Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

A home to all sharing God's unconditional love.



All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

The Rev. Karla Woggon
Priest-in-Charge
Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina

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 worshiping 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:

Victoria Fischer Faw for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents, and

Marybeth Lentz for providing the beautiful flowers at the altar in memory of her sister, Sandra Velte, and Sandra's daughter/Marybeth's niece, Laura Velte. and for providing our coffee hour refreshments.

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 Victoria Fischer Faw

Announcements Nancy Wilson

Please stand, as able.

Processional Hymn #287, vss 1-4 *For all the saints*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Song of Praise, hymn #376, vs 1 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

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: A reading from Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response
Psalm 34:1-10,22

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading: A reading from 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Proulx Alleluia (sung twice)



Please remain standing, as able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel
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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev Karla Woggon

We invite you to come to the altar and light a candle in loving memory of your saint(s).

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures,
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

BCP, Form III, pg 387

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop Search Committee, and our Priest in Charge, Karla,
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Please add your own petitions silently or aloud.*

Silence

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of God is 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

Victoria Fischer Faw

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP, pg 369-372

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

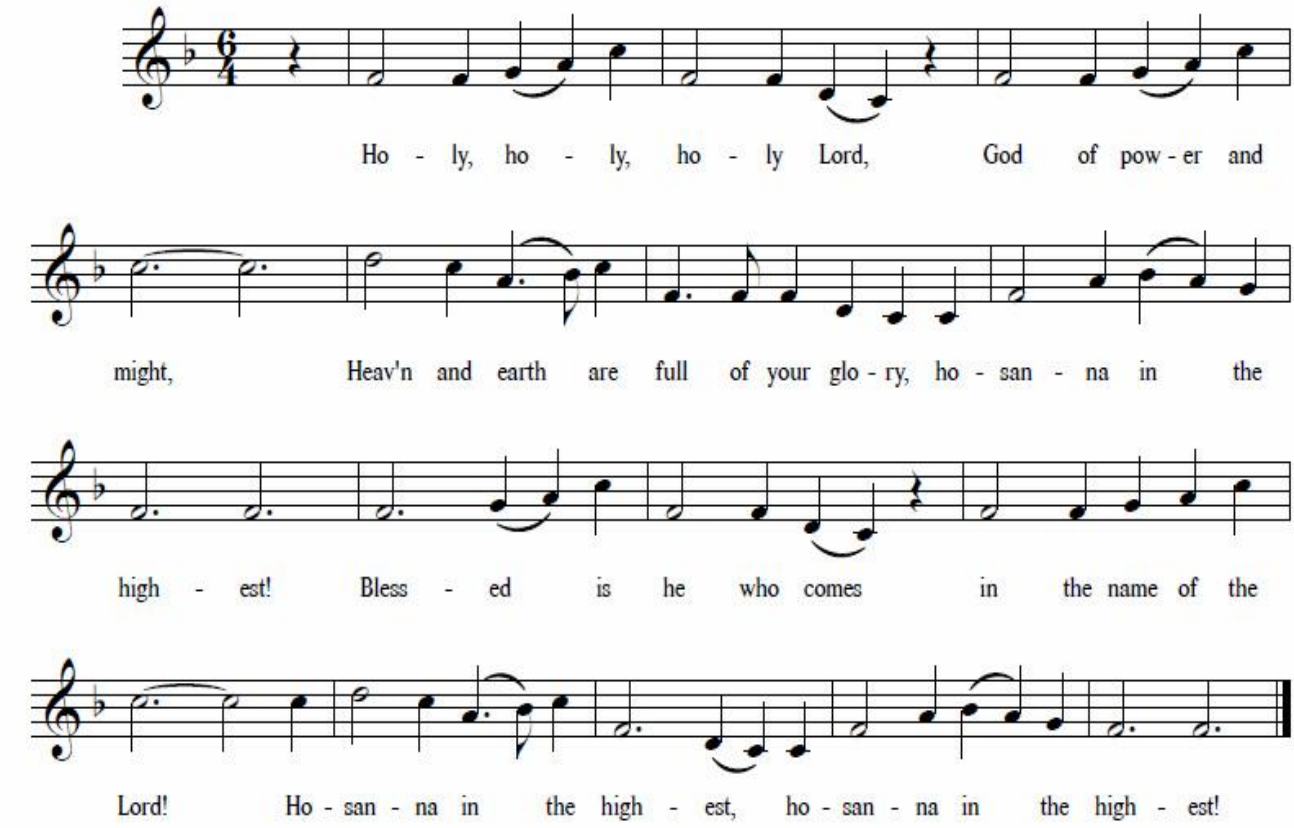
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with Jean, Kelly, and Jesse. *Please add your own saint's name aloud.* And with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: *(sung by all)* *The Land of Rest tune*



Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

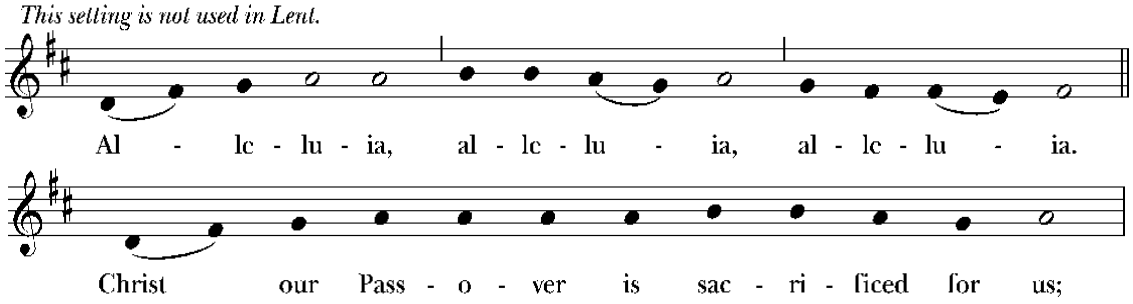
The Lord's Prayer

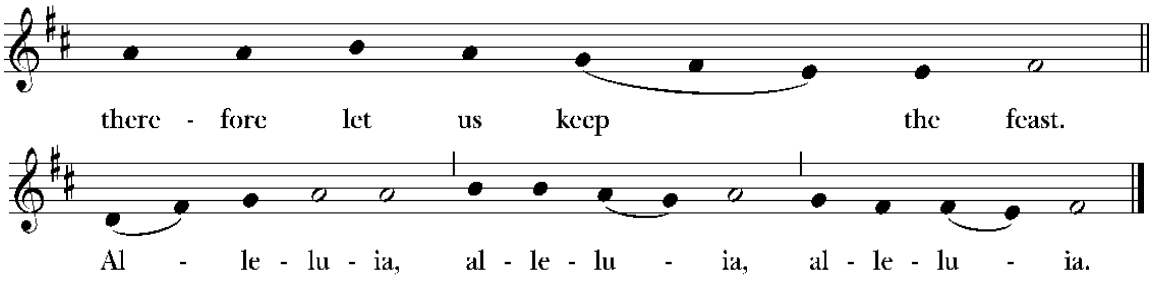
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction: S154 *(sung by all)*





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The Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.
If you are gluten allergic, please ask for a rice wafer at the distribution.

Please be seated.

Communion Music Victoria Fischer Faw

Surely the Presence of the Lord *(sing twice)*

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.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant 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.

Blessing The Rev Karla Woggon

Please stand, as able.

Recessional Hymn #522 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Victoria Fischer Faw

This All Saints' Day, we honor…

Jean Callison

Kelly Weems, Brenda's husband

Jesse & Lou Williams

Linda Williams

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

Rhumell & James D McKnight, Wanda's parents

Ethel Marie Burton Lee, Mary Lee's mother

Leon Preston King, Doris' father

Suzanne Wolar and Timothy Conlon, Marybeth's sister & brother

Ted and Lorinda Bower, Jann's parents

Tad and Thom Bower, Jann's brothers

Jack Spalding

Jill Rene Spalding Lumm

Vilder Boggs

Russell & Peggy Colvard – Les' parents

Rod Bost

Frances & Dan Buckle

Bill Graham

Helen Schuessler & Mattie Jo Pace, Louise & Rod's mothers

Lisa Mullis, Geoff's sister

Prayer List

Intercessions for Members & Friends:
Allan Joyce, Brenda Weems, Buck Hunnicutt, Cara Todd, Cathy Davis (The Rev), Denise Seckel, Gary Medley, Janice Harrison, John & Jane Gehring, Ken & Janice Kleva, Margaret, Martha Honaker (The Rev), Pat Hardee, Sally & Chuck Besaw, Sara Brown Davis, Rita Woodruff, Susan & Jim Doss (The Rev), and Vicky Fischer Faw. We also pray for Cliff & Kathy, Geoff & his family, Jeanne, and Marybeth as they grieve.

