

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

	Chalicians	Lector/Prayers	Acolyte
10:30 AM	Rives Coleman Charles Smith	Cindy Hollingsworth	Chloe Wolchko C1 Landon Wagoner C2
		Torchbearers	Hadden Probst TB1 Henry Probst TB2

September Ushers: 10:30 AM: Pete Scouras, George Scouras

Altar Guild for September Team #1: Lauren Prince, Lloyd Barber,
Becky Farrar, Ann Mason Smith, Susan Smith

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**

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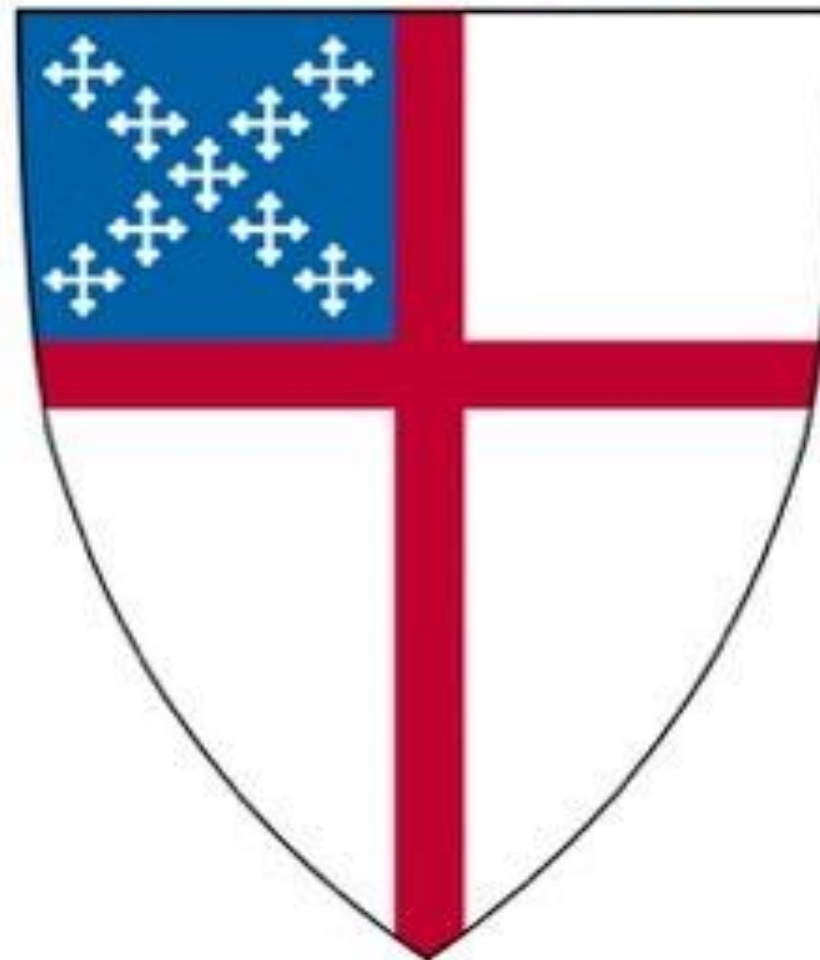
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Celebrating 175 Years
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To Serve God, Family and Community with Spirits uplifted by the Holy Eucharist,
Hearts enriched by Scripture, and Minds enlightened by God's gift of Reason.

