

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



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 11, 2018

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

Adult Forum – 9:00 AM

Sunday School for Youth and Young Adults – 9:30 AM

Nursery Care, Sunday School for Pre-K through Middle School – 10 AM

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude “Morning Meditation” Melody Kelley

Please stand as you are able.

The Processional Hymn: # 288 “Praise to God, Immortal Praise”

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 Hymn #8 “Morning Has Broken”

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 Reading **Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 127 *Nisi Dominus*

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame when he contends
with his enemies in the gate

The Second Reading **Hebrews 9:24-28**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn: #705 . “As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought”.. Vs 1-2

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel **Mark 12:38-44**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gradual Hymn: #705 . “As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought”... Vs 3

The Homily

The Rev. John S. Paddock

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the 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.

The Prayers of the People

Christ appears in the presence of God on our behalf. With such a great advocate, let us pray to God for ourselves and for others, saying, "Blessed are you, O Lord; you supply all our needs."

God of blessing, we wait in hope for you. We wait for your kingdom to come; we wait for the return of your Son; we wait for you to visit us with your Holy Spirit once again today. We wait in hope for you; give us patience.

Silence

Blessed are you, O Lord;

You supply all our needs.

God of Blessing, we pray you guide and protect our service men and women. Let those who trust in you never be put to shame.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Blessed are you, O Lord;

You supply all our needs.

God of blessing, we pray that you bless the earth to bear much fruit. May there be enough to feed all of the people of the world. May those with much and those with little rejoice together in your bounty.

Silence

Blessed are you, O Lord;

You supply all our needs.

God of blessing, we thank you for our public libraries. We ask that you increase in our land knowledge and wisdom. We thank you for institutions that meet the needs of all people.

Silence

Blessed are you, O Lord;

You supply all our needs.

God of blessing, you are the hope of the hopeless; you give sleep to the anxious and wholeness to those who feel alone. Comfort and care for those in need of your healing touch this day. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Linda, Betty, Toni, Lynda, Florence, Warren, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Judy, John Z, Zada, Camden, and Deb, and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Blessed are you, O Lord;

You supply all our needs.

God of blessing, you make us heirs of eternal life through your blessed Son. May we be made like him in his eternal and glorious Kingdom. We trust to you our dead, praying especially today for all those who died for the causes of freedom and peace. Especially we remember this day: children and loved ones, those who have lost their lives to violence, and those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country.

Silence

Blessed are you, O Lord;

You supply all our needs.

(The Prayers of the People are adapted from Praying the Scriptures, Litanies for Sunday Worship, by Jeremiah D. Williamson)

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A 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.

A Prayer for an Anniversary

(said in unison)

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Healing Prayers are offered at the back of the church during Holy Communion or at the front of the church after the service.

The Liturgy of the Table



The Celebrant gives the offertory sentence.

The Music at the Offertory “Let Our Praise to You Be As Incense”

The Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn #380 vs 3, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sursum Corda

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.**

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

The Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S-124 *(sing in unison)*

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.

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.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

(sing in unison)

The Lord's Prayer S-150

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,
the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Slightly faster

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 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: # 383..... “Fairest Lord Jesus”
313..... “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”
719..... “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

(in unison)

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 Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: #718..... “God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand”

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



The Proposed St. Christopher’s Adult Forum Schedule: Late 2018-Spring 2019, is included as an insert in this bulletin.



Veterans Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ✧ **Altar flowers Sunday November 11** – given by Ann Foster for Veterans Day
- ✧ **Sunday Schedule –**
 - 9:00 – Adult Forum, Conversations with The Rev. John Paddock.
 - 9:30 – Sunday School, Youth and Young Adults
 - 10:00 – Eucharist, Nursery Care,
 - 10:00 – Sunday School, Pre-K through Middle School.
- ✧ **Sunday November 11** – Veteran’s Day
- ✧ **Sunday November 18** – **Consecration Sunday** and Celebratory Dinner.
- ✧ **Sunday November 18** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ✧ **Sunday November 18** – ECW used book sale
- ✧ **Sunday November 18** – **11:30 Vestry meeting**
- ✧ **Monday November 19** – deadline **December 2018 Lantern** articles/info



- ✧ **Fairborn Community Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day. Please see the posted letter and flyer on the bulletin board for details.
- ✧ **Thursday November 22** – Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Church office closed Thursday and Friday November 22 & 23.
- ✧ **Sunday November 25** – Bishop Breidenthal visit. He will lead the Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m., and will meet with vestry following the service.
- ✧ **Sunday November 25** – 4th Sunday for FISH donations.
- ✧ **Friday November 30** – ECW/M Tea in Waynesville
- ✧ **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.
- ✧ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher’s Corner there are sign-up sheets for altar flowers, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW/M activities, Prayer Chain, etc. ****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers and/or to host Coffee Hour. Many dates are available!**
- ✧ **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’Alessandris 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.
- ✧ 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!!



