

Thank You to the Worship Leaders at Our Services this Morning:

	Chalicians	Lector/Prayers	Acolytes
10:30 AM	Rives Coleman	George Scouras	Sophia Mazurek C1

August Ushers: 10:30 AM: Jay Calfee, Rives Coleman

Altar Guild for August Team #5: Page Beeler, Janice Cain, Jane Franck, Virginia Huckfeldt, Karen Jones, Courtayne Mills, Campbell Pitzer, Cindy Hammond

Worship Services

Sunday: **8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Music**
Coffee and Fellowship between the services
Sunday School classes in the Parish House for all ages at 9:15 am
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Rite II with Music & Choir

First Sunday each month, Healing Rite: The sacramental anointing and laying on of hands for healing will be offered after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services.

Wednesdays: 12:00 Noon Noon Day Prayer Service at mid-day, in the Chapel

Thursday: 7:00 AM Bible Study Group in the Parish House.

Christ Church Clergy and Staff

Bishop of Southwestern Virginia: The Right Reverend Mark A. Bourlakas

Parish Administrator: **Deborah Searce** office@christchurchmvl.org

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Vestry for 2016

Year 3: Susan Critz, Senior Warden; Hank Long, Treasurer;

Sarah Beth Morrison; Melinda Penn, Secretary

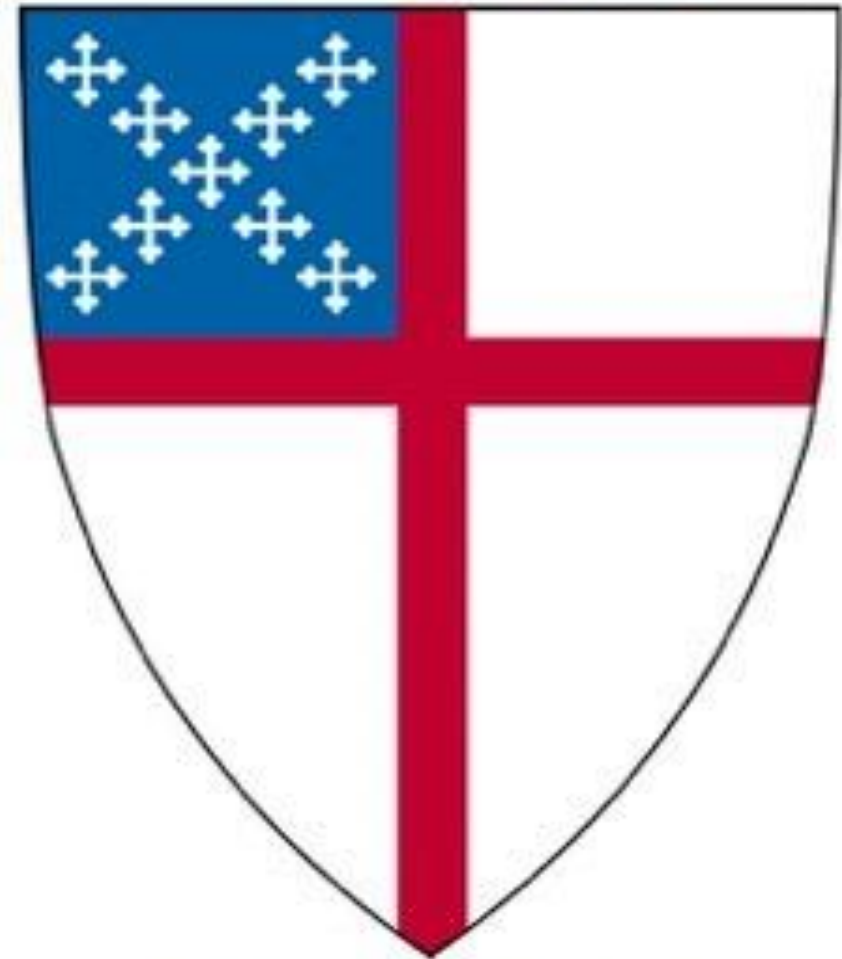
Year 2: Trent Bowles, Junior Warden; Ann Gardner; Sue Rosser; Will Zimmer

Year 1: Page Beeler; Bob Bushnell; Tommy Hudgins; Stuart Webster

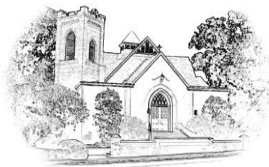
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To Serve God, Family and Community with Spirits uplifted by the Holy Eucharist,
Hearts enriched by Scripture, and Minds enlightened by God's gift of Reason.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 2016

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10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Opening Voluntary	Voluntary in B ^b	G. F. Handel
Hymn in Procession: 574	“Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”	St. Petersburg
Opening Sentences and Collect for Purity		BCP 355
Clergy:	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	
People:	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.	
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: S 280	“Glory to God”	Robert Powell
The Collect		BCP 232
The First Lesson		Jeremiah 23:23-29
The Psalm 82	Deus stetit	BCP 705
The Epistle		Hebrews 11:29-12:2
The Gradual Hymn: 490	“I want to walk as a child of the light”	Houston
The Holy Gospel		Luke 12:49-56
The Sermon		The Rev’d George Pruitt
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP 387
The Peace, Announcements		
The Confession of Sin and Absolution		BCP 360
Offertory Anthem	Kingsfold	Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Doxology: Hymn 380 verse 3 Old 100th

