



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

14 Pentecost

September 10, 2017

To Lift People Up As Christ Calls

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

SEASON OF CREATION | LAND SUNDAY

9/11 ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Prelude

Fantasia

Pachelbel

Opening Prayer

Be still and feel the presence of God,
the presence pulsing, pulsing through Earth,
be still and feel the pulse of God.

Be still and hear the Spirit of God,
the Spirit breathing, breathing through Earth,
be still and hear the breath of God.

Be still, behold the glory of God,
the glory filling, filling this Earth,
be still, behold the face of God.

Processional Hymn 400

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE WORD OF GOD

Versicle and Response

The people standing, the Celebrant says

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life, in the name of Christ, the pulse of life, and in the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen.

People Holy! Holy! Holy!
Earth is filled with God's presence.

Celebrant Christ, we come into your presence to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,

People a planet overflowing with your presence,
a presence alive in the forests,
a presence filling in the land,
a presence moving in the wilderness,
a presence shimmering in the rivers.

Celebrant God, reveal yourself to us in this place, and show us your face in all creation.

People Holy! Holy! Holy! The whole earth is filled with your glory.

A Collect for First Responders

The celebrant says

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when

they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. Amen

– adapted from the *Book of Blessings*, #587, by Diana Macalintal

Celebrant We invite the land to worship with us:

People wildflowers and mushrooms,
swirling grasses and goldenrods.

Celebrant We invite the farmlands to sing with us:

People wheat fields, orchards, and vineyards,
hay fields, gardens, and wetlands.

Celebrant We join with all the fauna of the fields in praising
God:

People horses, sheep, and cattle, grass snakes and
grasshoppers, eagles and crows.

Celebrant We invite the ground to stir deep below:

People life-giving microbes restoring the soil, beetles and
worms preparing our food.

Celebrant We celebrate the song of the soil!

People Sing, soil, sing!



I Invocation

- 1 O all ye works of the Lord, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
praise him and ¹mag^{nify} him for ¹ever.
- 2 O ye angels of the Lord, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
praise him and ¹mag^{nify} him for ¹ever.

II The Cosmic Order

- 3 O ye heavens, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
O ye waters that be above the ¹firmament, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord;
- 4 O all ye powers of the Lord, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
praise him and ¹mag^{nify} him for ¹ever.
- 5 O ye sun and moon, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
O ye stars of ¹heaven, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord;
- 6 O ye showers and dew, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
praise him and ¹mag^{nify} him for ¹ever.
- 7 O ye winds of God, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
O ye fire and ¹h^{ea}t, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord;
- 8 O ye winter and summer, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
praise him and ¹mag^{nify} him for ¹ever.
- 9 O ye dews and frosts, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
O ye frost and ¹c^öld, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord;
- 10 O ye ice and snow, ¹ble^{ss} ye the ¹Lord; *
praise him and ¹mag^{nify} him for ¹ever.

- 11 O ye nights and days, 'bless ye the Lord; *
 O ye light and darkness, 'bless ye the Lord;
 12 O ye lightnings and clouds, 'bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and 'magnify him for ever.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

God, our Creator, whose glory fills all things, help us to discern your presence among us and our kin in creation, especially in the soil, in the fields, and on the land. Help us to empathize with your creatures who are suffering and to serve you as agents for healing the land. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and restores all things in creation. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16

Insert

Psalms 139:7-10

Insert

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-17

Insert

Sequence Hymn 518

Westminster Abbey

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Moment of Silent Reflection

The people stand.

Creation Creed

We believe that God creates all things,
renews all things, and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary,
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with all creatures.

We believe every creature joins us in praising God.

We see many suffer with Earth
because of human crimes against creation.

We believe that God became incarnate
a living part of creation, Jesus Christ,
that he lived and breathed and spoke among us,
suffered and died on a cross
for all human beings and for all creation.

We believe that the risen Jesus Christ
fills the whole creation,
reconciling all things to God,
renewing all things.

We believe the Spirit renews life in creation,
groans in empathy with every suffering creature,
and waits with us for the rebirth of the whole creation.

We believe in one holy Church, the steward of creation
and the Body of Reconciliation.

