CHRIST CHURCH

Greetings this week Sept 13-19

9/13 Maureen Mida 9/14 Betty Sue McCurry 9/14 Frank Agresta
9/14 Edward Bennett 9/14 Jennifer Mida 9/15 Dave Richards
9/16 Terry Leslie 9/16 Andrew Zoller 9/16 Eric Sturm
9/17 Buzz Zoller 9/18 AaronWelch 9/18 Bobbie Briggs

Annie Ray

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Bob Anderson  Melba Barinka  Elizabeth Benson  Tonya Blanton
Barbara Boyce  Walt Brunstetter  Vicki Breitenman  Michelle Bush
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Hunter Donovan  Denise Ellis  Bette Jane & English DesChamps
Ben Dodson  Dylan Harman  Juli Hilliard  Norm Hinton
Beth Hooie  Jeane Jochens  Sandy Kears  Trevor McCurdy
Geri Mac Donald  Ruth Miller  Johnnie O’Connor
Sandra Pratt  David Prince  Jeff & Juanita Ragan  Bert Rawald
Joe Ritchie  Stosh Rupe  Beverly Sandstrum  Robert Spivey
Kim Stadlin  Jana Stevenson  Tom Tryon  Susan Turner
Mike Weyt & Betty Whaley and for our first responders, military, and all who serve our nation around the globe.

Rest In Peace

Lee Dixon, Chuck Icencogle, Ron Rawald, Durgan McAfee, and Marcella Kissick

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Thanksgiving.

Thursday's -

• 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Men's Small Group (10 people maximum) Bible Study will continue to meet in Meeting Room 1, for the present.

For the protection of all members of the community, please strictly observe the CDC's social distancing guidelines, as recommended by Bishop Smith in his June 23, 2020 letter to us all:

• Individuals should be AT LEAST 6 feet apart at all times, including at the Communion rail;
• Congregants should wear masks;
• Groups are limited to 25% capacity, all of whom should observe social distancing practices.

Federal & Florida Resources


If you wish to receive the Christ Church Chi Rho Newsletter every week for learning and knowing more about our church finances, Vestry meetings, and our growing and active church life, email Patricia Handy, Editor, at phandy@cecb.church

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for additions or changes to the Sunday Bulletin is NOON on the WEDNESDAY prior to the Sunday services. We may not be able to accommodate requests arriving after noon on Wednesday as the Bulletin is printed on Thursday. Please call Debbie Holt or Kim Kalamaz at the Church Office with questions or an emergency.

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CHRIST CHURCH

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The parish office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday;
Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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The Clergy

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Deacon Gretchen Platt (941-713-1991)
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STANDING NOTICES

If you have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we welcome you to receive Holy Communion in one kind here in Christ Church today. Those who are not yet baptized, or who do not wish to receive Communion today, are encouraged to come to the rail for a blessing. Please remember to cross your arms over your chest and to keep them crossed. If you are interested in being baptized at Christ Church please speak with one of our clergy.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WITH DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.

Visitors who are here for the first time are invited to sign the guest register by the front door in the church Narthex.

WE WANT TO BE AVAILABLE TO YOU IN YOUR TIMES OF NEED. If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed, please call 941-730-4660.

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IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FL

Our Parish Mission Statement - Matthew 28:18-20
And Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Sunday, September 13, 2020
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!
I was glad when they said unto me, ‘Let us go unto the house of the Lord.’
Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service speak to one another.

SUNDAYS

All Sunday Services are held in the Nave

7:30 a.m. Rite I (No Music)
9:00 a.m. Rite II (Contemporary Music)
11:00 a.m. Rite II (Traditional Music)

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Thursdays - ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

• 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study on the Gospel and Epistles of John
Join Father Robert on this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88029362227
Meeting ID: 880 2936 6227
Topic: The Gospel and Epistles of John
September 13, 2020

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken Only)
The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation..........................The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323
Collect for Purity..................................................BCP 323
Kyrie.............................................................BCP 324
The Collect of the Day.................................BCP 182
The First Lesson........................................Genesis 50: 15-21
The Psalm......................................................Psalm 103: 8-13
The Second Lesson.....................................Romans 14: 1-12
The Gospel..................................................Matthew 18: 21-35
The Sermon................................................Father Robert Baker
The Nicene Creed........................................BCP 327
Prayers of the People................................BCP 328 - 330
The Confession of Sin..................................BCP 331
The Peace..................................................BCP 332

