

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 3, 2019

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 Processional Hymn: # 529“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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

People **And blessed be God's 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

(in unison)

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

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 fully
human. 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

Lector: My Fellow pilgrims, the Lord is our strong rock, a castle to keep us safe. In confidence, let us pray, "In you, O Lord, have we taken refuge; let us never be ashamed."

Lector: Increase our love, O God. Deliver your Church from boastfulness and arrogance. Fill us instead with patience and kindness.

Silence

Lector: In you, O Lord, have we taken refuge;

People: **Let us never be ashamed.**

Lector: Increase our love, O God. Deliver this nation from pride and fear. Give us eyes to see your hand at work in all nations and peoples. God, bless the world.

Silence

Lector: In you, O Lord, have we taken refuge;

People: **Let us never be ashamed.**

Lector: Increase our love, O God. Let it not be limited only to other human beings, but spread to all that you have made.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Lector: In you, O Lord, have we taken refuge;

People: **Let us never be ashamed.**

Lector: Increase our love, O God. May we seek and serve Christ in our neighbors, in family, friends, and strangers.

Silence

Lector: In you, O Lord, have we taken refuge;

People: **Let us never be ashamed.**

Lector: Increase our love, O God. By the power of your great love, heal those who are ill; strengthen those who are struggling to endure great pain. We pray that, as we lift our brothers and sisters to you in prayer, they will, even now, feel our love. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Carol, Toni, Lynda, Bob, Florence, Warren, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Judy, Camden, Deb, Joanne, Bob, Linda, Betty
Shannah, Melody, Zada, Joann, and the Carrey Family.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Lector: In you, O Lord, have we taken refuge;

People: **Let us never be ashamed.**

Lector: Increase our trust in your love, O God. May those who have died find in your presence everlasting and overwhelming love. 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.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jonathan Farmer // 37, on 1/16/19, of FL
Navy Chief Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) Shannon Kent // 35,
on 1/16/19, of NY
Sgt. Cameron Meddock // 26, on 1/17/19, of TX
Sgt. 1st Class Joshua 'Zach' Beale // 32, on 1/22/19, of VA

Silence

Lector: In you, O Lord, have we taken refuge;

People: **Let us never be ashamed.**

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 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.**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries



The Celebrant gives the offertory sentence.

Offertory Hymn #686 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

**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.**

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Christopher and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 says

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

The Lord's Prayer (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

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

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.

*Prayers for healing are offered at the back of the church during Holy Communion
or at the front of the church after the service*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray:

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: # 410..... "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ Altar flowers Sunday February 3 – given by Ann Foster, honoring her parents, Esther and Donald Foster.
- ☆ Sunday February 3 – Annual meeting, elections, and Potluck.
- ☆ Sunday February 3 – 6 p.m. St. C Youth / Young Adults sponsor “Souper” Bowl Party”.
- ☆ Weekly Healing Service – Tuesdays at noon a Healing Service with Holy Communion.
- ☆ Thursdays – 7:00 No Choir Feb 7 and 14.
- ☆ 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 – 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 Tree. email: rjdallessandris@gmail.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ The February Lantern will be available at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request. ****We are experiencing some difficulties with postings on our website. Our IT specialist is working to resolve the problems.**



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>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January 2019</u>
1st Sunday	64	43	67	70
2nd Sunday	64	50	79	14
3rd Sunday	56	61	77	0
4th Sunday	75	57	53	tbd
			C'mas eve 121	
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a	49	n/a
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>(to date) 84</u>

The Youth and Young Adults of St. Christopher's invite you and your friends to a Souper Bowl Party on February 3, 2019 commencing at 6 PM in our parish hall.

Come sample our delicious soups and sandwiches starting at 6:00 PM.
Munch on chips, dips, and snacks throughout the evening

ENJOY A BREW AT OUR DONATION AS YOU GO BAR

Show your prowess with our bean bag toss
Win big in our 50/50 raffle
Cheer on your team while watching the game
on our big screen TV
Kick off time 6:30 PM.

All proceeds will be used to help fund our mission trips.

Donations gratefully accepted.

Sign up now!

(Signup sheet in the parish hall)

WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATION OF CHURCH SERVICES

How to Check for Closings or Cancellations

WHIO.com and WDTN.com are websites where our notices will be posted. (Please note that our membership size is too small for our closings to be posted in the scrolling news feeds on the TV stations.) Both WHIO and WDTN have news and weather apps for Apple and Android phones that list closings.

Also, you can sign up for text alerts: <https://www.wdtn.com/about-us/text-alerts>. Once you go to the link you can sign up using the form on the web page.

At the bottom of the list of available alerts is a search box where you can type "St. Christopher's Fairborn" along with any other organizations you would like to know about. If there's a closing, you will receive a text to that effect.

We will also send an email no later than 9 pm the night before a cancellation or closing.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

Those Who Serve	
Celebrant	The Rev. John P. Paddock
Worship Leader	Toni Olgeaty
Chalice Bearers	James Lester
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
First Reader	Lauren Faller
Second Reader	Judy Brainard
Ushers	Iyabo Eguaroje, Gordon Hermann
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Judy Brainard, Iyabo Eguaroje
Nursery	Volkmer
Altar Guild	Lauren Faller, Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Carole Smith, Gordon Walbroehl
Fellowship	Annual meeting dinner
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