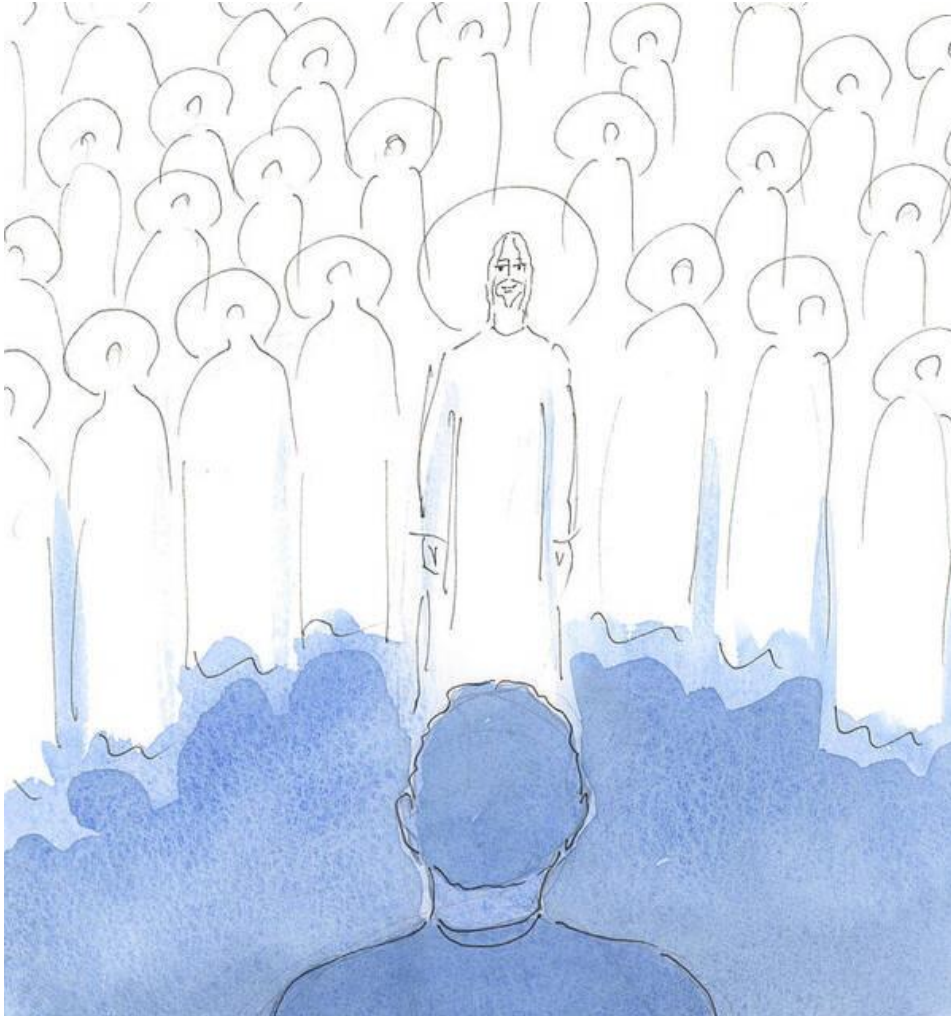


Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.



All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2025

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev Karla Woggon
Priest in Charge

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are delighted God has brought you to this special place.

What do you need to know about worship? Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time? We would love to get to know you! Please email our office at christchurchspartanc@gmail.com with your name and contact information, and let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

Newsletter: Sign-up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly *Good News & Notes*. Email the church office at christchurchspartanc@gmail.com.

Do you need prayer? We have an active prayer ministry here at Christ Church. If prayer would be helpful to you, please fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew back), making sure you include your name and contact information (email and/or phone). We'll include you in our weekly prayers. Just complete the card & put it in the offering plate during the Offertory or share your request with the greeter.

We extend special thanks today to:

Kathy Sugishita for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents,

Mary Lee Joines for the beautiful flowers at the altar in loving memory of all our saints, and
for providing refreshments for coffee hour.

Please enter the Sanctuary in silence to respect those who are preparing for worship. Save conversations, whispered or out loud, for outside or Coffee Hour.

Please silence your cell phone, too.

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The Gathering

Prelude

Kathy Sugishita

Announcements

Louise Law

Please stand, as able.

