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Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: September 20 – 27, 2026

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Rector's Forum (U)
- 4 pm Evensong (N)
- 5 pm Reception (L)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Offices Closed

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 7 pm Vestry (U)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 10 am Staff Meeting
- 1 pm Bible Study (FR)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 7:30 pm Chorale (N)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (N)
- 6 pm Community Dinner (U)
- 6:45 pm Adult Formation (MH)
- 6:45 pm One Big World (B217)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 11 am OWLS (O)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Offices Closed

- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Rector's Forum (U)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation (Edw)

Location Abbreviations:

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| BL - Bicknell Library | C - Columbarium |
| CR - Choir Room | EdW - Education Wing |
| FL - Front Lawn | FR - Family Room |
| L - Lobby | LL - Lower Level |
| N - Nave | O - Offsite |
| R - Rectory | SMC - Chapel |
| U - Undercroft | Z - Zoom |

Introduction to Calligraphy & The Saint John's Bible Wednesday, September 23 | 6:30 pm Undercroft



In the first book, *Throphias*, I wrote about all that unfolded at night from the beginning until the day when he came to his own end after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he appeared to them as they were eating and drinking, appearing to them during private and speaking about the kingdom of God. While sitting with them he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. This he said, "What you have heard from me, if you have kept with you, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." When they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, he was watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going, they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." When they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem at Sabbath day four miles off, when they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as her brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred names present) and said, "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit said through David foretelling concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, 'for he was numbered among us and was allotted

his share in this ministry.' (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle, and all his innards gushed out.) This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language *Field of Blood*, that is, field of blood." (This scripture is in the book of Psalms, 'Let his home and his dwelling be desolate, and let there be no one to live in it.') And

Let another make his position, of necessity." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." So they proposed one, Joseph called Barnabas, who was also known as Justus, and said this: "Then they agreed, and said, 'Let Judas son of Kypros have the lot, since he was one of those men who have chosen to take the place in the ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Kyros, and he was added to the eleven apostles."

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation, under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed & astonished, they asked, "Can not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear each of us in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own language we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying one to another, "What does this mean?" But others mocked and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter stood, and with the eleven raised his voice and addressed

REPENT & BE BAPTIZED
EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE
NAME OF JESUS CHRIST
SO THAT YOUR SINS
MAY BE FORGIVEN;
AND YOU WILL RECEIVE
THE GIFT OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT.



OWLS

Outrageous • Wise • Loving • Service

Rector's Forum!

Today | 10:15 am | Undercroft

Join us for coffee, treats and community in the Rose Garden (weather permitting) following the 9 am service!

All Children are Welcome! Children gather at the Children's Cross for the Collect of the Day and dismissal to Children's Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons for that Sunday. They return to join in our Prayers and to share in the Peace and Holy Communion.

Parish & Community Events

Today at Christ Church

Childcare for infants through age 3 is offered during the 9 am Sunday Eucharist.

- » Holy Eucharist..... 8 amNave
- » Coffee Hour.....8:45 am Undercroft
- » Holy Eucharist..... 9 amNave
- » Rector's Forum..... 10:15 am Undercroft
- » CYF Formation Leader Orientation 10:15 am Ed. Wing
- » Evensong.....4 pmNave
- » Reception..... 5:15 pmLobby

This Thursday at Christ Church

Dinner this week: Huli Huli Chicken!

- » Evening Prayer.....5 pm Chapel
- » Holy Eucharist..... 5:30 pm Chapel
- » Community Dinner.....6 pm Undercroft
- » One Big World 6:45 pm Ed. Wing
- » Adult Formation..... 6:45 pm Undercroft

Thursday Adult Formation
6:45 pm | Through November 19

Join Mtr. Maureen and Fr. Drew for a discussion of Tish Harrison Warren's new book, *What Grows in Weary Lands: On Christian Resilience*. This week: Chapter 1!

Parish Life

OWLS

Psychedelic Soul:

A Journey through Rhythm & Time

Friday, September 25 | 10:30 am

Followed by lunch at the Mercury Bar

From the fuzzy guitar riffs of Psychedelic Shack to the cosmic, soulful sounds of Marvin Gaye, we will explore the revolutionary era that changed music forever. Bring your good vibes, your favorite memories, and your love for the classic Motown groove. \$15 plus lunch. Please RSVP to Colleen, cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org by September 20!! Carpools available!

Sunday Book Study

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

Sunday, November 15 | 6:30 pm | Miller Hall

This multi-generational debut novel detailing the 1962 disappearance of a four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl and its fifty-year impact utilizes alternating perspectives – focusing on the victim's brother battling guilt and the stolen child navigating a hidden identity – exploring themes of trauma, systemic injustice, and grief. Books available for purchase in !

Children, Youth & Family

Children's Chapel, 10:15 – 10:45 am, PK3–4th grade: Children gather at the Children's Cross for the Collect of the Day and dismissal to Children's Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons.

Atrium Formation Leader Volunteer Orientation

Today | 10:15 am

Join Lisa Brown for a review of the calendar, lessons, systems, etc. No RSVP or cost necessary! All formation leaders will need to take the safe church training, steps and instruction available on the CCGP web site or by scanning the QR code.

Atrium Faith Formation

Grades Pre-K – 12

Sundays Beginning September 27 | 10:15 am

Every Sunday from September through May, we offer regular faith formation classes and activities for children and youth grades PK3 – 12. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work together to lead our children through age-appropriate lessons, crafts, and interactive discussions as they explore a new theme each week.

