

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-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 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: # 68..... “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

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: S-280 “Glory to God”

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First ReadingJoshua: 1-3a, 14-25

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds
and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

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

Joe, Muriel, Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Daphne, Warren, Steven, Florence,
Frank, Zada, Kelly, Camden, Jan, Nick, Jayden, Holly, Vicky, Jim and Ann,
Kim, Bob and Doris, Dameon and Courtney,
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 last weekend in the violence at churches in Texas and California; and, on this Veterans Day weekend, all who have laid down their lives in the service of our country (6903).

Army Chief Warrant Officer Jacob M. Sims // 36, on 10/27/2017, of AK
Infant child of Dameon and Courtney

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

Beloved in Christ, keep awake and be ready,
for the Lord will come for those who wait in faith.

The Music at the Offertory

“In This Moment of Remembrance” by Dale Woods

All as are able, standing

The Doxology: Hymn #380, verse 3, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Great Thanksgiving

All as are able, standing.

The Sursum Corda S 120 “Lift up your hearts”

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(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 Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(in unison)*

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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 musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "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: # 680..... “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
324..... “Let All Mortal Flesh”
717..... “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

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 # 690 “Guide Me, O Great Jehovah”

The Announcements

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 November 12** – given by Anne Volkmer in celebration of Thomas’ 5th birthday today.
- ✧ **Sunday School Schedule**
– **9:15 Sunday School:** Third Grade and up.
– **10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- ✧ **Saturday November 11** – Veteran’s Day Holiday
- ✧ **Tuesday November 14** – 6:30 – 8:00 Girl Scouts Fairborn Service Unit meeting.
- ✧ **Sunday November 19** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ✧ **Sunday November 19** – ECW used book sale
- ✧ **Sunday November 19** – **11:30 Vestry meeting**
- ✧ **Monday November 20** – Deadline for **December 2017 Lantern** articles and info.
- ✧ **Thursday November 23** – Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Church office closed Thursday and Friday November 23 & 24.



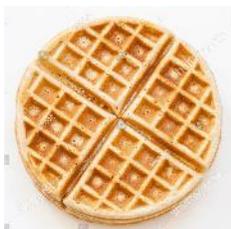
- ✧ **Sunday November 26** – **4th Sunday for FISH donations.**
- ✧ **Sunday November 26** – an after church session with Father Gregory and the Wardens on Nov. 26 that will end (at the latest) by 12:45 p.m. They will facilitate a careful and respectful conversation about how the members of St. Christopher's are processing recent events
- ✧ **Monday November 27** – at 7pm, Fairborn Mayor's Citizen Forum, place: Fairborn Senior Center, 325 N. Third St.
- ✧ **Sunday December 3** – First Sunday of Advent.
- ✧ **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.
- ✧ We are still collecting used printer cartridges. They can be recycled at the office supply stores. There is a plastic container in Christopher's corner for you to fill!!



**** **Altar Flowers** - Please consider signing up for Altar flowers. Many dates are open. A couple of individuals have made generous donations to help cover the open Sundays, but ... We cannot continue to have flowers on Sundays if we do not have donations to cover the cost.



November Events



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!

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. Gregory Sammons
Worship Leader	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearer	David Christmas
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
First Reader	Ann Foster
Second Reader	Cindy Feltz
Ushers	Iyabo Eguaroje, Hayward Learn
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Darlene and Gordon Walbroehl
Nursery	Volkmer
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
Tellers	Gordon Hermann, John Stauffer
Fellowship	open
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