

st**barnabas**



The Holy Eucharist

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

WELCOME TO SAINT BARNABAS

We're an Episcopal church where you can be real, meet God, and follow Jesus as your living Lord. We're so glad you're here.

We worship using the Book of Common Prayer. The prayer book contains modern versions of services that go back to the early church and were given new life by the Reformation in England. We make our own the prayers of followers of Jesus across time and around the world. The page numbers marked **BCP** are found in the red book, the prayer book. The **Hymns** are found in our church's hymnal, the blue book.

There are two parts to our service this morning. We encounter the God of Jesus Christ first in the reading of Scripture, opened up to us in a new way today through the sermon. Then we encounter God in an especially intimate way by receiving the sacrament.

We pray that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, God will give you new hope and strength for your life through our common prayer.

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball 1896-1987

Please stand to sing the processional hymn.

Hymn 410

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

'Lauda anima'

Please remain standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

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 in excelsis deo

David Bednall

All sung together.

Fast and lively

Org. **f** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9 - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 **mp** praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

27
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. Org.

32 *f*
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44 *ff* *rit.*
A - - men, a - - men, a - - men.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
 Let us 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

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 Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the appointed psalm.

Psalm 103: 8-13

Thomas Attwood

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding :
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins :
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west :
so far hath he set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children :
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 14: 1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

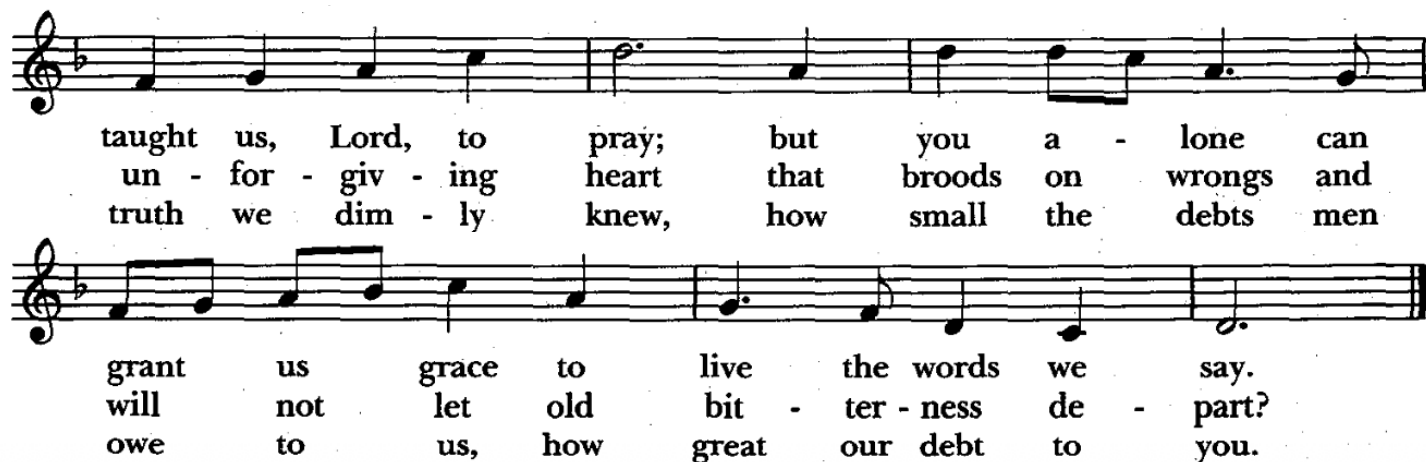
Hymn

Forgive our sins as we forgive

'Detroit'