The Village at Christ Church

Bi-weekly on Thursdays | 5 pm

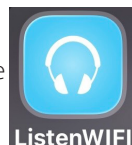
A welcoming community for parents to connect, share, and support one another through the early years of parenting. The Village fosters real, in-person relationships rooted in shared values, helping families feel known and connected while modeling meaningful community for our children. Open to all parents of young children, free childcare provided. Contact Lisa Brown, lbrown@christchurchgp.org for more information.

Hearing Impaired?

If you're struggling to hear the spoken word during a service or event in the nave, we now offer a listening system that streams audio directly to your smart phone and your attached hearing aids or other listening device (such as AirPods or headphones). Belt packs are available on request. To use your smartphone and personal hearing device:

1. Connect to our Wi-Fi: CCGP-Guest, Password: Godlovesyou.
2. Download the free ListenWIFI app from the App Store or Google Play.
3. Open the ListenWIFI app and select the Nave channel.

Questions or issues? Please reach out to a staff member or usher.



The LORD is gracious and full of compass

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God.

Do You Know a Child Who Loves to Sing?

The Choir of Christ Church Grosse Pointe has provided outstanding music opportunities for Grosse Pointe and Detroit area children for nearly a century.

Our young singers learn the basics of singing, reading music, and fundamental musical structure. The first step in our program provides children and families an experience of our world-class choir program in a fun group environment, while providing an opportunity to explore the choir's role in our community. Parents of children with enthusiasm for music are encouraged to email Scott Hanoian, Director of Music, at music@christchurchgp.org.

Evensong

Today | 4 pm

The service of Evensong (or sung Evening Prayer) is drawn almost entirely from the Bible: Psalms, lessons from the Old and New Testaments, and Canticles (songs of praise from the Scriptures). Music is an integral part of this service, and the choirs offer sung prayers to God on behalf of the people of God. A reception follows the service in the lobby.

7th Annual Hymnathon!

Saturday, October 3 | 8 am – 6 pm

Join us as the Christ Church Choir sings every hymn in the 1982 Hymnal. Join us in person to bang the gong to end a hymn immediately, or ring the bell to sponsor more verses! (\$20 each!) Hymn and chorister sponsorships available NOW! All proceeds benefit our music program. Scan the QR code for more info!



Concert: Home

Sunday, October 25 | 4 pm

The Lakeshore Chamber Singers open our 2025–2026 concert series with a performance featuring music that reflects on the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. The performance will include music by American composers Caroline Shaw, Stephen Paulus, Eric Whitacre, Marques Garrett, and many more. Free-will offering.

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild:

9 am Betsy Creedon

Eucharistic Ministers:

9 am Miles Kennedy
Mary Trost

Lector:

8 am Susan Mara
9 am Tracy Magee

Prayers:

9 am Jim Kastner

Verger:

9 am Katie Trost

Acolytes:

9 am Jay Ash
Bennett Walsh
Catherine Van Culin
Violet Hakim
Eliza Bennett

Ushers:

9 am Dave Redfield
Karyn Weir
Jean Redfield
Brendan Walsh

Flowers:

Deb Champion
Angela von Schwarz

We Pray Together

Please leave your written prayer request at our Reception Desk or contact **Fr. Drew** at rector@christchurchgp.org.

In order to keep all our prayers for healing meaningful and current, we keep names on the Prayer List for two weeks.

In the Diocese of Michigan

Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Royal Oak; Holy Faith Church, Saline.

In the Anglican Cycle of

Prayer we pray for: The Church of Australia.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for:

Bonnie McCoy; Karlyn McCoy;
James & Suzanne McCuish
and son, James; Ken & Anita
McIntyre; Helen McKnight;
Cindy McMahon; Kevin &
Beth McMahon and children,
Ginger and Stephen; Thayer
& Gioconda McMillan; Brian

& Christine McNanney and
children, Lydia and Evan.

We offer prayers for: Al, Barb,
Barbara, Becki, Ben, Chris, Helen,
Jack, Jeff, Jill, Jimmy, Lana, Peter,
Sandra, Stan, Todd.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries

of: Laura Lynch; Lauren Clune;
Jonathan Durkee; Miranda
Ferrara; Adam Alcantara; Jerry
Brackett; Nancy Osborn; Jeanne
McLeod; Pam Kelly; Dave
Gaskin; Kim Sutton; Ralph &
Susan Booth, II; Mike & Megan
Priour; Bob & Susan Payne.

sion, slow to anger and of great kindness.



Lessons for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20

Psalm 104:1-14

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *
O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 10 You send the springs into the valleys; *
they flow between the mountains.
- 11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, *
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests *
and sing among the branches.
- 13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; *
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve mankind;

Esther 3:1 – 4:3

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and did obeisance to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance. Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?" When they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would avail; for he had told them that he was a Jew. When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance to him, Haman was infuriated. But he thought it beneath him to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, having been told who Mordecai's people were, Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur—which means "the lot"—before Haman for the day and for the month, and the lot fell on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar. Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and separated

among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued for their destruction, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, so that they may put it into the king's treasuries." So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. The king said to Haman, "The money is given to you, and the people as well, to do with them as it seems good to you." Then the king's secretaries were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and an edict, according to all that Haman commanded, was written to the king's satraps and to the governors over all the provinces and to the officials of all the peoples, to every province in its own script and every people in its own language; it was written in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's ring. Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces, giving orders to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods. A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province by proclamation, calling on all the peoples to be ready for that day. The couriers went quickly by order of the king, and the decree was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Susa was thrown into confusion. When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Matthew 6:1-6

Jesus, said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

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