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Christ Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022 9:00 a.m. ~ Cooper Chapel



Deepening faith through Christian care

By Maggie FitzRoy

I was devastated. Nine years ago, I felt forced to resign from a job I loved, plunging me into an identity crisis, deep grief, and paralyzing fear. I didn't know what I had done to deserve it, what I was going to do next, or how I was going to pay my bills.

Fortunately, as a long-time parishioner of Christ Church, I had strong faith and believed in the power of prayer. So I went to see Father Bob Morris, who prayed with me, calmed me down, gave me valuable insights, and realized that I needed more than that. He asked if I would be open to having a Stephen Minister—a trained fellow parishioner who I could meet with once a month—and I said yes. I'm grateful I did. Over the course of a year, as my Stephen Minister and I met once a week, I gradually felt myself heal in her compassionate listening presence, caring, and prayer.

Stephen Ministry offers high-quality, one-to-one Christ-centered care to people experiencing life difficulties, including grief, medical crisis, family-caregiver stress, job loss, financial difficulties, divorce, family difficulties, and major life transitions. The church needs more Stephen Ministers (men and women), and a new training class begins in September.

Stephen Minister Madeleine Tavares says the 50-hour training course deepened her faith while teaching her to become a better listener, and put her compassion into action in helpful ways. For more information about Stephen Ministry contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Terri Brice at tbrice@christepiscopalchurch.org.

"Stephen Ministers are listeners and comforters," Tavares says. They don't attempt to fix problems, but through their training, learn how to ask questions that may help care receivers think differently. The meetings, always private and confidential, are centered around what the care receiver needs, which Tavares says is not always prayer. "This is a very practical ministry, and some people are angry at God," she says. Although, "God is always with me the times I'm doing this. Things come out of my mouth that I didn't think of myself."

"Being a Stephen Minister is extremely rewarding," Tavares says. "When you can see what you have done has helped, when you see change in a positive sense, it is very, very rewarding."

As a care receiver, I am extremely grateful for the time and comfort my Stephen Minister gave me. My life is better for it today.

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*Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra! We are delighted to have you worship with us.
In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 33:12, 18-19, 21-22)

Celebrant Our soul waits for the Lord;

People He is our help and our shield.

Celebrant Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *

All happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Celebrant Our soul waits for the Lord;

People He is our help and our shield.

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Reading

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 12:32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Christopher Dell*

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People Form IV Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Confession Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*To make an offering online visit christepiscopalchurch.org/give.
Thank you for your support.*

Please stand for the Presentation.

The Presentation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 125, *The Hymnal*

You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

You may kneel.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bag Sunday

Our monthly food drive helps stock the shelves of BEAM and St Mary's food pantries. Please bring your donations to the dining room (tables by the north end doors). We always have room for new friends to help stock shelves at the food pantry. Contact Deacon Leila for details, leila@christepiscopalchurch.org.

Sunday Breakfast

8:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Dining Room

Enjoy a freshly prepared breakfast, with something for everyone. \$5 per person, \$20 family max.

Christ Church Connect Sundays

8:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Dining Room

Each Sunday in August we will feature opportunities to CONNECT - by volunteering in various ministries of the church, and through membership in Community Circles and small groups starting up this fall. Stop in during breakfast hours and connect with ministry leaders who can help you find the ideal spot for you to CONNECT to WORSHIP, GROW, LOVE at Christ Church!

Nursery Care

Nursery serves children ages four months to five years old with advance registration. Details at christepiscopalchurch.org. Please contact Jennifer De Rycker at JDeRycker@christepiscopalchurch.org with any questions.

Children's Formation

Children's Formation classes are on break and will resume on September 11. Please join us today for a Family Godly Play Session, and connect with us during Sunday breakfast throughout August to explore the church's ministries and see where you might like to get connected! Formation leaders are needed – please contact Catherine Montgomery to learn more: cmontgomery@christepiscopalchurch.org

The Youth Forum

The Youth Forum is on break and will resume on September 11. Join Brooks and Dana for Breakfast in the Dining Room each week to check in and hang out, and let's catch up at the Youth Ministry Kick-off on 8/17 and Youth and Family Fun Night at Jumbo Shrimp on 8/21 (see details below). Anyone interested volunteering with The Youth Forum once it starts back up in September should reach out to Brooks Slater (bslater@christepiscopal.org) for more information.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Traditional,

11:15 a.m. Jordan Service

Children of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and receive a blessing over the new school year.

