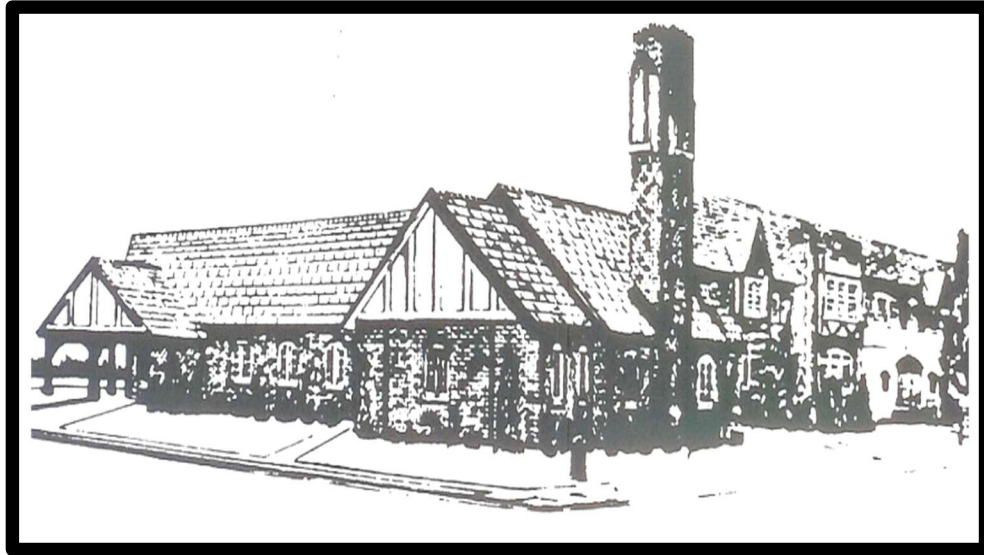


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**Day of Pentecost**



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**Healing Service:**  
Wednesdays at 10am in  
the chapel  
Holy Days as announced

**Saturdays at 5:30pm**  
Service: Holy Eucharist  
Reader: Dale Lonkart  
Eucharistic Minister:  
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**Sundays at 10:00am**

Service: Holy Eucharist  
Reader: Terri Zipf  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Cindy and Jeff Hight  
Acolytes: James and Aidan  
Ushers: Arthur Donchey  
Counters: Nancy Austin  
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Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church of Somer's Point. We are glad to welcome you to our church. Everything you will need for worship can be found in the Red Book of Common Prayer and the Blue Hymnal. If you are new to the Episcopal Church and having a hard time following along, ask someone near you for help. They will be glad to show you where we are in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) or the 1982 Blue Hymnal. Again, welcome.

**Entrance: Blue Hymnal No. 228 Holy Spirit, font of light**

Book of Common Prayer page 355

**Gloria Hymnal S-280**

The Collect of the Day

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from the book of Acts**

**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and

perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

#### ***Benedic, anima mea***

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

- 28 All of them look to you \***  
**to give them their food in due season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \***  
**you take away their breath,**  
**and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \***  
**may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \***  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \***  
**Hallelujah!**

## **A Reading from the Book of Corinthians**

### **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we

were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual: Blue Hymnal No. 505 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God**

## The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

### **John 20:19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you Lord Christ**

### **The Sermon**

Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer pg. 358

Prayers of the People Form VI Book of Common Prayer pg. 392

Confession Book of Common Prayer pg. 393

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory: Choir

Eucharistic Prayer A Book of Common Prayer pg 361

Sanctus 1982 Hymnal S-130

Lord's Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg. 364

The Fraction Hymnal S-155

Agnus Dei S 164

The Gifts of God for the People of God

**Communion Hymn (Levas II) No. 119 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart**

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Draw it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou are,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

4 Teach me to love thee as thine angels love.  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The kindling of the heav'n descended dove,  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

