

Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio



Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 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 Prelude “Finlandia” by Jean Sibelius 1865-1957 Melody Kelley

Please stand as you are able.

The Processional Hymn: # 290 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **1 Samuel 1:4-20**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah’s Prayer

- 1 Hannah prayed and said,
‘My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.
- 2 ‘There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.
- 3 Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.
- 4 The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.
- 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.
- 6 The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- 7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.
- 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world.
- 9 ‘He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
- 10 The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.’

The Second Reading **Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn: # 433 “We Gather Together” 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 13:1-8**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: # 433 “We Gather Together” 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

Following the example of Hannah, let us pour out our souls as an offering to the Lord, praying, “My heart
exults in you, O God; for you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.”

Holy One, you have placed your law in our hearts; you remember our sins no more; you have washed us
clean with the pure waters of baptism: may we provoke one another to love and good deeds.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

My heart exults in you, O God;

For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Holy One, you raise the poor from the dust; you make the hungry fat with spoil: give us faith to trust in
your faithfulness; give us faith to trust you with our possessions, our loved ones, and our lives.

Silence

My heart exults in you, O God;

For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Holy One, centuries of war and famine have exhausted the planet and the people. Change our hearts;
renew our planet; give us peace.

Silence

My heart exults in you, O God;

For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Holy One, you break the bows of the mighty and you strengthen the feeble. You weigh the actions of the arrogant and you strengthen those in positions of authority: guide all who govern and hold authority in our land, especially our local leaders.

Silence

My heart exults in you, O God;

For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Holy One, you lift up the needy: hear the prayers of the troubled and the anxious – comfort especially those who long to bear children but cannot. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Carol, Linda, Betty, Toni, Lynda, Florence, Warren, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Judy, Melissa, Bob, 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

My heart exults in you, O God;

For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

Holy One, you are the God of life: may we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. 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.

Major Brent Taylor // 39, on 11/3/18, of UT

Silence

My heart exults in you, O God;

For you hear the prayer of your faithful ones.

(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 “Treasures in Heaven” by Allen Pote

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.

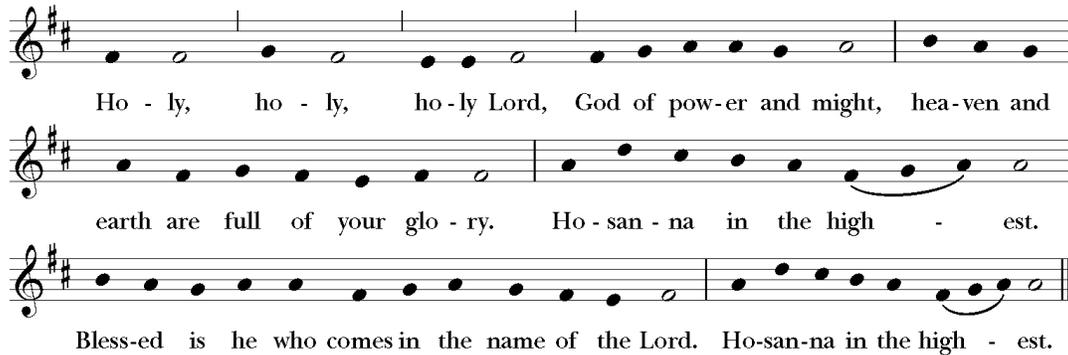
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 - lored 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: # 440..... “Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”
439..... “What Wondrous Love Is This”
707..... “Take My Life, And Let It Be”

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: #437..... “Tell Out, My Soul”

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 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ❖ **Altar flowers Sunday November 18** – given with gratitude for our many blessings.
- ❖ **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 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'Allessandris to activate the Prayer Chain.
e-mail: rjdallessandris@gmail.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ❖ **The November Lantern** – is online at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.



Special Events



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

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

The Bishop will lead the Adult Forum at 9:00,
and will meet with vestry after coffee hour.

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, 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. There will be a sign-up sheet later. We will meet at St. Christopher's at 11:00. 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.

Adult forum 2018-2019

(Proposed)

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

November 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.

~ 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	Ron D’Alessandris
Chalice Bearers	Ed Smith
Acolyte	James Lester
First Reader	David Manship
Second Reader	Melody Kelley
Ushers	Eleanor and Becky Wood
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Joyce and Ron D’Alessandris
Nursery	Stauffer
Altar Guild	Kathy Smith, Sierra Lester
Tellers	Cindy Manship, John Stauffer
Fellowship	Consecration Day Dinner
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