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the



Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

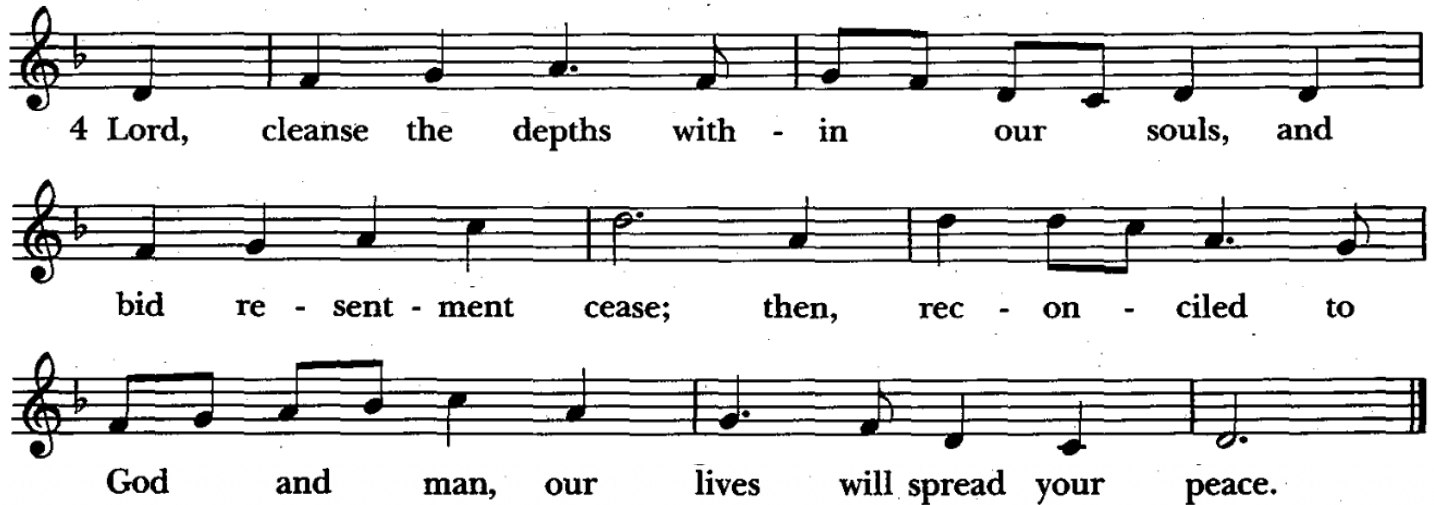
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp

Please stand to say the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All 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.

Please kneel or remain standing for the prayers.

Prayers of the People

With one heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord:

That the power of your Spirit may strengthen us to love and to serve you more each day.
Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

That the wisdom of your Spirit would bring about the increase of cooperation and understanding among people, leaders, and nations. Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

That the peace of your Spirit would keep us confident in your love wherever you may call us.
Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

That the gifts of your Spirit would be apparent in the lives of our families and children. Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

That the healing of your Spirit would descend upon all in need of it, to bring them reconciliation and wholeness, healing and hope. Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

That the life of your Spirit, given us by the risen Christ, would keep your whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, then bids the Confession.

Confession

Please kneel or sit.

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.

The Celebrant stands and says the Absolution.

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Remember not, Lord, our offences

Remember not, Lord, our offences,
nor the offences of our forefathers;
neither take thou vengeance of our sins:
spare us, good Lord,
spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed
with thy most precious blood,
and be not angry with us for ever.

Text: The Litany (Book of Common Prayer 1549)

Music: Henry Purcell 1659-1695

Please stand for the Eucharistic prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer B | BCP 367

Sanctus & Benedictus

David Bednall

All sung together.

Majestic

Org. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

6 might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Slower

Org. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

4 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or remain standing.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

David Bednall

All sung together.

Slowly and gently

Org. *p* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the

7 *mp* world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the

13 *mf* sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you

19 *rit. p pp ppp* take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The sacrament is distributed under the forms of bread and wine at the altar rail. If you need the sacrament to be brought to your pew, please let the usher know. Most often, we receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, and we receive the wine either by sipping from the chalice or by dipping the bread in the wine (known as intinction). Receiving the sacrament in only one kind is a full communion, and you need not receive the wine. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest at the rail.

Communion Anthem

Long since in Egypt's plenteous land

Long since in Egypt's plenteous land
Our fathers were oppressed;
But God, whose chosen folk they were,
Smote those who long enslaved them there,
And all their woes redressed.

The Red Sea stayed them not at all,
Nor depths of liquid green;
On either hand a mighty wall
Of waters clear rose at his call,
And they passed through between.

In deserts wild they wandered long,
They sinned and went astray;
But yet his arm to help was strong,

He pardoned them tho' they did wrong,
And brought them on their way.

Oh, may we ne'er forget what he hath done,
Nor prove unmindful of his love,
That, like the constant sun,
On Israel hath shone,
And sent down blessings from above.
At last to this good land they came,
With fruitful plenty blest;
Here glorious men won endless fame,
Here God made holy Zion's name,
And here he gave them rest.

Text & Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry 1848-1918

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

All 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.

The Blessing

Please stand to sing the recessional hymn.

