



# CHRIST CHURCH

## in SHORT HILLS

Welcome to Christ Church. We are glad you are here today, affirming our shared faith in Christ, and worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. If you are new to Christ Church, be at peace here, find God at work here, and know that we are grateful to pray with you today.

OCTOBER 26, 2025: THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
10:00AM

**VOLUNTARY** Voluntaries on "Union Seminary"

Charles Callahan (20thC)

**INTROIT FOR PENTECOST**

*The people stand, as able, and join in singing from the blue Hymnal 1982.*

**HYMN 424** For the Fruit of All Creation

*East Acklam*

**ACCLAMATION**

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

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

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY** *The collect is said in unison*

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.

**A SONG OF PRAISE**

Gerald Near



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —  
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King,  
al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.  
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
  
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 65:1-6

Robert Knox Kennedy



You are to be praised, O God, in / Zion;  
to you shall vows be performed in Je/rusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh /come,  
because of their trans/gressions.

Our sins are stronger than we / are,  
but you will blot them / out.

Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to / dwell there!  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your / temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our sal/vation,  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far a/way.

You make fast the mountains by your / power;  
they are girded about with / might.

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

HYMN 513

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

*Bridegroom*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder

*A moment of silence is kept following the sermon.*

*The people stand.*

## 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Form V, adapted*

*The leader and people pray responsively.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Kyrie eleison”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without  
fault at the day of your coming; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Carlye our own Bishop, for  
all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Kyrie eleison.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that  
all may be one as you and the Father are one. For the mission of the Church, especially Christ  
Church in Short Hills; St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange; and The Church of  
Wales, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to  
you, O Lord.  
**Kyrie eleison.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations  
and peoples; for those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the  
dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Kyrie eleison.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the  
world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster; For the poor, the persecuted, the sick,  
and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved  
and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Kyrie eleison.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health: For Grady, Tim, David, Lana, Cindy, Jane, Marc, Andy, Monte, Tyler, Bob, and all those on our ongoing prayer list; we pray to you, O Lord.

**Kyrie eleison.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, remembering especially Joanne Torrance and Helen Smythe, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Kyrie eleison.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant concludes with the following doxology, or some other collect.*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

**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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERTORY SENTENCES

### STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

Alyson Landers, The Hoboken Shelter

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

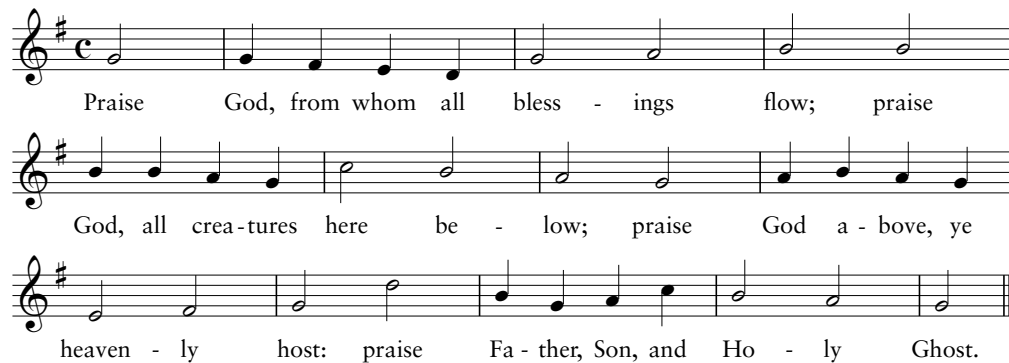
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Herald Friedell (20thC)

*The people stand.*

## THE DOXOLOGY

*Old 100th*



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

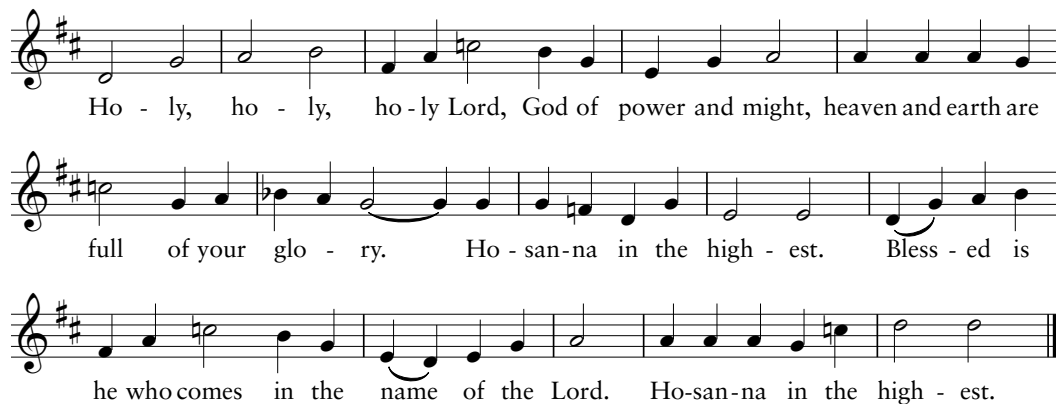
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

Near



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (CONT.)

