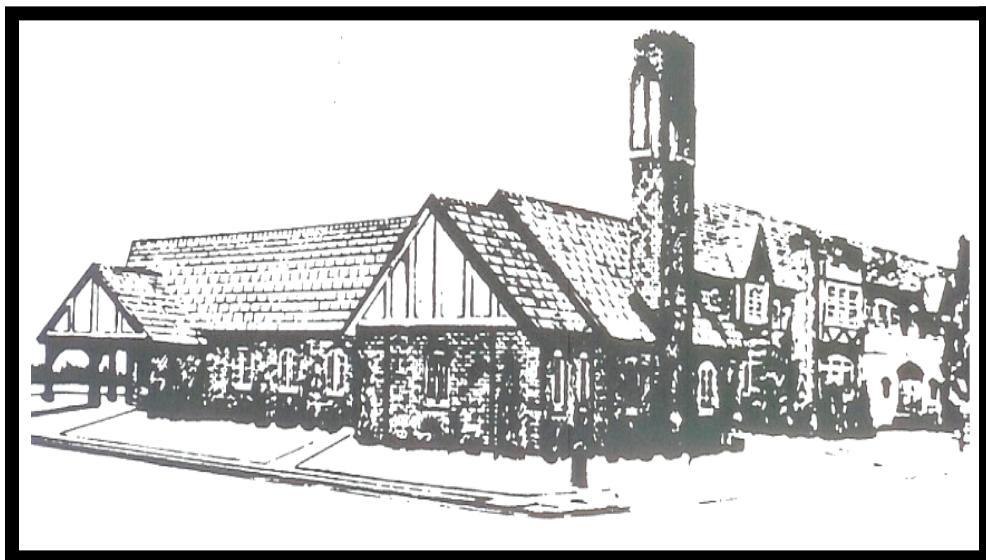


February 1, 2026  
**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**



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**Healing Service:**

Wednesdays at 10am in  
the chapel  
Holy Days as announced

**Saturdays at 5:30pm**  
Service: Holy Eucharist  
Reader: Donna Melle  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Donna Melle

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 18**  
**7:00 am, 10:00 am and**  
**7:00 pm**

**Sundays at 10:00am**

Service: Holy Eucharist  
Reader: Barbara Keowen  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Karen Geller and Patti  
Stocker  
Acolytes: Matthew, James  
and Aidan  
Ushers: Arthur Donchey  
Counters: Patti Stocker and  
Dave McMahon

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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. 686 Come thou fount of every blessing**

Book of Common Prayer page 355

**Gloria: Book of Common Prayer pg. 356**

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Micah**

**Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 15

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \***  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \***  
**but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

**6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \***  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

### A Reading from the Book of Corinthians

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Blue Hymnal No. 685 Rock of Ages**

## The Gospel

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

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

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

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

## **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: Blue Hymnal 671 Amazing Grace

Eucharistic Prayer A Book of Common Prayer pg 361

Prayers continue on Book of Common Prayer pg 373

Lord’s Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg. 364

The Fraction Anthem Book of Common Prayer pg.364

The Gifts of God for the People of God

## **Communion Hymn Blue Hymnal No. 325 Let us break bread together**

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg 365

The Blessing

## **Recessional Hymn Blue Hymnal No. 525 The Church’s one foundation**

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: 19   Sunday 10:00 am: (snow)*

*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 \$3544.75.**

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-** 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, Rector**

Pat Conte (2027)

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

Carol Drumm, Parish Administrative Asst.

Heidi Toth, Treasurer

Michelle Cianci, 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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