Hymn 397

Now thank we all our God
'Nun danket'

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Nun danket alle Gott
Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877-1933

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Betty, Blake, Cathy, Chase, Elizabeth, Emily, Debra, Diane, Dominic, Hallie,
Heather, Henry, Janet, Joan, John, Judy, Layng, Lila, Linda, Liz, Mariana, Nicole,
Melody, Marie, Nina, Paulette, Sable, and Shirley

Those in the Armed Forces:

Crawford, Henry, Logan, Parker, Peter, Mary Rose, and Morgan.

Awe & Wonder

Stars, S'mores, and lots of Wonder



Free Event | Ages 4-14

September 18 at 6PM

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stbarnabas.org/awe



Awe & Wonder: Under the Stars — FAQ

Does my child have to stay overnight?

Not at all! Kids are welcome to join for just the evening portion — dinner, s'mores, and stargazing from 6-9pm — with pickup at 9pm. The overnight campout is an optional add-on for kids ages 7-14 only.

What if my child needs to leave before 9pm?

That's completely fine — just let Jewelle know ahead of time so we can plan for an early pickup.

What ages can attend?

Kids and youth ages 4-14 are welcome, and there's no need to be connected to St. Barnabas to join us. We encourage your kids to invite their friends!

What's the schedule?

Everyone arrives at 6pm for dinner and stargazing until 9 pm. Overnight campers (ages 7-14) stay on through the night, with songs under the stars, sleeping outdoors on the church lawn, and breakfast together before a 9am pickup on Saturday.

Can parents stay too?

Yes! Parents are welcome to join for either portion of the evening. Just reach out to Jewelle to talk about what that would look like.

Do I need to register in advance?

No advance paperwork needed — the registration form (with waivers and emergency contact info) can be filled out when you arrive. We do just ask for a quick reply letting us know if your child is coming, so we can plan for enough chaperones.

What should overnight campers bring?

A sleeping bag, pillow, and pad; a flashlight or headlamp; a change of clothes and a light jacket; toiletries; and any labeled personal medications.

What if it rains?

We'll email any weather-related changes by 4pm on Friday, September 18.

Do you need any donations?

Yes — if you have a camping tent you'd be willing to donate for the event, we'd love to have a few extra on hand!

Three kinds of rooms, and you can join more than one. Groups for teens and for parents sit in a shaded panel.

be **real**

For the curious, unconvinced, or simply new: rooms that meet you where you are.

Contemporary Seekers Come as you are, where you are, outside church. ask drop in, no commitment	WHEN WHERE LED BY	Monthly · Wednesday evenings, 60 min Greenwich Library Phoebe Oler
Queer Bible Study For queer people and those who love them, without testing the room first. ask drop in, no commitment	WHEN WHERE LED BY TEXT	Monthly · Wednesday evenings, 60 min Greenwich Library Phoebe Oler <i>Parables for the Queer Soul</i>
Sunday Seekers For anyone already at St. B on Sunday who wants somewhere to put the big questions. ask drop in, no commitment	WHEN WHERE LED BY	Monthly · after the 10am service, 30–45 min, from 11 Oct St. Barnabas Phoebe Oler

meet **god**

For those seeking a more personal relationship with God: rooms built for encounter, not just information.

Alpha For those longing to know God, not just know about God. ask eight sessions and the retreat Two groups. One full; one has places.	WHEN WHERE LED BY	Eight sessions across the year, plus a Saturday morning retreat The Rectory Justin Crisp
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TEENS Teen Bible Study Students 8th grade and up, especially those already confirmed. ask commit to most sessions	WHEN WHERE LED BY	Sundays, monthly · 11:15–12:30, with lunch St. Barnabas Phoebe Oler
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PARENTS

Parent–Teen Bible Study

For parents of teenagers — especially those in the Teen Bible Study. Follows the Teen Bible Study readings.

ASK drop in, no commitment

WHEN Monthly · 1 hr
WHERE Zoom or in person
LED BY Phoebe Oler

follow **jesus**

For those deepening their walk with Jesus through steady habits: rooms that ask ongoing practices or new commitments.

Thursday Bible Study

For early risers who want Scripture before the day starts.

ASK drop in, no commitment

WHEN Every other Thursday · 8:00am, from 17 Sept
WHERE Coffee For Good
LED BY Justin Crisp
FOLLOWS *For Better, For Verse* podcast

The Sunday Seminar

For explorers of theology and history, who love to learn and teach.

ASK drop in, consider leading one session of your own

WHEN Weekly · Sundays 9:00am, between the services, from 13 Sept
WHERE St. Barnabas
LED BY Justin Crisp & Susan Jackson
AUTUMN How the Gospel came to England

TEENS

Confirmation Class

7th–9th graders coming through Youth Church.