Processional Hymn #287, vss 1-4

For all the saints

Remain standing, as able.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 149

Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all

things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Gospel Hymn #293

I sing a song of the saints of God

Please remain standing, as able.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

The Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Refrain:



All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev Karla Woggon

A time of silence following the sermon.

Please stand, as able.

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return
to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every
human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, grant you to be strengthened with might by God's Holy Spirit, that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People (*Congregation sings response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*)

You are above us O God, You are beneath.

You are in air, You are in earth.

You are beside us, You are within.

O God, you are in the betrayed and suffering people of our world,

Just as you were in the broken body of Jesus.

We offer now all our concerns as we gather at your table.

We pray for Antje, Bill, Bob, Brenda, Kelly, Carl, Carol, Charles, Christine, Chuck, Sally, Deborah, Diane, John, Donna, Mike, Dottie, Emily, Frank, Ann, Hal, Isabel, Janice, Jean, Jill, Jonathan, Lucy, Lynn, Lynn, Ajit, Margaret, Maria, Martha, Nancy, Rita, Angelia, Rudy, Savany, Terry, Bess, and Vanita.

For Rod, & Denise in celebration of their birthdays.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah; the Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishop, José; and our Priest-in-Charge, Karla.

For Christ Church, it's leaders & ministry teams, The Church of the Province of West Africa, All Saints in Franklin & Gastonia, The Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, & Saint Francis Roman Catholic Church in Sparta.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

For God's holy church, that it may be a community of faithful transformation where the Holy Spirit calls forth boldness and passion.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who share leadership in God's church,
for those who long to live Jesus' way of compassion,
& for all who seek to follow God in accordance with their true gifts.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who are in the dry places of their lives
that God's living water may nourish and baptize them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world
and a blessing upon God's earth,
for the dignity of all human labor.
Fill us with your grace that we may
respect and understand our
interconnectedness,

& become instruments of your peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For everyone whose body aches,
whose heart is weary and frightened,
whose mind is confused or clouded or cast down.
Send us your Spirit to fill them with healing.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves & the needs of others.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers of thanksgiving.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in a way that is comfortable as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.

Please be seated.

Offertory Music

Kathy Sugishita

Please stand, as able.

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Please remain standing, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer B, BCP

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Joe, Bill, Jacob, Doris, Frances, Richard,

Ethel Marie, William, Walton, Mary Louise, Katie, Albert, Wayne, Sandra, Kathleen, Timothy, Edward, Sara, Laura, Kaitlyn, Jack, Vilder, Leanne, Virginia, Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: 129 (*sung by all*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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Please stand or kneel, as able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In

the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction: S154 (*sung by all*)

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Invitation to Holy Communion

Please be seated.

Communion Music

Kathy Sugishita

Surely the Presence of the Lord

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace,
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Please stand or kneel, as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray,

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.

Recessional Hymn #522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Kathy Sugishita

Coming Lessons

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 OR 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

This All Saints' Day, we honor...

Joe Ritchie and Bill Ritchie, Judy's husband & son

Jacob Phelps, Patti & Frank's son

Wayne Duncan, Ruth's son

Walton Green, Jeanne's husband

William G Pannill, Kit's husband

L.P. (Jack) Spalding, Jann's husband

Vilder Boggs, Jann's husband

Sandra Velte & Kathleen Howard, Marybeth's sisters

Timothy Conlon, Marybeth's brother

Ethel Marie Burton Lee, Mary Lee's mother

Mary Louise Destiny, Joan's mother

Edward & Sara Conlon, Marybeth's parents

Laura Velte & Kaitlyn Reddy, Marybeth's nieces

Frances & Richard Joines, Mary Lee's in-laws

Albert G & Katie Christ Wineland, Joan's grandparents

Doris Perry, grandmother & great grandmother to Sara, Keel & Maeleigh

Leanne Dillon Finke, Tom's cousin

Virginia Mauney Fox, Grace's cousin

The following people are assisting with the services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Nancy Wilson	Nancy Wilson
Chalice bearer	Patti Phelps	Elizabeth Barr Bryant
Lector I	Barbara Halsey	Mary Lee Joines
Lector II	Barbara Halsey	Mary Lee Joines
Prayers of the People	Barbara Halsey	Mary Lee Joines
Sanctus Bell	Patti Phelps	Elizabeth Barr Bryant
Acolytes	Maeleigh & Keel Davis	
Greeter(s)/Usher(s)	Jane & John Franck	Cynthia Grant

