

Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

A Home to All

Sharing God's Unconditional Love



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All Saints' Sunday
November 4, 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 9:00 am in the fellowship hall downstairs.

We extend special thanks today to the following people:

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

Libba Evans, for providing refreshments for our fellowship following the service.

The Gathering

Prelude

For all the saints

Announcements

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn #293

I sing a song of the saints

Transforming Generosity Prayer (prayed by all)

Presider Let us pray.

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Transform us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully, that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.

A time of silence following the prayer.

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, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All are seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

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

Please be seated.

The Response

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? " *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

The Second Reading **Revelation 21:1-6a**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

The Gospel
John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker

A time of silence following the sermon.

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant Prayers

- Presider Let us now pray for all as we prepare to renew our Baptismal Covenant.
- Leader Deliver us, O Lord, from the ways we fall short of God's hope for the human family.
People **May we follow Jesus into wholeness.**
- Leader Open our hearts to your grace and truth.
People **May we see Christ in all people.**
- Leader Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **May we be co-creators with you in your world.**
- Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **May we live our faith in the world and in our places of worship.**
- Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Inspire us to greater joy.**
- Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.
People **Make us instruments of your hope and truth.**
- Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **May we love others as you love us.**
- Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others...
- Presider May all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

All stand, as able, and gather around the Baptism Font

Wade in the Water (*sung by all*)

Wade in the water.

Wade in the water, children,

Wade in the water.

God's a-going to trouble the water.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Rev. Stephanie E Parker

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it, the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it, you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it, your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it, we are buried with Christ in his death. By it, we share in his resurrection. Through it, we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 292

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment of Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to
the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every
human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may
live in the power of his resurrection by being an Easter people; people who claim new
life out of every death and new hope out of every defeat. We pray as we live, through
Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Chrism

As we renew our Baptism, we remember we are marked as Christ's own forever.

Please come to Stephanie to receive Chrism.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

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

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 Priest, 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 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

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; God's holy food, for God's holy people.

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

Hymn #711

Seek ye first

*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 366

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.

The Blessing

Presider Our help is in the name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Presider Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Presider The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon, and remain with you for ever.

All **AMEN!**

Recessional Hymn #620

Jerusalem, my happy home

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Coming Lessons

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

The faithful departed we are remembering today are:

Denis J. Devos

Aurelia Gray Eller

Walton C. Green

Edward L. Irvin

Sylvia P. Myers

Cora “Chick” Parker

Dr. William Franklin Ritchie

Fran G. Seckel

Sharon Parker White

Prayer List

Intercessions: Ben D., Chuck B., Gina D., Jim D. (healing injury), Jimmy T. (healing cancer), Julie O., Karleen, Linda W.

Departed: Margaret Peterson (close friend of Martha Honaker)

Birthdays: Rita Woodruff (Nov 4), Rod Pace (Nov 5), Denise Seckel (Nov 8), Jesse Williams (Nov 9)

Wedding Anniversaries: Joe & Nancy Smyrski (Nov 5)

The Following People are Assisting with the Services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Nancy Wilson & Marybeth Lentz	Nancy Wilson & Marybeth Lentz
Chalicer I	Jeanne Green	Frances Buckle
Chalicer II	Nancy Wilson	Brenda Weems
Crucifer	Nancy Wilson	Brenda Weems
Lector I	Jann Boggs	Frances Buckle
Lector II	Frank Hazard	Jann Boggs
Prayers of the People	Ann Hazard	Cynthia Grant
Oblations Bearers	Ann & Frank Hazard	Marybeth Lentz & Bruce Smith
Greeters/Ushers	Geoff & Shelley Jones	Hal & Nancy Wilson
Book Bearer	Jeanne Green	Frances Buckle
Sanctus Bell	Nancy Wilson	Brenda Weems

Schedule

Sunday, November 4 – All Saints’ Sunday

9:00 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, November 6

1:00 pm – Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, November 7

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 am – Genesis Bible Study

Sunday, November 11 – Consecration Sunday

9:00 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, November 13

12:30 pm – Vestry meeting

Wednesday, November 14

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 am – Genesis Bible Study

Sunday, November 18 – Twenty-Six Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, November 21

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

NO Genesis Bible Study today; resumes next week

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving and Friday, November 23 – Office will be closed.

Sunday, November 25 – Last Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

Soup Sunday following the service

6:00 pm – Mountain Soul presents For His Glory

Wednesday, November 28

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 am – Genesis Bible Study resumes

Announcements



NEXT Sunday, November 11th will be our Consecration Sunday!

Next week you will be receiving your annual pledge card and we hope you will bring that with you to our celebratory worship. Consecration Sunday is an outward and visible sign which celebrates that to which God calls us—to be a people of Abundant generosity and love. These financial gifts represent our life's work and the representation of all of our endeavors. To bring them to God's table for thanksgiving is a sacred act that claims a piece of God's kingdom in the here and now.

We are also hoping to FILL the Narthex with your donations to Alleghany Sav-a-Pet and Solid Rock Food Closet. These donations are an immediate way for our generosity and blessings to flow back out into our beloved community in a real and present way. We are Christ Church—we are a small, but mighty force for God's hope in Alleghany County!

The Genesis Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 am.

November Ladies' Lunch Out

The Ladies' Lunch Out in November will be on Tuesday, November 20th at 12:00 noon at Sally Williamson's home, 2350 Saddle Mountain Church Rd, Ennice (a map will follow soon). Sally Williamson will be hosting. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Information table. If you have questions, you can reach Sally at sallyewilliamson@aol.com or 704.756.9048.

Solid Rock Food Closet Volunteers Needed!

Christ Church will be providing three volunteers each day for the Solid Rock Food Closet on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after Thanksgiving (November 26, 27 & 28) from 10:15 am to 1:45 pm. There is still **ONE slot to be filled by a MALE on Monday, November 26th**. For more information or questions, contact Jeanne Green at 336.372.4781 or jrgreen@skybest.com.

Neighborhood Bible Study at the Seckel's Vestal Road Barn does not meet again until Thursday, November 29th at 6:00 pm. *Please check the GN&N for the readings.*

Food & Fellowship Person of the Month for November is: Marybeth Lentz. She can be reached by telephone at 336.657.7088 or by email at mlentz@skybest.com.

Vestry Person of the month for November is: Jeanne Green. She can be reached at jrgreen@skybest.com or 336.372.4781.

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



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