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 many 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## FRACTION

Near

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.

*All members of God's household are welcome to receive Communion.*

*Come forward and extend your hands, palms up to receive the bread.  
If you wish to receive a blessing, but not communion, please approach with your arms  
across your chest.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.  
If you would like a Eucharistic visitation, please contact the Parish Office.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Healing River of the Spirit

Sacred Harp

## COMMUNION HYMN

In The Lord

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-

fraid. Lift up your voi-ces, the Lord is near, lift up your voi-ces, the Lord is near. In the

*The people stand.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

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.**

### HYMN 686

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

*Nettleton*

### DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Alleluia

Charles Callahan (20thC)

## PRAYER LIST

Each week, we continue to remember those in need of prayer.

**Special Prayers:** Grady, Tim, David, Lana B., Cindy D., Jane H., Marc K., Andy O., Monte P., Tyler P., Bob S.

We pray for the repose of Joanne Torrance, mother of Gaye Torrance; and Helen Smythe, aunt of Robinsue Frohboese.

**Ongoing Prayers:** Celine, Emmanuel, Graham, River, Angelo B., Elena B., Joy B., Dione D., Liz D., Lynn B., Sofia D., Sus G., Gregg L., Charlie M., Helen M., Miller M., Clare P., Graham P., and Kerrie S.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Christ Church in Short Hills, and St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for The Church in Wales.

**We pray for:** For peace in the world and an end to war, especially in Iran, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, and Yemen; for Haiti; for Sudan; for the Democratic Republic of Congo. For immigrant communities. For the LGBTQ+ community, and especially transgender people.

Please contact Catherine Flynn, Pastoral Assistant, if you have any prayer requests or would like a pastoral visitation. Email: [pastoral@christchurchshorthills.org](mailto:pastoral@christchurchshorthills.org).

## 2026 Roll of Pledgers

We offer thanks to the following households who have indicated their support for the ministries of Christ Church in the coming year.

If you have not yet pledged, please join your fellow parishioners in their commitment to the vitality of our church and its work in our community.

Updated 10.22.25

Yvonne Adighibe  
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Joanne & Loren Balady  
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3. Picking up a pledge card in the Narthex and returning it to the Parish Office.



## Christ Church Cornerstone Society

We give thanks for these individuals and families who have included Christ Church in their will or estate plans.

Dara and Robert Near  
Anne Klemme  
Joanne Gordon

Arnie and Sandy Peinado  
Benita Rountree  
Anne Seawell

Jane Houston  
Charles Albers  
Sam & Susan Reckford

If you have left Christ Church in your will or would like more information about including the church in your will or estate plans, please contact the Parish Office: [office@christchurchshorthills.org](mailto:office@christchurchshorthills.org)

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

|                        |                                                                 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Celebrant              | The Rev. George Dredde                                          |
| Preacher               | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder                                     |
| Rector                 | The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass                                        |
| Organist & Choirmaster | Dr. Andrew Moore                                                |
| Acolytes               | Georgia Butz, Amelia Payne, and Haddon Finan                    |
| Readers                | Sandra Johnson and Sue Bovan                                    |
| Intercessor            | Jennifer Vinsonhaler                                            |
| Sidesmen               | Jim Sammartino and Yvonne Adighibe                              |
| Ushers                 | Paul Funk, Sam Reckford, Sue Reckford, and Myles Udland         |
| A/V Tech               | Terry Finan                                                     |
| Altar Guild            | Heather Finan, Janell Cerino, Nancy Schrader, and Patty Andrews |
| Flower Guild           | Maria Goriachi                                                  |
| Coffee Hour            | Patricia Shewmaker                                              |

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**Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall  
immediately after the 10am service.  
All are welcome!**

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### WARDENS AND VESTRY

Dara Near, Senior Warden  
Chuck Nwachuku, Junior Warden  
Danny Jacobs, Clerk

Sue Bovan, Michael Cerino, Libby Clarke,  
Todd Corbin, Heather Finan, Jean Funk,  
Anne Miller, Deborah Purdon, James Sammartino,  
Jennifer Vinsonhaler, Kevin Walsh

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Richard Appलगren, Treasurer  
Bonnie Rountree, Assistant Parish Treasurer  
Lise Davis, Parish Counsel

### CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass, Rector  
The Rev. George Dredde, Community Engagement  
The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder, Priest Affiliate  
Dr. Andrew Paul Moore, Organist & Choirmaster  
Chris Whitaker, Communications, Outreach, & Youth  
The Rev. Dr. R. Kevin Johnson, Children's Ministry  
Georgeann duChossois, Parish Administrator  
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Lydia Zapico, Finance Manager  
Catherine Flynn, Pastoral Assistant  
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