The Liturgy of the Table
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II)................BCP 340
Sanctus............................................................BCP 341
The Lord's Prayer.........................................BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread..........................BCP 337
Post Communion Prayer.............................BCP 339
The Blessing...............................................BCP 339

Dismissal
Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation or age, are invited to receive a communion wafer. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE THIS MORNING:** JODY HADLEY

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September 13, 2020

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Altar Flowers are given by PAT & RICHARD HUGHES In Loving Memory of OUR MOTHER, MARGARET, and OUR SON, SCOTT

9:00 a.m. Rite II (Contemporary Music)

We Gather in the Lord’s Name

Prelude “In Christ Alone”
Opening Song “Blessed Be The Name”

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation..........................BCP 355
Collect for Purity..................................................BCP 355
Kyrie.............................................................BCP 356
Collect of the Day..........................................BCP 182
The First Lesson........................................Genesis 50: 15-21
The Psalm......................................................Psalm 103: 8-13
The Second Lesson.....................................Romans 14: 1-12
Gradual Song...............................................Matthew 18: 21-35
Sermon....................................................Father Dennis Kezar
The Nicene Creed........................................BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III).....................BCP 387
The Confession of Sin.................................BCP 360
The Peace..................................................BCP 360
Offertory “Above All”..............................Preston Boyd, Jeannine Elisha, Thane Reed, Tom Johnson
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)...............BCP 361
The Lord’s Prayer........................................BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread..........................BCP 364
Communion .............................................“Alleluia, He Is Coming”
Post Communion Prayer............................BCP 365
The Blessing...............................................BCP 366
Closing Song..............................................BCP 366

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**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE THIS MORNING:** PRESTON BOYD

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September 13, 2020

11:00 a.m. Rite II (Traditional Music)

We Gather in the Lord’s Name

Prelude “Wondrous Love”..........................Southern Folk Hymn, David N. Johnson
Opening Hymn “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”........Hymnal #674

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation..........................BCP 355
Collect for Purity..................................................BCP 355
Kyrie.............................................................BCP 356
Collect of the Day..........................................BCP 182
The First Lesson........................................Genesis 50: 15-21
The Psalm......................................................Psalm 103: 8-13
The Second Lesson.....................................Romans 14: 1-12
Gradual Anthem Solo “Come Down, O Love Divine”......Hymnal #516
The Gospel ................................................Matthew 18: 21-35
The Sermon................................................Father Dennis Kezar
The Nicene Creed........................................BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III).....................BCP 387
The Confession of Sin.................................BCP 360
The Peace..................................................BCP 360
Offertory “King of Glory, King of Peace”..............George Herbert arr. K. Lee Scott
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)...............BCP 361
The Lord’s Prayer........................................BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread..........................BCP 364
The Post Communion Prayer..........................BCP 365
The Blessing
Closing Hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King”....Hymnal #400

Dismissal
Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Trumpet Voluntary”..........................John Stanley

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE THIS MORNING:** READER: ANGUS GRAHAM

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**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE THIS MORNING:** JODY HADLEY
For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Aged

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy in Song

Today’s over-riding theme in our liturgy and music is FORGIVENESS…a big word full of biblical advice and a concept we believe is easy to accomplish, but often not! Yet, we all know people who say they can hold a grudge for a good, long time. Sure, and we’d like to ask them how’s that working out for you? Eating away like a cancer on our souls, we know the feeling. I’m sure you’ve known many people who pride themselves on how much they can remember in this life; but here’s a thought…how about seeing how much of the not so good things in your life that you can forget? Take the challenge, try erasing the tape and forget those events, it will do us more good than us being known as the “master rememberers”!

We need look no further than to our readings this morning in Genesis and St. Matthew for a how-to manual on forgiveness. All this is wonderfully capsulized in our opening hymn 674 ‘Forgive our sins, as we forgive’. In Genesis 50:15-21, Joseph’s brothers delivered their father’s message to forgive the transgressions of the brothers and their sin for all the evil they did; there is a clear fulfillment of this action in Matthew’s gospel when Jesus tells Peter to forgive his brother 77 times and comparing the kingdom of heaven to the King settling accounts with his servants. As we sing (in our hearts) verse 2 of our hymn, we are asking how we can be pardoned of our unforgiving hearts that brood on wrongs harboring old bitterness. The answer is to “forgive our brothers from our hearts”.