ASK commit to most sessions

WHEN Sundays, monthly · 11:15–12:30, with lunch
WHERE St. Barnabas
LED BY Phoebe Oler

Curious about any of these? Email Father Justin at jcrisp@stbarnabas.org or Rev. Phoebe at poler@stbarnabas.org, or call Alessandra in the parish office, to sign up or for more information.

ONGOING

Children & Youth

Children's Church and Youth Church start today! Children's Church is our Sunday School program for kids **pre-K to 3rd grade** led by Dr. Jewelle. Youth Church is our youth formation program for kids **4th-8th grade**. **Teens 9th grade and up** are encouraged to volunteer with Dr. Jewelle, help lead worship, serve at Pacific House, and attend Teen Bible Study. Reach out to Rev. Phoebe for more information.

Join St. Barnabas at Pacific House Tuesday, September 22 at 5:15pm

Each month, St. Barnabas provides and serves food to the residents of Pacific House, a shelter for housing insecure men in Stamford. Please join the St. Barnabas faithful at our September dinner at Pacific House, Tuesday, September 22. We meet at 5:15pm at the shelter: 597 Pacific Street, Stamford. *Please sign up online to confirm what you can bring or how you can serve so we can avoid duplications. Thank you for serving!*

fall **2026** · at a glance

ST. BARNABAS · SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Sun 13 Sep **Kickoff Sunday** · 8 & 10am
Sunday Seminar at 9am
Choir season, small groups, the Sunday Seminar, and Children's & Youth Church all begin.

Fri 18–Sat 19 Sep **Awe & Wonder Overnight**
Children & Youth 4–14 are invited to a night under God's starry sky.

OCTOBER

Fri 2 Oct **70th Anniversary Gala** · 6:30pm
Round Hill Club

Sat 3 Oct **RHA Neighbor Day**
Family Fun Day · 11am–3pm

Sun 4 Oct **Festival Communion** · 10:00am
Blessing of the Animals · 3:00pm
Festival Communion includes the Blessing of the Stuffed Animals.

Sun 11 Oct **Evensong** · 5:00pm

Fri 23 Oct **Awe & Wonder** · 5:30pm

Sun 25 Oct **Fall Concert** · 3:00pm
Blessing of the Goblins at the 10:00 service.

NOVEMBER

Sun 1 Nov **All Saints Day**
Service of Remembrance · 5:00pm

Sun 22 Nov **Chorister Sunday**

Thu 26 Nov **Thanksgiving Day Service** · 10:00am

Sun 29 Nov **Advent I**

DECEMBER

Fri 4 Dec **Christmas on Lake Avenue** · 7:30pm

Sun 13 Dec **Christmas Pageant** · 10:00am
Pageant & Communion at the 10:00 service.

Thu 24 Dec **Christmas Eve — Family Service** · 2:00pm
Christmas Eve · 5:00pm
Christmas Eve · 9:30pm

Fri 25 Dec **Christmas Day** · 10:00am

Leaders in Worship This Morning

Preacher & Officiant	The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp
Celebrant	The Reverend Phoebe Oler
Altar Guild	Mary Ellen LeBien Karen Coxe Alicia Orrick
Eucharistic Ministers	Susan Jackson Susan Holey
Director of Music	Marnus Greyling
St. Barnabas Choir	Bridget Nixon Barbara Zay Megan Friar Matthew Zay Alan Rasmussen John Rose
Crucifer	Brett Wheeler
Readers	Jinny Sammis Megan Friar
Intercessor	Harry Fisher
Ushers	David Harris Mary Ellen LeBien
Coffee Hour Host	St. Barnabas

We want to be friends in Christ.

We would love to get to know you, and to support you in your spiritual life. You can use this QR code to share your information with us, sign up for our e-news, or request a call from a priest or member of the staff. We look forward to hearing from you.



R E C T O R

The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp

S T A F F

The Reverend Phoebe Oler
Associate Rector

Marnus Greyling
Director of Music

Dr. Jewelle Bickel
Director of Children's Ministry

Lori Sodergreen
Director of Operations

Alessandra Arango
Director of Communications

V E S T R Y

Sarah Bleasdale and Susan Holey, *Wardens*; Bob Jenks, *Treasurer*; Lori Samuel, *Clerk*; Phoebe Erdman, David Evans, Øivind Lorentzen, Cynthia Maasry, Leslie Moroz, Caralyn Stevens, Roddy Tilt, Brett Wheeler



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