Prayer List

Intercessions:

Antje & Bill, Bob Bamberg, Brenda & Kelly Weems, Carl & Carol Greer, Charles & Christine McKelvy, Chuck & Sally Besaw, Deborah, Diane & John, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Dottie Maddock, Emily Buck, Frank & Ann W, Hal Wilson, Isabel Tomé, Janice Harrison, Jean Callison, Jill Hardee, Jonathan, Lucy, Lynn Ellis, Lynn & Ajit, Margaret, Maria Chance, Martha A, Nancy Reeves, Rita Woodruff & Angelia Miller, Rudy McKnight, Savany Demmink, Terry & Bess, and Vanita (Ruthie's sister). And we pray for Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

Departed:

Birthdays: Rod Pace (Nov 5), Denise Seckel (Nov 8)

Wedding Anniversaries & Thanksgivings:

Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah, **Presiding Bishop**, Sean, **our Bishop**, José, and **our Priest-in-Charge**, Karla

In the Anglican Community: The Church of the Province of West Africa

In the Diocese of WNC: All Saints in Franklin and Gastonia, and The Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville

In Alleghany County: Saint Francis of Rome Catholic Church

Schedule

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints’ Sunday AND Daylight-saving time ends

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

LEMs meet with Karla following the service

Coffee hour follows the service

Monday, November 3

11:45 am – Ladies Lunch Out with Karla meet at Tex Mex

Tuesday, November 4

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group, *Falling Upward*

Wednesday, November 5

9:30 am – Yoga with Julie in the Parish Hall

Sunday, November 9 – The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon

First Apple Harvest Luncheon follows the service

Monday, November 10

10:00 am – Vestry meeting

Tuesday, November 11

1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group

2:00 pm – Book Discussion group, *Falling Upward*

Wednesday, November 12

9:30 am – Yoga with Julie in the Parish Hall

Announcements

REMINDER: LEMs, please stay in the sanctuary after today’s service to meet with Karla.

TODAY: First Sunday Donation Day benefits the Solid Rock Food Closet If you’re donating cash or check, please make sure you write “food closet” or SRFC so we know that’s where you want your gift to go. There are envelopes in each pew back that can be used if you want to give cash. We’ll collect donations the first Sunday of the month and then send one check to the Solid Rock Food Closet, our local food closet. We also welcome non-perishable food and personal care items. If you brought items, please put them in the red wagon located in our narthex.

Next Ladies Lunch Out (LLO) is scheduled for TOMORROW, Monday, November 3rd at 11:45 am at the Tex Mex restaurant. If you *have not* already signed up to attend, please let Barbara Halsey know if you plan to be there.

First Apple Harvest luncheon is NEXT Sunday, November 9th, following our church service. Our luncheon will include appetizers, soups, salads, main courses, and desserts *all featuring apples*. Please put your creative juices to work creating your favorite apple dish to share with all of us, and if you *have not* already signed up, please let Barbara Halsey know what dish you plan to bring.

Yoga class with Julie meets on Wednesday mornings thru November Classes are now held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. Please note the time change! *For more information, read the Good News & Notes.*

The Christian Formation/Centering Prayer group continues to meet for prayer on Tuesdays at 1:00. Book Discussion begins at 2:00. The book discussion group is currently reading, Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward*. If you're interested in taking part, let Patti Phelps know so she can order you a book. All are invited to attend one or both groups!

The prayer shawls & lap quilts, relocated again to the narthex under the table, are available for you to give someone who needs our Christ Church love and support. *For more information, read the GNN.*

NEW Christ Church email address is: christchurchspartanc@gmail.com.

NEW Priest email address for Karla is: priest.christchurchspartanc@gmail.com.

Karla would love to get to know everyone! If you'd like to meet for coffee or lunch, meet in her office, or meet at your home, call her at 828.638.0533. She'll reach out on Sunday or Monday to schedule.

Monthly Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour sign-ups:

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour
Nov 2	Mary Lee Joines	Mary Lee Joines
Nov 9	Jesse James	First Apple Harvest luncheon
Nov 16		
Nov 23		Barbara Halsey

If you would like a copy of today's sermon, please ask Karla or Mary Lee and they'll make a copy for you.