Family Godly Play

Sunday, August 7

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Formation + Arts Building, Room 224

All children and their grown-ups are invited to a special session of Godly Play to kick off the new school year! Come find out what makes this special Montessori-based method of Christian education so special.

Community Circles

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Formation + Arts Building

Community Circles provide space for connection and growing in faith. Some groups are on hiatus for summer. Check with your ministry leader if you are not sure. If you are interested in leading or facilitating a circle in the fall, please contact Deacon Leila Quinlan, leila@christepiscopalchurch.org.

Welcome Newcomers

10:15 a.m., Hospitality Room (110)

Formation + Arts Building

If you've started attending church here or it's your first visit, we'd love to meet you, hear your questions and share more about life at Christ Church! For more info Contact Deacon Leila, leila@christepiscopalchurch.org.

Clergy Forum

10:15 a.m., Room 106

Formation + Arts Building or on Zoom

Join our clergy in person or online and let's discuss the Bible readings for the week.

ZOOM LINK at christepiscopalchurch.org.

Sunday Dinner and Fellowship

(First Sunday of Every Month)

Sunday, August 7, 6:00 p.m., Parish Center Dining Room

Join us for dinner and fellowship after the 5:00 p.m. service.

THIS WEEK

Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. – noon, Room F106

Formation + Arts Building

Kate Cordell leads Gentle Yoga with adaptations to meet the needs of those in the class.

Donations benefit BEAM or St Mary's food pantries. Contact Kate Cordell

katecordell@gmail.com to sign up or for more info contact Deacon Leila,

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Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

The Cooper Chapel

A quiet and reflective Eucharistic service.

Cuba Ministry Meeting

Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Dining Room

Join us after the Wednesday Eucharist to meet

Fr. Adreano Fuentes from our companion

church in Cuba and get an update from our

sister parish. Wine and cheese will be served.

(This is not a fundraiser).

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Choir Room, Formation + Arts Building

Adults and High School students are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays and the choir sings in the 11:15 a.m. traditional service each Sunday. Interested singers please contact Dr. Rachel Root for more information: rroot@christepiscopalchurch.org.

Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Choir Room

Interested singers please contact Dr. Rachel Root: rroot@christepiscopalchurch.org.

Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesdays 6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Choir Room

Interested singers please contact Dr. Rachel Root: rroot@christepiscopalchurch.org.

Lighthouse Faith

August 11, 7:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

The Youth House

Lighthouse Faith is a space for prayer, fellowship, and nontraditional Bible study for LGBTQIA+ Christians and seekers (all ages), and those who love them. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Catherine Montgomery.

Christ Church Book Club is on Summer break and will resume September 7. Contact group leader Mark Barrett, mbarrett@vlinkcorp.com for more information.

The Christians

August 11 - 13, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Space

A big-little play about faith in America—and the trouble with changing your mind. Written by Lucas Hnath, *The Christians* is directed by Everette Street and produced by Christ Church Creative Academy. Tickets available at christepiscopalchurch.org.

Men's Bible Study

Fridays 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Dining Room + Zoom

Men of all ages are welcome to study and share fellowship over a freshly prepared breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bakery Book Exchange

August 13, baking

August 14, donations 8:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Evans Plaza

Youth volunteers gather on Saturday to bake cookies, and on Sunday in Evans Plaza parishioners can donate a new or gently used book in exchange for a freshly baked cookie! Books will go to our friends at St. Mary's Episcopal Church for their literacy programs. For information on volunteering contact ministry leader Parker Peverley at bakerybookexchange@gmail.com.

Bi-lingual Service

August 14

The 11:15 Jordan Service will be celebrated in English and Spanish, with musicians from the Spanish service joining the Jordan Band. All are welcome to take part in the service and join us in the dining room for a potluck lunch afterward. You are encouraged to bring food to share.

Living, Loving Learning

Women's Bible Study

Resumes August 16

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Room F 204 or on ZOOM

All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and learning God's Word together. We'll begin our fall study with the Gospel of Matthew.

Email Patti for the zoom link:

pattiarey@gmail.com. Contact Patti 904-472-9388 or Margaret Henderson 305-322-9811 for more information.

Wednesday Bible Study

Resumes August 17

10:00 a.m.

Westbury Hall Dining Room and on Zoom

We will continue the study of Luke. Zoom link at christepiscopalchurch.org.

Children's Choir Practice

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Resumes August 17

Formation + Arts Building Room 124

Children age 4 - 5th grade rehearse on Wednesday evenings and sing once a month at the 9 a.m. traditional service. Voices of Praise is a great way for your kids to make friends and to learn to sing and read music, and have fun playing games, playing instruments and dancing.