Intercessions for Community Friends & our Family Members:
Antje & Bill, Carol Greer, Chris, Debbie & Doug Bebber (Cynthia's friends), Coralie & her mother Mary, Diana Asher, Donald & Audrey Carter, Donna & Mike Hohnstine, Edwin (Nancy's brother), Erin Mohr & her family, Gwen (Ann), Inza & Blair, Isabel Tomé, Jeff & his wife Karen, Jerry & Theresa (Ann's friends), Jim & Diane (Nancy's BIL & sister), John & Diane (Judy's BIL & sister), Karen & Dick Dewald, Jonathan, Langhorne Jones, Linda/Cindy/Trent, Liz Lee Williamson (Mary Lee's cousin), Lynn Ellis, Lynn & Ajit, Michael, Paul Norman, Raymond Hindman (Cara Todd's father), Rudy McKnight, Tom Warndorf, and Vanita. And we pray for all those impacted by violence, war and weather disasters; our local neighbors that fear detention; and Christ Church, its leaders & ministry teams.

Departed:

Birthdays: Rod Pace (Nov 5)

Wedding Anniversaries & Thanksgivings: Ken & Janice Kleva (Nov 6)

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

In the Anglican Community: the Anglican Church in Central America

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

In Alleghany County: New Salem Baptist Church

The following people are assisting with the services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Nancy Wilson	Nancy Wilson
Chalice Bearer	Jeanne Green	Nancy Wilson
Lector	Jann Boggs	Mary Lee Joines
Prayers of the People	Jann Boggs	Mary Lee Joines
Greeter/Usher(s)	Barbara & Jim Halsey	Rod Pace & Louise Law

Schedule

Sunday, November 1 – All Saint's Sunday
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon
Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, November 3
1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Saturday, November 7 – Diocesan Convention

Sunday, November 8 – The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon
Coffee hour follows the service
Worship Team meeting after coffee hour

Monday, November 9
10:30 am – 30th Anniversary Planning Team meeting

Tuesday, November 10
1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Sunday, November 15 – The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Dr Katherine Shaner
Coffee hour follows the service

Tuesday, November 17
1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Sunday, November 22 – Christ the King
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon {*pledge cards will be blessed*}
Coffee hour follows the service

Monday, November 23
11:00 am – Vestry meeting; 2027 budget draft

Tuesday, November 24
1:00 pm – Centering Prayer group
2:00 pm – Book Discussion group

Sunday, November 29
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with The Rev Karla Woggon
Coffee hour follows the service
5:00 pm – Taizé service

Announcements

TODAY: We take an offering for the Solid Rock Food Closet the first Sunday of each month. If you'd like to give, make sure you write 'SRFC' or 'food closet' on your check or offering envelope. Another way to give is with a donation of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, paper products, and/or personal care products. Just bring those items and leave them in the red wagon in the narthex. Wanda will make sure they get to the food closet. Periodically, the food closet will share a list of what they need most. **There's a mini shopping list in the red wagon.** *A new notice from the food closet asks that we double-check expiration dates because they cannot accept expired items.*

Pledge cards We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a pledge. Completed pledge cards can be put in the offering plate, mailed to PO Box 1866, or dropped off at the office. *Our pledge cards will be blessed on Sunday, Nov 22nd – Christ the King Sunday.*

Save-the-date! The First Sunday of Advent, **November 29th**, we will have a **Taizé service** at **5:00 pm**. This service combines reading, prayer, chanting, and candlelight. And we're fortunate to have several musicians playing for us that evening. *All are welcome!*

The Centering Prayer/Book Discussion groups continue on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm During the month of November, we will practice *Lectio Divina*. If you want to join us for this contemplative deep dive into the Gospel lesson, please come. For Advent, we will discuss a John Philip Newell book. John P Newell is a prolific writer about Celtic spirituality and our relationship to the earth. We haven't picked

which of his books we'll read but we'll announce it here as soon as we do. If you have any questions, contact Patti Phelps at frankandpatti@yahoo.com. All are welcome to join either or both groups!

If you have a pastoral need or would like home communion or a visit when you are sick or homebound, please contact Karla at priest.christchurchspartanc@gmail.com or 828.638.0533.

The Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets are available for you to give someone who needs our Christ Church love and support. *For more information, read the GNN.*

Monthly Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour sign-ups:

Date	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour
Nov 1	Marybeth Lentz	Marybeth Lentz
Nov 8	Cynthia Grant	Cynthia Grant
Nov 15	Marybeth Lentz	Patti Phelps
Nov 22	Wanda McKnight	Wanda McKnight