*Words: George Croly*

*Lyrics: Frederick C. Atkinson*

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg 365

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn Blue Hymnal No. 511 Holy Spirit, ever living**

Dismissal Book of Common Prayer pg 366



## Flowers in the sanctuary are given for the glory of God

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**Last week's Sunday attendance:**

*Saturday 5:30 pm: 19 Sunday 10:00 am: 47*

*form our hearts and make them thine.*



### **COMING SOON: Financial Update of Pledges and Capital Campaign**

Memorials & Thanksgivings: Altar Flowers for Sunday - \$50-Bulletin memorial- \$50; Altar candles- \$15- Mass cards- \$15- contact parish secretary for available dates

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- **Choir-** meets Sundays at 9am in the choir room (parish house)
- **Altar Guild-** weekly preparations for Services
- **Brotherhood of Saint Andrew-**meets third Thurs. of the Month (except August) 6pm in the parish living room (parish house)
- **Adelaide's Place-** is a ministry of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary
- **Knit Wits-** Working on projects from home
- **BSA Troop 55-** Wednesdays at 6pm in the Scout Room or Parish Hall
- **Cub Scouts, Pack 87-** Mondays, 7-8pm, Church undercroft
- **Both BSA Troop 55 and Cub Scout Pack 87 are Sponsored by our parish**
- **Ecumenical Food Pantry-** our parish staffs the pantry Thursdays (except 1<sup>st</sup> full week of month closed) from 9am to 11:30am at 11 E/ Dawes Ave., Somers Point.
- **Sunday School Sundays,** begins Sept. 8, 9am -9:45am (see registration form in narthex or church website) in the church class rooms, undercroft
- **Youth Forum, 9am-9:45am** (in the undercroft)

**If you have questions or need further information about ministries or participation please contact our Secretary, who will be happy to help you at 609-927-6262 or [Christchurchsp1971@gmail.com](mailto:Christchurchsp1971@gmail.com).**

## Church Information

**Capital Campaign-** To help us pay off this loan, we are doing two things:

- 1) We are holding a 3-year capital campaign to raise the money for this loan. If you need pledging information please check with a vestry member or call the church office.
- 2) We will be holding 3-4 fundraisers a year to help us with the cost of the loan. This includes our organ concert and other future fundraisers.

**Memorial Garden Bricks-** Bricks are a great way of preserving the memory of a loved one. They are also a great way to honor an achievement that a loved one has accomplished. Bricks are \$100 dollars to order and need to be sent in batches of 10 bricks at a time. These bricks were installed early last year. Forms to order bricks are on a table in the narthex. If you would like more information, please see Pat Conte.

**Flower Donations-** Donating funds for the altar flowers is a way to share your dedication of thanksgiving or to remember a loved one. These dedications are printed in the church bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. There are still many Sundays available to provide donations.

**Prayer List-** Please email the office at [ChristChurchsp1971@gmail.com](mailto:ChristChurchsp1971@gmail.com) with your prayer requests. Each individual will stay on the prayer list for approximately 30 days, unless you specifically request longer.

The prayer list will continue to be important to our community.

**The Rev. George Anne McDonnell, Rector**

Pat Conte (2027) Jr. Warden  
Karen Geller (2027) and Nancy Austin (2027) Co-Wardens  
Carol Drumm, Parish Administrative Asst.  
Arlene Santhouse, Treasurer  
Michele Cianci, Asst. Treasurer  
Carlos Torres, Sexton  
Doug Murdock, Director of Music

Vestry:  
Joe Zeigenfus (2028), Marie Bates (2028), Dennis Huey (2029),  
Cecelia Khoury (2029) and Michele Cianci (2029)

Head of Altar Guild: Barbara Keown

Christian Education  
Sunday School  
Led By: Kirsten McMahan & Laura Napoli  
Youth Forum  
Led By: The Rev. George Anne McDonnell  
Sundays  
9:00am to 9:45am

Additional Events and ministry activities will be posted on our Website and Facebook Page  
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