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2016

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

Opening Voluntary	<i>Love Like a River Flows in You</i>	Yiruma
Hymn in Procession: 423	<i>"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"</i>	St. Denio
Opening Sentences and Collect for Purity		BCP 355
Clergy:	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	
People:	<i>And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.</i>	
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. <i>Amen.</i>		
A Song of Praise: S280	<i>"Glory to God in the highest"</i>	Robert Powell
The Collect		BCP 234
The First Lesson		Amos 6:1a-4-7
The Psalm 146	<i>Lauda, anima mea</i>	BCP 803
The Epistle		1 Timothy 6:6-19
The Gradual Hymn: 583	<i>"O holy city, seen of John"</i>	Morning Song
The Holy Gospel		Luke 16:19-31
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	<i>Who at My Door Is Standing</i>	K. Lee Scott

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 Chant:

I will be mindful of your justice

Psalm 71:16-18, 1

Communion Hymn: 332

"O God, unseen yet ever near"

St. Flavian

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn in Recession: 594

"God of grace and God of glory"

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary

Eternal Rock

Trad. Irish, arr. Gail Smith

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
W. L. "Henry" Potter and Frances Potter Mason
By Larry and Becky P. Farrar*

Monthly Prayer List: Hannah "Lou" Shelton; Clay Gravely, Julia Hall, Sean Mahoney, Pat Featherstun, 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, Scott Derks, Marie Stallworth, Heavenly Harris, Teresa Hill, Rev. Jim Wilson, Mark and Larry Farrar.

Torchbearer Training - There will be a Torchbearer Training **TODAY, Sunday, September 25th at 10:00 am** in the church for anyone in grades four through seven. Please plan to attend.

Looking Ahead

NOTE: October 23rd & November 20th there will be ONE worship service at 10:30.

Oktoberfest - Christ Episcopal Church is participating at Oktoberfest on **Saturday, October 1st**. We will have balloons to give out to the people and St. Francis medals for the pets. Volunteers are needed for set up and take down. We need persons to fill & handout balloons, "Balloon Wranglers" and people to put the St. Francis medals on the pets. Please sign-up online or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Acolyte Training - There will be a C1 and C2 Acolyte Training on **Sunday, October 9th at 10:00 am** in the church for anyone in grades eight and above. Please plan to attend.

Reception for Father Nick and Leandra - To welcome Father Nick and Leandra to CEC, there will be a reception in the Parish House following the 10:30 am worship service on **Sunday, October 16th**. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and food and drink items. The sign-up sheet to volunteer is listed online under Volunteers. Please have your food and drink item(s) at the Parish House by 10:00 am Sunday. Also, please label your containers with your name so that you can retrieve it after the reception. There will be lots of food and fellowship. Join us for a wonderful day in the Lord and to welcome Father Nick and Leandra to the CEC Family!

Join us **Saturday, October 29th**, 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, October 26th.*

Christ Episcopal Church Awarded Patterson Grant

The Helen S. & Charles Patterson, Jr. Charitable Foundation Trust has awarded Christ Episcopal Church a grant of \$9,000 to help pay for repairs to the stained glass windows in our church sanctuary, which are suffering from deterioration after years of wear and tear. This grant, combined with other funds for church maintenance, will allow for cleaning, repair, and replacement of damaged glass, reinforcement of deteriorating soldering, and installation of new glass glazing where needed.

We are grateful to the grant writing committee of Carol Deaton, Trent Bowles and chief grant writer, Sarah Beth Morrison for their work in securing this grant for the church.

THANK YOU—to everyone that helped cook, serve, donated food, set-up and cleaned-up for the pork loins in September and for all of your assistance and generosity throughout the year. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. *David Cole and Loaves & Fishes*

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

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Amos 6:1a,4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146 Page 803, BCP

Lauda, anima mea

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my/ soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my/ being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of/ earth, *
for there is no help/ in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to/ earth, *
and in that day their thoughts/ perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their/ help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their/ God;

- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is/ in them; *
who keeps his promise for/ ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are op/pressed, *
and food to those who/ hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the/ blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed/ down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the/ stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the/ wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for/ ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Halle/lujah!

The Epistle

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, `Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, `Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, `Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, `They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, `No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, `If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Announcements:

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

Loaves & Fishes – Wednesday, September 28th from 5:30-6:15 pm. They will 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, September 28th.

