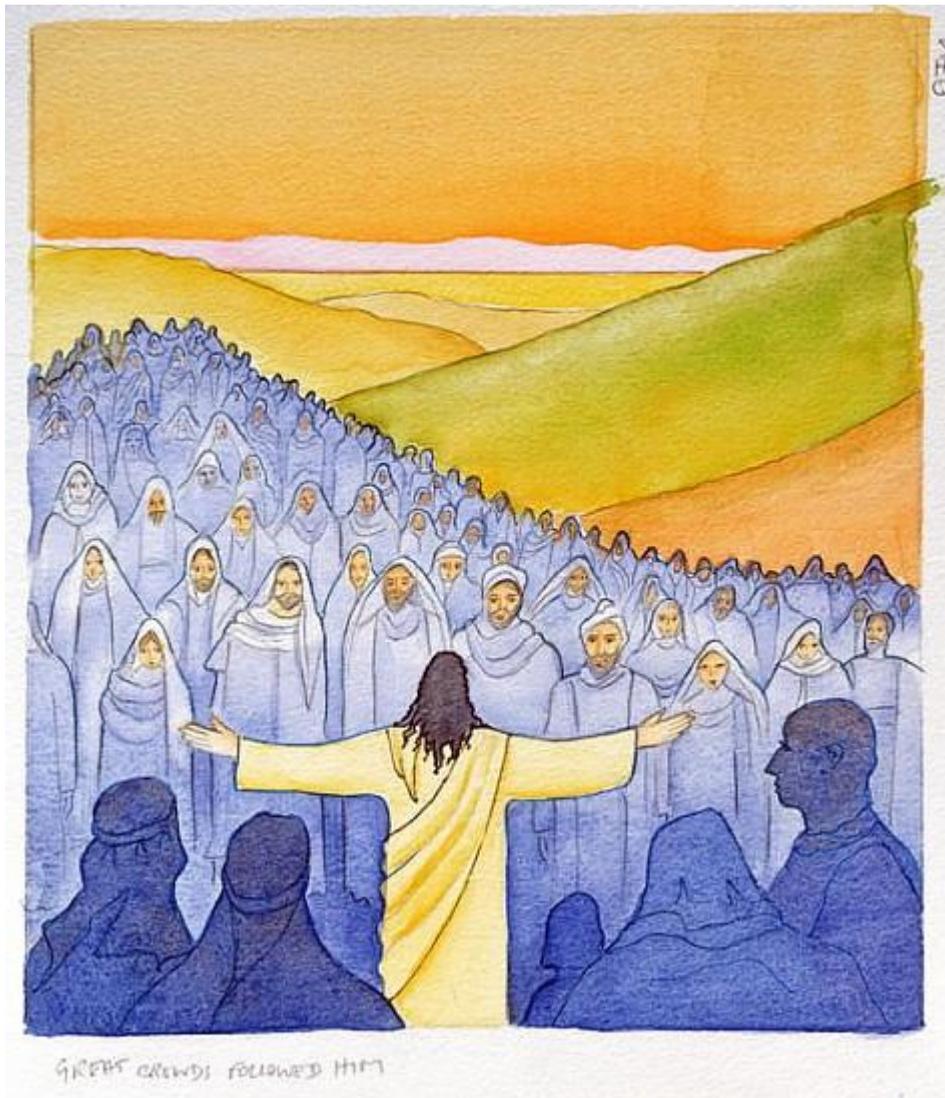
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Gospel Hymn #460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

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: 30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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
 fied; 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

Jo Ellen Carson

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)

Jo Ellen Carson

Taizé 47

In the Lord

*In the Lord I'll be every thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices,
the Lord is near;
lift up your voices,
the Lord is near. (repeat)*

Taizé 49

Live in charity

*Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you. (repeat)*

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 #522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Following People are Assisting with the Services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Nancy Wilson	Nancy Wilson
Chalicer I	Sheila Pfaender	Jann Boggs
Chalicer II	Jann Boggs	Sheila Pfaender
Crucifer	Frances Buckle	Brenda Weems
Lector I	Jann Boggs	Brenda Weems
Lector II	Frances Buckle	Phil Donaldson
Prayers of the People	Jann Boggs	Brenda Weems
Oblations Bearers	Denise & Larry Seckel	Hal & Nancy Wilson
Greeters/Ushers	Hal & Nancy Wilson	Joe & Judy Ritchie
Book Bearer	Jann Boggs	Sheila Pfaender
Sanctus Bell	Frances Buckle	Brenda Weems

Prayer List

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

Departed:

Birthdays: Kimberly Jones (July 23), Frances Buckle (July 27)

Wedding Anniversaries: Tom Dillon & Grace Mauney (July 25)

Coming Lessons

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3: 14-21

John 6: 1-21

Schedule

Sunday, July 22 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, July 24

12:00 pm – Ladies' Lunch Out at Kanpai Japanese Restaurant

Wednesday, July 25

11:30 am – Friends in Faith

Thursday, July 26

6:00 pm – Bible Study at the Seckel Barn, 404 Seckel Barn

Sunday, July 29 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

6:00 pm – Mountain Soul presents Province of Thieves

Announcements

Adult Forum and Wednesday morning services will resume in August.

