



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Pastor Appreciation Month)

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary	<i>Variations on Amazing Grace</i>	Joel Raney
Processional Hymn	<i>"Amazing grace!"</i>	Hymn 671

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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.*

<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymnal S 280
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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader The readings from the Book of Habakkuk (1:1-4, 2:1-4)

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 37:1-10 *Noli aemulari*

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of /evil/doers; *
 do not be jealous /of those who do /wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither /like the /grass, *
 and like the /green grass fade a/way.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord /and do /good; *
 dwell in the land /and feed on its /riches.
- 4 Take delight/ in the/ Lord, *
 and he shall give /you your heart's de/sire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your/ trust in /him, *
 and he /will bring it to /pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear /as the /light *
 and your just /dealing as the /noonday.
- 7 Be still be/fore the /Lord *
 and wait /patiently for /him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the/ one who/ prospers, *
 the one who suc/ceeds in evil /schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave/ rage a/lone; *
 do not fret yourself; it /leads only to /evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall/ be cut /off, *
 but those who wait upon the Lord /shall possess the /land.



Reader A reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (1:1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle

Reader	The Word of the Lord
People	<i>Thanks be to God</i>

Hymn 551

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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

The Rev. John Adams

Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

A Litany of Healing

Standing or kneeling

Reader God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more
abundantly;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People ***We praise you and thank you, O Lord.***

Reader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled,
especially *Sue, Julia, Betsy, Jennifer, Mallory, Harold, Doug, Jim, Will,*
Kim, Leon, Randy, and Ruby, that they may be made whole;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious,
or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your
presence;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to
soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering,
granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and
consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in
our nation, and in the world;
People ***Hear us, O Lord of life.***

Reader You are the Lord who does wonders:
People ***You have declared your power among the peoples.***

Reader With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
People ***And in your light we see light.***

Reader Hear us, O Lord of life:
People Heal us, and make us whole.

All may offer their prayers at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

Celebrant and people

Compassionate God, we confess our weaknesses in body, mind, and spirit, and our need for your strengthening touch. We confess that some of what ails us stems from our own fault, while some is beyond our control. We turn to you, source of life, and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.

Celebrant May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Those desiring laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing of themselves or others may come to the altar rail at this time, or those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, who will tell the Celebrant to come to you. Please whisper to the Celebrant your name or the name of the person for whom you are praying so he may pray for the appropriate people.

The Peace Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

Who at My Door is Standing

K. Lee Scott

The Doxology:

v. 3, Hymn 380

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

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A

Standing

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

BCP 361-362

It is right... proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 125

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.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 362-363

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 132

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant	<i>Thou lovest all things that exist</i>	Wisdom 11, Psalm 57
Communion Music	"Bread of the world" "Father, we thank thee"	Hymn 301 Hymn 302

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

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 celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn	<i>"Come, labor on"</i>	Hymn 541
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Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary	<i>"Voluntary in C Minor"</i>	G. F. Handel
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We Give Thanks for the Beauty of the Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Sam and Martha Edmiston
By the Family

Pray today for the people of St. Stephen's, Forest and their rector, the Rev. Matt Rhodes.
For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of
Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is
designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation,
"For RDF".

Blessing of the Animals – October 5

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, you are invited to bring your dogs, cats, and any
other animals for a Blessing of the Animals on **October 5 at 3:00 pm**. In this short service,
we thank God for the whole of creation and ask God's blessing on these animals we
particularly love as part of our families. We will meet in the Gathering Place (the benches
between the Parish House parking and Letcher Ct behind the church); in the event of
rain, blessings will be offered in the Undercroft.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On **October 6**,
we will continue with the introduction of Esther in chapter 2. All are welcome and
encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

Church History Class

Our monthly Church History class will continue studying the Reformation on **October 8 at
10:30 in the Undercroft**. This month, we will finish our look at Queen Mary, start the reign
of Queen Elizabeth, and consider the Catholic response to the Reformation (especially the
Council of Trent). All are welcome to join at any time, and no homework is required.

Wednesday Eucharist

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer during the week. Barring the unexpected, we will meet every Wednesday in October.

