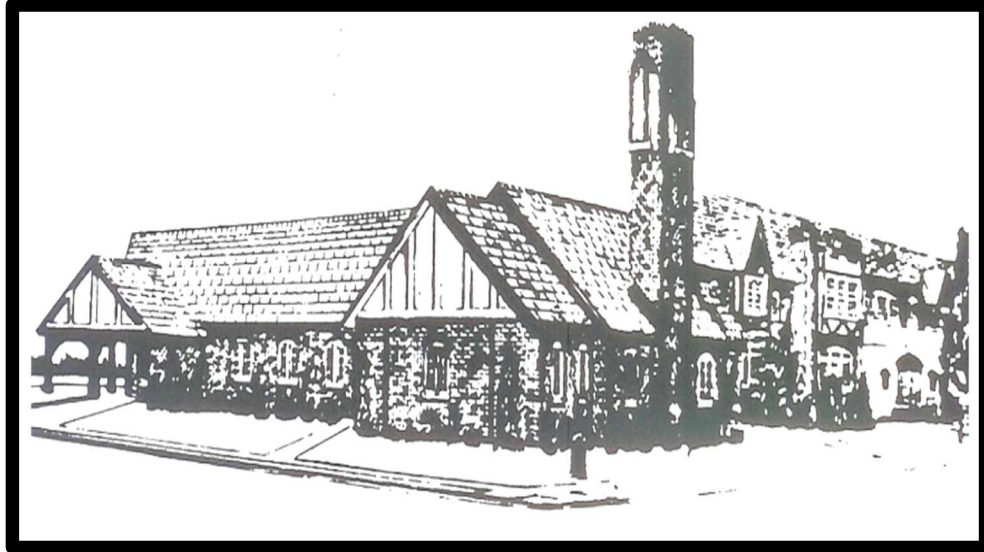


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Second Sunday After Pentecost



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Holy Days as announced

Saturdays at 5:30pm

Service: Holy Eucharist
Reader: Donna Melle
Eucharistic Minister:
Donna Melle

Sundays at 10:00am

Service: Holy Eucharist
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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. 412 Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets

Book of Common Prayer page 355

Gloria Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Hosea

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the LORD: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:7-15

Deus deorum

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

**8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.**

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

**10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

**12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

**14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

A Reading from the Book of Romans

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become

“the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Blue Hymnal No. 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and

seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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 No. 701 Jesus, all my gladness

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer pg 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn Blue Hymnal No. 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

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: 15 Sunday 10:00 am: 53

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 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.

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

ECW Women's Group – Patti Stocker, President

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

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