The Mission Committee plans a visit to Boys Home in Covington **Thursday, September 29th leaving from the Parish House at 8:30 am.** We will have lunch there and tour the campus and should be back by 5:00 pm. All of the cottages are now open, including the Brown Cottage, named for Rives S. Brown and Rives S. Brown, Jr. (Great Grandfather and Grandfather to Rives Coleman). We would love to have others join us! **If interested in going, please call Sue Rosser at 276-226-5530.**

Choir Rehearsals – Adults – Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 pm.

Happy Birthday this week to: 9/29 David Cole, Ashley Ullstein; 9/30 Jay Calfee; 10/1 Diane Puckett

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

Annual Meeting w/the Vestry, Sunday Nov. 13th, 9:00am!

Church committee chairs and other leaders have been notified to prepare a report for the annual meeting—these will be available for each parishioner to read. Nominees are still needed for the new Vestry members! Names may be submitted to the **Nominating Committee: Susan Critz, Hank Long, Sarah Beth Morrison and Melinda Penn** or any member of the Vestry. To nominate someone, please make sure the person you nominate is willing to serve (you may nominate yourself) and can meet the following criteria, from the Diocesan Canons.

Those persons eligible for election as vestry members shall be as follows: Adult confirmed communicants of the parish, in good standing, who have been regular worshipers in the parish in the year preceding election and regular contributors to its financial support by pledge, subscription, or some other method by which they shall be known to the treasurer of the parish.

**Deadline to submit nominations is
Wednesday, October 19th at 12:00 noon.**

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls have been made throughout the world for centuries, by folks of many different religions. They are lovingly made by groups or individuals for those who are in need of God's love. Persons who are sick, in need or homebound.

This special ministry started a few years ago at Christ Church. A group of women lovingly knitted/crocheted shawls. Upon completion, they were blessed and along with a special card sent on their way.

We have given 35 shawls so far.

**To continue this special ministry, we need
volunteers now to begin knitting/crocheting.**

There are several simple patterns available or use your own. The internet is a good source too.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

For help or information please call Virginia Huckfeldt at 276-632-0087

IV – Where is the Original Church and the White Horse Church ?

What happened to our little church? With the acquisition of a new location and plans for a new building, church leaders abandoned the old building in the mid 1890's and began to seek buyers for the property. Apparently a quick sale was not forthcoming as the building was on the market for several years before T.G. Burch purchased it in January of 1898. In August of 1899, Mr. Burch conveyed the property to the Trustees of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church, which owned and occupied the church until 1965. That church sold a large portion of the land to Mr. Tuggle and others in 1927, later to become Piedmont Creamery and the Coca Cola bottling plant. In 1965 the building was sold to the law firm of Young, Kiser and Frith and the structure was then demolished with the grave sites moved, making way for the present offices.

How did the frame church with the white horse come to be associated with our original church? That may remain an unsolved mystery as it seems as if it just suddenly appeared. My theory, and it's just a theory, is that during the national bicentennial in 1976, several historic books dealing with local history were published. Among the most widely circulated was "Martinsville & Henry County Historic Views" published by the Martinsville - Henry County Woman's Club. A citation on page 119 of the book described Martinsville Military Academy. The inscription read: "The headquarters of the Martinsville Military Academy was originally built as the Episcopal Church and later became the Primitive Baptist Church. It stood a short distance east of the intersection of Church and Moss Streets on the north side, " Continuing the additional caption read, "The Academy was chartered on October 18, 1897, and was in existence only three years."

A picture of the white horse church was accompanying the inscription. There seems to be no relationship between the Academy and the white church as the Academy was chartered in October 1897 and the Christ Church building conveyed to Mr. Burch in January 1898, less than three months after the school was founded. It may have been that, with no picture of the actual church, the picture of an old country church was used as representative of an early building. We may never know for sure.

All of this begs the question – What about the white horse?

Article 4 of 4 Researched and submitted by John Swezey