Our hymn is set to the tune “Detroit” from A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony. It has gone through several arrangements since its inception in 1820 and is presented in our hymnal by Margaret Mealy. This hymn has ‘forgiveness’ written all over it, opening with a paraphrase of the Lord’s Prayer.

‘The inspiration for the hymn came from English hymn writer Rosamund Herklots as she dug weeds in her nephew’s garden. As she worked at the deep, tenacious roots, she saw a vivid parallel between the intrusive, smothering qualities of these weeds and the destructive ways in which deeply buried feelings of bitterness and resentment prevent us from growing as loving, concerned people”: Just as musicians cannot present a musical offering in the best light possible when their minds and souls are cluttered with the likes of performance anxiety and external, wandering thoughts, so we as God’s people can’t effectively bear witness to our Lord’s peace without a deep cleansing of our souls and a full and complete repentance and reconciliation with God.

Following is the complete text of Hymn 674, and I pray that we can focus on these words today and the years to come:

1. “Forgive our sins as we forgive” you taught us Lord to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew, how small the debts men owe to us, how great our debt to you.

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, reconciled to God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

The First Lesson - Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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The Thrift Shop is Open

Thursdays & Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm

Masks will be required for all shoppers and volunteers. The shop is packed full of great items, so until much of it has sold, please no new donations at this time.

Come and Shop!!!

The Book of Common Prayer

31. For Schools and Colleges

O Eternal God, bless us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

46. For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

49. For the Aged

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Psalm 103: 8-13

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.
13 As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

September 13, 2020

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. They were basking in the Son; and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever, Amen.

Second Lesson - Romans 14: 1-12

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Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Father Robert’s Growth Points

In our collect we acknowledge that we can do nothing to please God in our own strength, but that we need the direction and governance of the Holy Spirit. In our readings we learn the necessity of forgiveness and receive instruction on being faith family. As you engage and seek to apply the collect and readings, ask yourself:

1. Do I truly forgive from the heart? Do I forgive others as God for - gives me?
2. How can I trust God to help me truly forgive?
3. Do I allow little things to stand in the way of truly loving my family members in Christ?

Grace and Peace,

Robert +

September 13, 2020

My Dear Family in Christ,

Paul Tillich, the German-American theologian popular in the 1960’s, believed that the proper relationship between God and humanity is most properly expressed as “dependence.” While, in my view, Tillich got a lot of things wrong, he was clearly correct in asserting that we are completely dependent upon God. In our collect we pray, “O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.” In our own strength we are incapable of pleasing God. All of our best efforts fall short of merit. Even though we are on a journey by grace toward Christ likeness, we are still encumbered by our old decaying Adam nature. It taints every praiseworthy act we attempt in our own strength because without God’s help we are not able to do anything to please God. We need to learn dependence upon God. We need to learn to depend upon God fully. We need to learn to make our boast in God alone and not our own strength.

The good news is that God is always ready to assist us in our weakness. In Psalm 103 we learn the Lord has compassion on us and readily forgives our sins. If God is so ready to forgive us, shouldn’t we also delight in forgiving those who offend or hurt us? Yet we all know how difficult it is to forgive completely from our hearts. Without God’s help, true forgiveness is impossible. Yet, in Genesis we see that Joseph is able to truly forgive his brothers because he was able to perceive the larger plan of God. In Matthew Jesus tells us that we should be willing to forgive seventy times seven. Forgiveness is not meant to be some rare event. It should characterize our lives. We demonstrate the love and nature of God in the world by being a forgiving community. Finally, in Romans we receive instruction on living together in community. Living in community is hard. We come from a variety of backgrounds, have a diversity of experiences and inclinations and face different challenges. It is only through the divine gift of love, expressed in acceptance, forbearance and forgiveness that we are truly able to live in community.

Without God’s help it is impossible to please God. When we trust in God, when we make our boast in God’s strength and not our own, we are able to do great things in Christ. The last several months have been difficult, but with great difficulty comes great opportunity. Let us trust God to help us grow in our dependence upon Him so that we will be ready to take the next step in living God’s mission to the world.

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