Food Closet Volunteers Needed!

August is Christ Church's month to provide Food Closet volunteers. We need three volunteers each day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:15 am to 1:45 pm. One volunteer will be helping the Food Closet clients lift groceries into their vehicles (male preferred). The sign-up sheet is on Information table in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Green at 336.372.4781 or email her at jrgreen@skybest.com. Let's show our support for this vital program to help feed those less fortunate. Thank you!

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!

July Ladies' Lunch Out scheduled for THIS Tuesday, July 24th!

July Ladies Lunch will be at Kanpai Japanese Restaurant - Tuesday, July 24th @ noon. This is a rich Christ Church tradition, an opportunity for the ladies to spend time with one another while enjoying lunch out. Invite a friend to join us! Host is Nancy Wilson. You can either email or call Nancy or contact the church office if you plan to attend. There's also a sign-up sheet on the Information table. Nancy - 336.528.2729 or nancy.dexter@gmail.com

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: (1) **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. (2) **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! (3) **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!

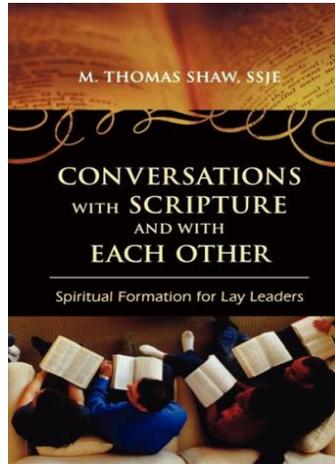
Food & Fellowship Person of the Month for July is: Jeanne Green. She can be reached at jrgreen@skybest.com or 336-372-4781.

Vestry Person of the month for July is: Sheila Pfaender. She can be reached at 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.

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

**Thursday Evening Bible Study Begins a New Book:
Conversations with Scripture and with Each Other
by The Rt. Rev. Tom Shaw, SSJE**



Writing this book when he was the Bishop of Massachusetts, Tom Shaw enlisted help from the Rev. Dr. Ellen Aitken, a New Testament scholar, who was teaching at the Harvard School of Divinity. In their study together he asked her what she thought happened in the 20 or so year after the resurrection of Jesus and before Paul wrote the first letter to the Christians in Thessalonica? After a long pause she replied, “I think it went something like this. I believe that these men and women who had been Jesus’ disciples during his public ministry, and perhaps some of them friends even before that, had never been so loved before by anyone and had never before had such a tangible experience of the kingdom of God. Each had a profound experience of the risen Christ. The fact that Christ was alive motivated them to go out to tell their story as they searched for meaning in this event. In gatherings over meals as they discussed the Hebrew scripture with each other, those who had never met Jesus found him present in the meal and in the gathered community.”

Please join us on July 26 as we begin this study. The Thursday Evening Bible Study meets every other Thursday at the Seckel Barn at 404 Vestal Road. The book is available through Amazon (limited quantities) and Christian Book Distributors. You do not have to have a copy of the book to join in. I encourage everyone, however, to begin reading the short NT book I Thessalonians for our discussion on July 26. Please come and join in this lively and fun Bible Study. For more information or directions call Larry Seckel (863-660-0021).

Mountain Soul presents Province of Thieves on
Sunday, July 29th at 6:00 pm!



Province of Thieves is an all-acoustic quintet featuring guitar, mandolin, ukulele, banjo, upright bass, and percussion. But what really sets this band apart are their powerful vocal harmonies, reminiscent of the Eagles. With influences spanning folk rock, bluegrass, beach music and 80's pop, you're invited on a journey through the Province of Thieves!

The Thieves are:

Brad Davidson - Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Ukulele, Harmonica;

Greg Moore - Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Mandolin;

Steve Allen - Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Banjo;

Parker Foley - Upright and Electric Bass; and

Jennie Brooks - Percussion

Brad and Greg have known each other for some time, mostly through the ministry of Robinson Presbyterian Church. Both were instrumental in the leadership of the Charlotte Fire! contemporary worship service at RPC, so music was always an element in the relationship. For more information about the band and to hear some of their music, go to:

www.provinceofthieves.com

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