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

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus: S125 “Holy, holy, holy Lord” Richard Proulx

Memorial Acclamation: Prayer B S 132 Bruce E. Ford

Sung by All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Amen S 146 All: Amen. Amen. Amen. McNeil Robinson

The Lord’s Prayer, Breaking of Bread BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: S 154 “Christ our Passover” David Hurd

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music: 325 “Let us break bread together” Let Us Break Bread

The Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn in Recess: 596 “Judge eternal, throned in splendor”
Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens

The Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary Toccata in F Johann Pachelbell

The Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book) The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Phoebe Warner Pitzer
By the Family

The Narthex flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
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Please pray for the Family and Friends of the deceased – Phoebe Ann Warner Pitzer who passed away on Monday, August 8, 2016; wife to Vance Pitzer; mother to Vance Pitzer Jr., Lewis Pitzer, Ann Pitzer McGhee and Beverly Pitzer; and grandmother to Sam McGhee, Warner McGhee and Campbell Pitzer.

Monthly Prayer List: Hannah “Lou” Shelton; Clay Gravely, Julia Hall, Sean Mahoney, Pat Featherstun, Scott Prince, Mitzi Gray, the Norton family, Charles Johnson, Lucy Lester Falk, Joy Riley, Mary Louise Allen, Dan Prince, Paul Huckfeldt, Karen Lackey, Derrick Stoneman, George R. Lewis, Margaret, Kenneth Moore, Pat Searce, Teresa Hill and Elisa Goard’s family.

NOTE: Summer Nursery hours - For August, the nursery hours will be from 10:15 am until the end of the 10:30 am services.

Please join us for lemonade and cookies on the patio after the 10:30 am Sunday worship services in August.

Noon Day Prayer at Mid-Day – Every Wednesday in the chapel at 12:00 pm.

Vestry Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 17th at 5:30 pm in the Parish House.

Mission Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 18th at 1:00 pm in the Parish House.

Choir Rehearsals – Children/Youth – no choir practice until September.

Adults – Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 pm.

“Thank You” Jean Morris for your 10+ years of dedicated service to the Memorials Ministry. We appreciate everything that you have done! Celia Scouras will be the new contact person for this program.

Happy Birthday this week to: 8/14 Baylie Coleman; 8/16 Phil Gardner, Hillary Mazurek; 8/19 David Mullins, Andrew Zimmer; 8/20 Emmye Byrd

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **August thru September: Peanut Butter (up to 28 oz.) OR Bread/Pancake Mix. For the month of August: Hand Soap and Toothpaste.** Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser or Barbara Holland to shop for Grace Network.

Altar Guild – Please save tall juice cans, tall vegetable cans, or large coffee cans (48 oz. or more) for the altar guild. You may bring them to the church office.

Altar Flower Memorial Openings - Starting in **2017**, the **first and second weeks of July will be open**. This is on a first come first served basis. This memorial can be in “Loving Memory of” or in “Thanksgiving for” and on a one-time or yearly basis. Please email or call the church office if you are interested.

Looking Ahead

Loaves & Fishes – Wednesday, August 31st from 5:30-6:15pm. **They are in need of desserts & people to help serve & clean-up.** The sign-up sheet is listed online. They will also be accepting clean, gently used coats for men, women and children in all sizes for anyone in need. Please drop off all coats at the Parish Office OR in the Undercroft before 4:00 pm on Wednesday, August 31st.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost **August 14, 2016**

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10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson **Jeremiah 23:23-29**

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
 he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
 and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
 defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
 deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
 they go about in darkness; *
 all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
 and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
 and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
 for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection.

Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

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

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

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

father against son
 and son against father,

mother against daughter
 and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
 and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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

Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast - Christian Education is hosting the Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast at 9:00 am on **Sunday, September 11th** and would like your help. All items should be ready to serve and in the Undercroft by 8:30 am. If you wish to prepare one of the casseroles, the recipe will be provided to you. Thank you in advance for your help to make this Sunday School Kick-off a success. **The sign-up sheet is posted online.**

SAVE THE DATE: Join us **Saturday, September 17th**, for the **ECW Sponsored** Women's Retreat, featuring **Martha Bourlakas**. Her program will be on her series, **Our One Word**. The retreat will be held in the CEC Undercroft starting at 11 am. Tickets are \$15.00, which includes lunch, and can be purchased in the church office or by contacting Sue Rosser at 276-226-5530 or Beth Sibbick at 276-634-7088. **Deadline to order tickets is Wednesday, September 14th.**

Confirmation Classes – Confirmation classes will start **Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 am** in the Parish House for any adult or child 12 years or older that is interested in being confirmed when the Bishop visits on Sunday, November 20th. If you are interested in taking the confirmation classes and haven’t already signed up, please contact the church office.

Acolyte Training - There will be an Acolyte Training on **Sunday, September 25th** at 10:00 am in the church. Please plan to attend.

UTO - Dear Lord, thank You for using The United Thank Offering to point others to You and Your kingdom through prayer and daily thanksgivings by placing coins in their Blue Box and sharing their blessings to spread joy and comfort to others. Your word continues to guide us in what it means to be the Lord’s ambassadors, and empower us to move in His strength.

Financial Information for Bulletin for July 2016

July	<u>Income:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	\$16,329	<u>Budget</u>	\$22,050
<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Income:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>\$145,683</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$154,350</u>
July	<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	\$20,608	<u>Budget</u>	\$21,891
<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>\$131,785</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$153,237</u>