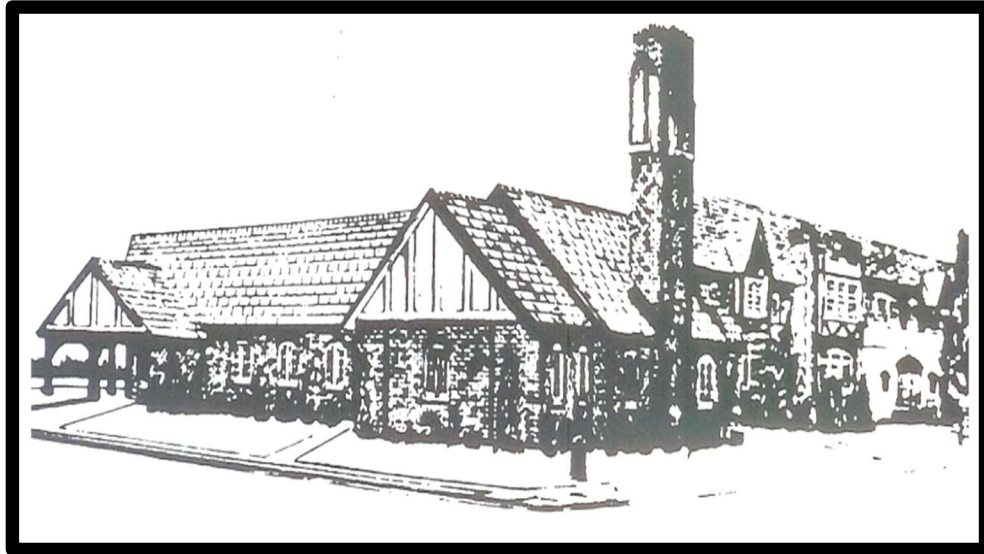


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The 14th Sunday after Pentecost



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Holy Days as announced

Saturdays at 5:30pm
Service: Holy Eucharist
Reader: Dale Lonkart
Eucharistic Minister:
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Sundays at 10:00am
Reader: Terri Zipf
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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. 450 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Book of Common Prayer page 355

Gloria Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 **Test me, O LORD, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 **I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

A Reading from the Book of Romans

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Levas II No. 228 Go Down Moses

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

2 The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go;

To lead the children of Israel through,
let my people go. [Refrain]

3 They journeyed on at his command,
let my people go;
And come at length to Canaan's land,
let my people go. [Refrain]

4 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
And let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. [Refrain]

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 Lord

Communion Hymn No. 593 Lord make us servants of your peace

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg 365

Recessional Hymn Blue Hymnal No. 610 Lord whose love through humble service

Dismissal Book of Common Prayer pg 366



Flowers in the sanctuary are given for the glory of God

Last week's Sunday attendance:

Saturday 5:30 pm: 13 Sunday 10:00 am: 48

form our hearts and make them thine.



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

- **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 1st 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)
- **ECW Women's Group** meet the first Tuesday of the month

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.

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 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.

Rev. George Anne McDonnell, Rector

Pat Conte (2027) Jr. Warden
Nancy Austin (2027) Sr. Warden
Carol Drumm, Parish Administrative Asst.
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

ECW Women's Group – Patti Stocker, President

Youth Forum

Led By: The Rev. George Anne McDonnell & Kirsten McMahon
Sundays
9:00am to 9:45am

Additional Events and ministry activities will be posted on our Website and Facebook Page
Our Church app: Ministry ONE