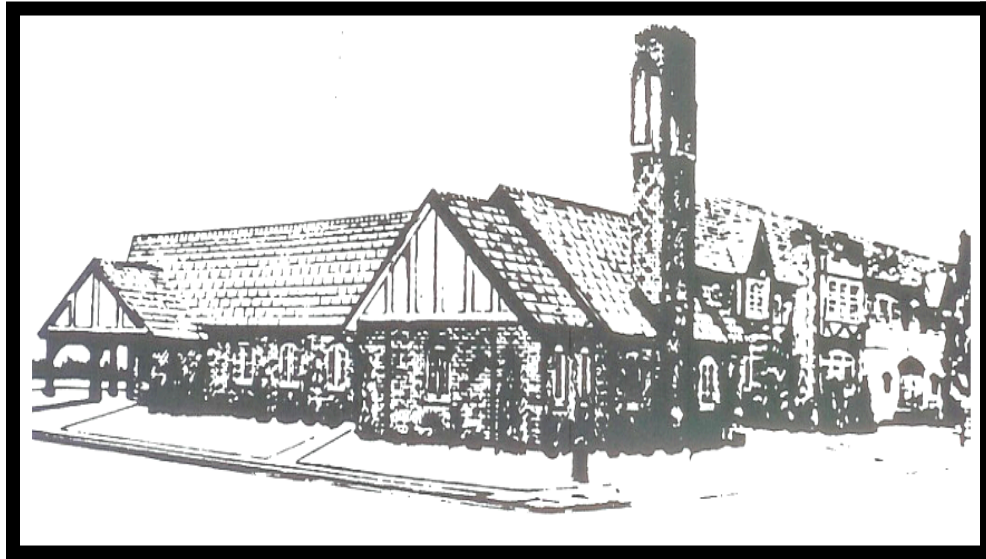


November 30, 2025  
**First Sunday of Advent**



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

**Saturdays at 5:30pm**  
Service: Holy Eucharist  
Reader: Patti Stocker  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Patti Stocker

**December 11 at 7:00 pm**  
Celebration of New  
Ministry

**Sundays at 10:00am**  
Service: Holy Eucharist  
Reader: Terri Zipf  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Bob and Karen Geller  
Acolytes: Matthew and  
Sophia  
Ushers: Arthur Donchey  
Counters: Karen Geller  
and Michele Cianci

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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: Hymnal 1982 No. 72 Hark! The glad sound!**

Book of Common Prayer page 355

Kyrie 1982 Hymnal S-87 (S music is found in the front of the hymnal. S=Service music)

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **A Reading from the book of Isaiah**

#### **Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

## **Psalm 122**

### *Laetatus sum*

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**2 Now our feet are standing \***  
**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

**4 To which the tribes go up,**  
**the tribes of the LORD, \***  
**the assembly of Israel,**  
**to praise the Name of the LORD.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \***  
**"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \***  
**I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

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

### **Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gradual 1982 Hymnal No. 640 Watchman, tell us of the night**

## **The Gospel**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

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

### **Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Eucharistic Prayer D Book of Common Prayer pg 372

Sanctus 1982 Hymnal S-127

Prayers continue on Book of Common Prayer pg 373

Lord's Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg. 364

The Fraction Anthem 1982 Hymnal S 155

Agnus Dei S 165

The Gifts of God for the People of God

**Communion Hymn 1982 Hymnal No. 600 O day of God, draw nigh**

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg 365

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 1982 Hymnal No. 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Dismissal Book of Common Prayer pg 366

***Dismissal***



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

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**Last week's Sunday attendance:**  
*Saturday 5:30 pm: 15   Sunday 10:00 am: 58*  
*form our hearts and make them thine.*



**Stewardship Note:** Regarding our Annual Budget it costs the church \$3,500.00 per week to operate and sustain our ministries, outreach and music ministry. Sunday's collection is \$3482.

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 Carolyn La Mountain.

**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-** The prayer list was reset on July 6, 2025. 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 30 days, unless you specifically request longer. The prayer list will continue to be important to our community.

**The Rev. George Anne McDonnell**

Pat Conte (2027)

Karen Geller (2027) and Nancy Austin (2027) Co-Wardens

Carol Drumm, Parish Administrative Asst.

Heidi Toth, Treasurer

Carlos Torres, Sexton

Doug Murdock, Director of Music

Vestry:

Joe Zeigenfus (2028),

Steve Napoli (2026), Bobbie Livesey (2026)

Marie Bates (2028)

Head of Altar Guild: Barbara Keown

Christian Education

Sunday School

Led By: Kirsten McMahon & 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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