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For more information, contact Stephanie Bennie, sbennie@christepiscopalchurch.org or Hannah Woods, HnaWoods@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry Kick-Off

August 17, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Youth House

All 6-12 Grade youth and their parents are invited to join us for dinner and fun at the Youth House! If you have been away for the summer this is a great opportunity to plug in and meet our new Assistant Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Dana Van Ostrand! All are welcome to join in. Please reach out to Brooks Slater (bslater@christepiscopalchurch.org) to RSVP by August 12, and let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. See you then!

Youth and Family Fun Night at the Jumbo Shrimp Game

August 21

121 Financial Ballpark

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Family Fun (Balloon Animals, Face Painting)

6:30 p.m. first pitch

All youth and families are invited to join us for a night of fellowship, fun, and food at the Jumbo Shrimp game! Admission includes dinner and a reserved seat at the game. \$15 per ticket / \$50 family max. Reserve tickets on the website and plan on meeting us at the stadium! If you have any questions, reach out to Dana Van Ostrand at dvanstrand@christepiscopalchurch.org

Savvy Job Hunters Workshop

Thursday, August 25, 9:45 a.m. – noon

Formation + Arts, Room F-204

Style, Presence, and Power: Know and understand your purpose, find your path, and formulate your plan. Free workshop presented by Dr. Priscilla Berry, Owner and President of Berry & Associates Consulting Firm. Sign-in and networking begin at 9:45 a.m., Presentation begins at 10:00 a.m. For more information or to RSVP, email pottesen66@gmail.com

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.

Traditional

Christ Church is pleased to present personalized, leather-bound NRSV Bibles to our third graders again this year! This gift is intended to become a lifelong treasure - God's word to guide our children both inside and outside the walls of our church, as well as a tangible symbol of our community's investment in their faith formation. Contact Catherine Montgomery to be included in this year's presentation, cmontgomery@christepiscopalchurch.org.

Children's Formation Begins

Sunday, September 11, 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Formation + Arts

Formation classes for children age 3 - 5th grade begins September 11! Please complete the one-time family registration form for formation and nursery care on the church website if you are new to family programs. Check-in will begin at 10:00 in the second floor lobby of the Formation + Arts Building.

Formation leaders are needed - please email Catherine Montgomery at cmontgomery@christepiscopalchurch.org if you'd like to learn more about serving.

Stephen Ministry Training

Coming in September

Are you the type of person who shows up when a family member or friend is facing a difficult time, or who realizes that your presence, prayers and compassionate heart are of great value to someone who is hurting? Please consider becoming a Stephen Minister. The requisite training (beginning in September) will equip you to provide one-one-one Christian care to someone in need. For more info or questions, contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Terri Brice, tbrice@christepiscopalchurch.org or 285-7390 ext. 228.

Teachers and Mentors Needed for ESL

We are currently seeking volunteer teachers and mentors for English as a Second Language classes to help 2nd language learners who live and work in our community to be successful professionally and personally. Classes begin in September and run evenings twice/week for eight weeks, starting mid-September. You do not need any teaching experience and you do not have to speak another language. If you would like to consider being part of this new ministry of Christ Church, please reach out to Deb Holton debholton@gmail.com or 904-813-8538. We will conduct teacher training in early September.

Now Hiring: Nursery Staff

We have openings for paid staff to provide nursery care on Sundays and/or Fridays, age 16 or older. Please contact Jennifer De Rycker at JDeRycker@christepiscopalchurch.org for details and requirements.

High School Winter Retreat

Our 2023 High School Winter Retreat will be returning to Montreat Retreat Center on February 17-20! All high schoolers are invited to attend. Registrations for this event will open August 31 at noon on our website.

Share the Love

Invite a friend or neighbor to Sunday Breakfast with your church family!

New or visiting?

We'd love to get to know you. Let's keep in touch! Drop us a note so we can follow up.



Reach Out

Need help? **Let us know** what's happening in your life. We are here for you.



Come Serve with Us

Let us know you'd like to share your gifts of time and talent. We need your helping hands!

Pass The Plate

Make a gift or catch up on your pledge online. **THANK YOU** for your faithful giving to the work of the church.



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Worship Services

7:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Jordan Service
9:00 a.m.	NSIA Community Center	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Jordan Service
12:45 p.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Spanish-language Service
5:00 p.m.	Church Sanctuary	Contemplative Service
6:00 p.m. (Wed)	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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