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **October 8** in the dining room of Forest Park Country Club (to the left after coming through the front clubhouse entrance at 1821 Mulberry Rd). We begin gathering around 6:00 pm; food (sandwiches, burgers, wings, etc.) is available to purchase from the Clubhouse Grill. From 7:00 to 8:00 pm, we will discuss the place of fear in the Christian life, considering Scripture's repeated admonitions to 'not be afraid' and to 'fear the Lord.'

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are on sale from your Vestry members (Rives Coleman, Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet, Michael Hodges, LaRue Powers, Pat Russell, Will Zimmer, and Page Beeler) and the church office (which we have them NOW). The cost is \$10.00 per ticket or \$100.00 per book, with the maximum winnings of \$2,500.

THE DAN PRINCE AND GENE MEDLEY MEMORIAL OYSTER ROAST **RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY**

Mark your calendar, invite friends, and make reservations for **Friday, November 7th** for the Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast at Christ Episcopal Church! The fun begins at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person for this all-inclusive event. Make your reservation by signing up on the event page on our website or calling the church office at 276-632-2896. Take advantage of the convenient credit or PayPal options (small fee applies). Check or cash may also be dropped off or mailed to the CEC office (311 E. Church St., Martinsville, VA 24112).

Please sign up as soon as possible so the correct amounts of food can be purchased and prepared well in advance of the event. **The deadline for reservations and payments is Monday, October 27th. No money will be accepted at the door.**

For any questions, contact Page Beeler via email at pagebeeler@comcast.net or 276-732-4000.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR SALE AT THE OYSTER ROAST

Sign up under volunteers on the Church's website to donate baked goods, casseroles, soups, sauces, breads, etc. **FOR SALE AT THE OYSTER ROAST.**

Brownies, bars, and cookies need to be individually packaged in servings of six (6). Generous portions are appreciated (2x2). If your item(s) has nuts, please specify that on the packaging.

We will set up drop off for Thursday and Friday, November 6 and 7 at the Parish House between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lewis, Nancy Spilman, Susan Smith, OR Rita Hodges. *Thank you for participating in making the 2025 Oyster Roast a huge success.*

WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

The 2025 Dan Prince and Gene Medley Memorial Oyster Roast committee has met, and things are in high gear. However, **we need your suggestions for interesting, unique, amazing, and appealing silent auction items.** We've had furniture, parties, house rentals, jewelry, gift certificates, and more. We want *out-of-the-box* suggestions. If you make the suggestion, please let us know if you can contact someone to make it a reality. Your help with making this year's silent auction a huge success will be greatly appreciated. **Please let the Auction Chairs, Debbie Lewis, Nancy Spilman, Susan Smith, and Rita Hodges know your suggestions.**

Food Lion Grocery Cards for Sale

Trippi Penn and the Church office have Food Lion grocery cards for sale in \$100 and \$200 increments. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up. These cards make wonderful gifts. We also have sleeves for the cards if you want to give them as a gift.

A Collect for the Election of Our Bishop

Creator God, whose Church lives beyond the walls of buildings and the boundaries of cities, we ask that you guide our work as the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia moves together through a transition of leadership. We pray for patience in dialogue and wisdom in discernment, that the richness of our diverse voices, from farmland to small town, mountain to downtown, will be valued and heard. We pray for the person who will be elected as our next Bishop, for all those who are in discernment, and for the people of this diocese, so that the work of spreading God's love in southwestern Virginia and beyond will grow and flourish in the years to come. In the name of your incarnate son we pray. Amen.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for October thru December: Oatmeal canister or instant packets. For October: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and other hygiene items (toothbrushes need to be individually wrapped). As we approach cooler temperatures, there are many families in our community that struggle all the seasons of the year. But your participation in our mission to help is priceless, and we thank you so much for your dedication. (Tracy Hinchcliff, Grace Network Executive Director).

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Susan Critz

Chalists: Jay Dickens, Dawn Stone

Acolyte: Pete Scouras

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Bob Weatherall, Ben Beeler

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Michael Hodges, LaRue Powers

Altar Guild Team #2 - Valerie Payne, Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain,
Rita Hodges, Michael Hodges, Linda O'Dell, Michelle Probst

2025 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell, Will Zimmer

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Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 1: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser