

Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



Welcome!

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent,
for this is the house of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another during fellowship

So we may become friends and be strangers no longer.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 29, 2017

The Celebration of Holy Communion
Ten o'clock in the morning

Sunday School - 9:15 AM and 10:00 AM
Nursery Care - 10:00 AM

Enter to Know Christ – Leave to Make Him Known

~ *Hail Guest! We ask not what thou art; If Friend, we greet thee, hand and heart;
If Stranger, such no longer be; If Foe, our love shall conquer thee! ~*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Special Music

Melody Kelley

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 423.....“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

(in unison)

**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.**

The Hymn of Praise: #397“Now Thank We All Our God”vs. 1

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *Domine, refugium*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

The Prayers of the People

All as are able, standing

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our president, the vice president, and all in governance to humbly lead according to Your Word and wisdom. We pray also for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for those victims of the hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Haiti, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico, and for those responding to their needs.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation: especially

Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Daphne, Warren, Steven, Florence, Vicky,
Zada, Frank, Kelly, Camden, Jan, Nick, Jayden, Holly, Jim and Ann,
and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember all those who have lost their lives to violence, or weather disasters, those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country (6902).

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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.**

The Confession and Absolution

All as are able, kneeling.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves (in unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

All as are able, standing.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer for a Birthday

(said in unison)

Watch over your child N., O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for an Anniversary

(said in unison)

Almighty God, who declared at the beginning that it is not good for humankind to be alone; we thank you that, in your loving providence, you have led this couple (N. and N.) into the covenant of marriage and have brought them to this ____ anniversary. May you bestow upon them your abundant grace in the year to come. May their wills be knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they continue to live in love and joy with one another all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Healing Prayers are offered at the back of the church during Holy Communion.

The Liturgy of the Table



The Celebrant says

Brothers and sisters, love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. If you follow these two commandments, then you are following the way of God.

The Music at the Offertory

“Declare His Praise” by Mary McDonald

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:

(sing in unison)

The Sanctus

S-129 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves contain triplets of eighth notes. The fourth staff concludes with a double bar line.

The Celebrant continues

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 many 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,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; 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.

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.**

The Celebrant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (in unison)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of reflective silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem: S-164 “Jesus, Lamb of God”

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Administration of Communion

The Celebrant says

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 are welcome to the Lord’s Table: open to all who come, so all may be fed. ~

- The Communion Hymns:** # 574.....“Before Thy Throne”
602.....“Jesu, Jesu”
605.....“What Does the Lord Require?”

The Post Communion Prayer

All as are able, kneeling.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray *(in unison)*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Recessional Hymn # 450.....“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

The Announcements

Commitment Sunday

In Jesus you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

What God seeks is a commitment of our lives to God’s work in the world. Our financial offering is a “pledge”, a “deposit”, an “installment payment” on our offering of all that we have and all that we are.

Have you grown in your faith this year? Do you yearn to grow in your faith over the coming year? How much more are you willing to live in faith and complete dependence on God?

Prayers Over the Pledge Cards

We give thanks to you generous God for your ongoing faithfulness to us, your stewards. You placed us in your garden—to tend, toil and care for your creation. It is our highest privilege to use the gifts that have been entrusted to us—relationships and resources— to bring about your dream of life abundant for all.

With humility and gratitude, we offer these pledges, as a token of our gratitude for your faithfulness and for all the gifts you have entrusted to us. We ask you to bless and multiply these humble offerings. Guide us your faithful stewards as we use these gifts to serve and honor you so that all may flourish in the life abundant you came to give.

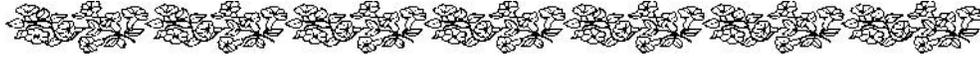
Amen

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude Special Music



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ✧ Altar flowers Sunday October 29 – given by previous donations
- ✧ Sunday School Schedule
 - **9:15 Sunday School:** Third Grade and up.
 - **10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.There is a Sunday School class for children ages 4 – 6, in a room downstairs, during service & we will come upstairs during the peace.
- ✧ Sunday October 29 – Consecration Sunday with celebratory lunch
- ✧ Sunday November 5 – All Saints' Sunday
- ✧ Sunday November 5 – **End Daylight Saving Time;** set clocks **back** 1 hour.
- ✧ Tuesday November 7 – Election Day.
- ✧ Thursday November 9 – 6:30 Youth Commission Meeting.
- ✧ Friday/Saturday November 10-11 – **Diocesan Convention 2017 in Cincinnati**
- ✧ Saturday November 11 – Veteran's Day
- ✧ Weekly Healing Service – **Tuesdays at noon** a Healing Service with Holy Communion is held in the church proper. The service is open to anyone who wants to attend.
- ✧ Thursdays – 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- ✧ Check sign-up sheets – On the counter in Christopher's Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW activities, Prayer Chain, etc. *** **Please note: our cost for Altar Flowers is now \$25, so we are asking for a \$25 donation.**
- ✧ OUTREACH – Remember **Box Tops for Education**. Please continue with donations for FISH; they need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank – for 2 cents a meal.
- ✧ Prayer Concerns: Please call or email Joyce D'Allessandris to activate the Prayer Chain.
e-mail: dallessa@aol.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ✧ The November Lantern – is online at stchristophersfairborn.org.
A printed copy is available upon request, or a copy can be sent by email.



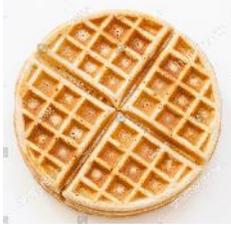
TODAY - Our Stewardship Sunday is October 29th. Pledge cards will be available and we will have a celebratory lunch.



November Events



LSIM FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL – On November 12 at 3 p.m. musical groups from all of the partner Lutheran churches will be joining together to present another Fall Festival Concert at Abiding Christ Lutheran church in Fairborn. Musical groups from All the LSIM churches will join together to provide traditional music, massed choir music, bells and praise music. It will last about an hour, and will be a good way to show off the many and Varied abilities of each of our partner churches.



November 14-17, Waffle Shop 2017

Every November Christ Church hosts the community to four days of Waffles, sausage, soups, sandwiches, salads, baked goods, crafts, and white elephant sale.

We see between 1600 and 2000 people during this annual event.

It has been going on for 88 years!

In addition to all of the great hospitality, friendships, sharing of good food and even better conversation, Waffle Shop profits are given back to the community through a number of grants that are awarded every spring. This year we distributed more than \$12,000 to support organizations and ministries that benefit others.

Plan on joining us at Waffle Shop 2017, November 14-17

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**“Living the Great Commandment by Ministering
to Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

Celebrant	The Rev. Elaine Silverstrim
Worship Leader	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearer	Ed Smith
First Reader	Theresa Turner
Second Reader	Muriel Markley
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
Ushers	Sierra Lester, James Lester
Healing Prayers	Joyce D’Alessandris
Greeters	Joyce and Ron D’Allessandris
Nursery	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Mel Bigi, Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Deb Snavely
Fellowship	Consecration Sunday Potluck Dinner
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