



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
8:00AM

The people stand, as able.

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.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

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.

PSALM 65

Te decet hymnus

**You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**

**To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.**

**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 salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.**

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

**You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

The people stand.

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.*

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.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Please join us for our Coffee Hour in the St. Mark's Room
immediately after the 8am service.
All are welcome!

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.

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.

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



All Saints' Memorial Dedications

On All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 2) we will remember in prayer the names of those who were buried from Christ Church during the past year. We will also include, in print, the names of others who have gone before whose lives have especially touched or influenced you. If there are family or loved ones you would like to have remembered, please scan the QR code below with your phone or send an email with their names to the Parish Office by Monday, October 27 at 12noon.



Cooper Memorial Evensong for All Saints Sunday, November 2 | 4:00pm

Please join us on November 2 for the annual John Cooper Memorial Evensong as we remember those who have gone before us. Music featured will be by Buonemani, Kelly, and Bainton. Dr. Brian Harlow will be the organist and Dr. Andrew Moore will conduct. A Festive wine and cheese reception will follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trick-or-Treating for Canned Goods: A Food Drive for IFPO

Sunday, October 26 | 11:15am

Join the Children and Youth of Christ Church for their Annual Trick-or-Treating for Canned Goods Food Drive. They are collecting fully-packed Thanksgiving bags for the Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges. Completed Thanksgiving bags can be dropped in the info center outside the Parish Hall between now and Nov. 23.

Neighborhood Bag Distribution

Children and Youth are invited to meet in front of the church after the 10am service TODAY to distribute donation flyers around the neighborhood.



Adult Forum: People Over Pickleball Lessons in ministry, advocacy and community

Sunday, November 9 | 11:15am

When the Toms River Town Council unexpectedly announced in late April that it wanted to use eminent domain to seize Christ Episcopal Church's property, it set in motion a months-long battle that attracted global attention. The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg, who covered the issue for Episcopal News Service, will explain to us how a community mobilized, fought against the plan and forced some of the town's most divisive issues into the open.

ONGOING PROGRAMS



Holy Grounds: Original Blessing with The Rev. Tim Mulder Sundays, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2

Gather for coffee and conversation with Rev. Tim and explore how the notion of life, work and the environment as a curse rather than a blessing got far too many people in trouble.

Rector's Bible Study Second and fourth Tuesdays | 12pm Continuing October 28

Join with Rev. Bowie to read, learn about, and reflect on Scripture. This fall, we'll read Genesis 1-11 as we dive deep into our theme of creation. Come in person to the St. Mark's Room or join via Zoom.



IFPO Winter Coat Drive Collection

Many in our community lack basic necessities — like a warm coat. Christ Church is proud to support the Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges Winter Coat Drive, which aims to provide every IFPO family with winter coats. We are collecting new and gently used adult and children's coats that are clean and in good condition. Drop off your donations outside Parish Hall anytime through Friday, October 31.

A NOTE FROM REV. BOWIE



I am thrilled to announce that Rev. George E. Dredden III is joining us as Priest for Community Engagement this year. I have known Fr. George for six years through his ordination process, as seminarian at St. Paul's in Chatham, and for the past three and a half years as Priest-in-Charge at Trinity-St. Philips Cathedral in Newark. Father George is not completely new to the Christ Church community — he has been a guest preacher, hosted our choir for Evensong at the Cathedral, and his late wife, Marguerite Smith, presented Union of Black Episcopalians scholarships to our youth in a Sunday service.

In this transitional year, Fr. George will be with us 3/4 time and three Sundays a month, focusing on lay engagement and leadership within the parish, as well as local and diocesan partnerships and outreach. His professional career is impressive and his ministry experience is extensive, as you'll see in his bio below. Please extend a warm Christ Church welcome to him and share your ideas for strengthening our community engagement!

Scan the QR Code to read more:



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder
Acolyte	Jude Canecchia
Ushers	Jim and Emmy McBride



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