Sunday Attendance

It is important that we are aware of how many people are in attendance on Sunday. So each month we show the attendance numbers. Remember, statistics indicate that to have a thriving and prosperous congregation, we need to shoot for 100 as the average Sunday attendance.

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
1st Sunday	56	46	43	64
2nd Sunday	47	64	59	64
3rd Sunday	61	72	64	56
4th Sunday	61	61	79	75
5th Sunday	49	n/a	72	n/a
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>259</u>

(Proposed)

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE:
LATE 2018—SPRING, 2019
Sundays, 9 am**

November 4, 11, 18 – Conversations on Adult Forums and Learning

November 25, 2018 – Bishop Breidenthal: Topic of his choice

Advent (Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23): *The First Christmas* (Based on the book of the same title by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan)—What does the Bible really say?

Epiphany (Jan and Feb and Mar. 3): Those Crazy Episkopols,
Uppity Women of the Bible, and Readings from Luke.

Lent (March 10-April 14): *The Last Week* (Based on the book of the same title by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan). What we can glean about Jesus' last week, the week we call "Holy".

Easter Season (April 28—June 2): "*White Privilege: Let's Talk*" – Exploring issues, barriers, and opportunities to becoming the Beloved Community. We'll be using a curriculum of which John Paddock is a co-author.

The First Christmas and *The Last Week* can be purchased (used) on Amazon for under \$10 each. It is not necessary to read the books, but they will help to increase understanding. The *White Privilege: Let's Talk* curriculum can be downloaded at <http://privilege.uccpages.org>. Reading assignments will be issued in the spring.

Special Events



- ★ **Consecration Sunday November 18th**
with Celebratory Dinner

- ★ **Bishop Breidenthal visit – Sunday November 25.**

November 25 will be a special coffee hour with everyone invited to bring food to share. It has been requested that it be simple. The Bishop will be coming, but he cannot stay long, as he wishes to meet with vestry. Many people will be out of town, but Kathy Smith and Mary D. will coordinate the effort.

Fairborn Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday Nov. 22 Seating times: Noon and 1 pm
Must pre-register by the 21st for eat-in or home delivery.
Home delivery: 10-11:30 am

See the posting on St. C bulletin board for details for how you can contribute. If you want to make a monetary donation, the check should be made out to St. C, with notation "Thanksgiving Dinner".

OUTREACH Thanksgiving Turkeys and Pies

For Thanksgiving the **FISH** food pantry will once again need donations to purchase turkeys or if you want to buy your own keep in mind the pantry has nowhere to store them. So you can deliver them to the pantry on the Tuesday morning before Thanksgiving (Tues. Nov. 20 between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon.). ALSO...they would like donations of **Pies**. Additional food donations will help FISH to provide for Thanksgiving dinners.



ECW/M Tea in Waynesville – November 30

A fabulous tea experience on Friday, November 30, at REMEMBER WHEN in Waynesville.. The price is \$24.95 instead of \$25.00. The name of the place is REMEMBER WHEN in Waynesville. There will be a sign-up sheet later. We will meet at St. Christopher's at 11:00. That will get us there a tiny bit early for our 12:00 reservation. See the Fellowship article in the November Lantern for more information. (Mary Donnellan)

Coming in December

Save the Date -

December 7 will be Wittenberg's annual Lessons and Carols at 7:00 in beautiful Weaver Chapel. We will leave the church at 4:45 and have dinner at O'Connor's in Springfield. There will be a sign-up sheet just to make sure we don't leave anyone and to make sure we have enough drivers. See the Fellowship article in the November Lantern for more information. (Mary Donnellan)

Family Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 PM

Special Guest – Santa Claus !!!

1. Christmas caroling led by Lauren Faller, starting at 5 PM
2. Bring items for Fairborn Fish Food Pantry
3. Taco Bar – bring meat, tortillas, or toppings. There will be sign-up sheet.
4. We want to have a Secret Santa Shoppe where our children make a craft that will be a wrapped gift to give to a family member. We would appreciate some help with this!!!
5. Any questions, contact Carole Smith or Amy Kopp.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Those Who Serve	
Celebrant	The Rev. John S. Paddock
Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz
Chalice Bearers	Toni Olgeaty
Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
First Reader	Sierra Lester
Second Reader	Ann Volkmer
Ushers	Ann Foster, Gordon Hermann
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Darlene and Gordon Walbroehl
Nursery	Faller
Altar Guild	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Tellers	Millie Roach, Ed Smith
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