We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation,
reconciled, restored, and renewed.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the God of love who has promised to be present
where two or three are gathered, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop,
Daniel our Bishop, and for the Diocese of Pennsylvania that,
following the example of Jesus, we may be peacemakers and
reconcilers to all who are alienated or wounded, let us pray to
the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that Jesus who is present when we gather
in his name, may keep us one in his love, let us pray to the
Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Donald our President, Thomas our Governor and for all
the world leaders, that they may be guided to resist what is evil,
forgo vengeance and overcome evil with good, let us pray to the
Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those suffering as a result of the hurricane, that their lives
may be made whole as they trust in God and are assisted by the
loving hearts and hands of others, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord,
hear our prayer.*

For a new spirit of reconciliation, that we may have the grace to forgive those who have injured us and the courage to live honorably and generously, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all first responders, rescuers, and work crews in storm-hit areas, and all those in need of our prayers remembering especially The Flynn Family, Ro, Nancy, Walter, Posie, Michelle, Cristian, Elizabeth, Karl, Marcella, Daphne, John, Karen, Lucy, Delaney, Diane, Joseph, Bruce, Harry, Jane, Chris and for those we now name either silently or aloud (pause); that God will protect them, strengthen them, and raise them up, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all the departed, remembering especially Terrence and Sean who died this week, and for those we now name either silently or aloud (pause); that having put on the Lord Jesus Christ they may be bound to him in heaven, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Saint Christopher and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant Jesus Christ, teach us to empathize with Earth. Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries for justice from the hills and the trees. Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit, groans from the deserts, the plains, and the winds. Jesus Christ, make our souls sensitive to the call of our kin, species in pain calling from land, sea, and air. Jesus Christ, teach us to care. *Amen.*

Celebrant Remembering our role in this world as stewards of creation.

People We remember the dry land that rose from waters in the beginning, the plants that emerged from the soil to cover the land with vegetation, and the rich diversity of animal life. We remember the gardens and the fields of our childhood, the places where we played in the sand, when we felt close to the ground, to magic flowers, and to baby animals.

Leader Jesus Christ, once buried in Earth, hear our cry:

People We regret that we have become alienated from Earth, and treated this garden planet as a beast to be tamed, as a domain to be dominated, and as a place to be ruled for our gain.

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

People Shalom! Shalom! We are coming home!

Celebrant As we come home to Earth,

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant As we seek to love our home,

People Christ, have mercy.

Leader As we seek to care for our kin,
People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant

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

Welcome and Concerns

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our concern for those in need, including all our fellow creatures on planet Earth.

People With all creation, we bless our Creator.

Offertory Anthem *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

Presentation of Alms and Oblations Doxology

Our Father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing

America

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light

Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Season of Creation Eucharist Prayer

Celebrant The Creator be with you and all creation.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Open your hearts.

People We open them to our Creator.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Maker of heaven and earth.

People

It is right to join every creature in praising God.

Celebrant

It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator.

Your word is the impulse for all things to be,
for space, stars, and stardust to appear,
for Earth to emerge from the deep,
for life to be born of Earth,
and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit.

You chose human beings
to be your servants on Earth,
to care for our garden home;
you suffered when they desecrated
the Earth and its waters and lands.

Your Spirit was the life impulse in all things,
restoring the broken and healing the wounded,
groaning in anticipation of a new creation,
stirring with new life born of water and the Spirit.

You chose to be born a human being,
to become a part of Earth,
to suffer, die, and rise from the dead
to redeem humankind, restore creation,
and reconcile all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living power in all things,
the Christ deep among us,
filling Earth—land, sea and air;
filling every element and place;
filling the grain and the grape
we share with you this day.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
saints and sinners,

ancient voices in the forest,
high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea,
and the whole company of creation,
we proclaim your presence among us.

People

Holy, holy, holy, God of all life,
earth and sea and sky
and all things that exist
are full of your presence
and glorify your name. Amen.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people kneel

The Celebrant continues

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at the table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,

which is poured out for you and for all

for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,

and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,

who was and is and is to come,

we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,

and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts

That they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth

and make us your new creation,

the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,

With Saint Christopher all your saints,

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

to feast at the banquet prepared

from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise,

for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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.

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

Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover*

Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the table with all your kin and share with all in need: the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those in sin, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears.

People May we who share these gifts, share Christ with one another and with all our kin.

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymn 339

Schmücke dich

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant and People

We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May the God who is above and through all and in all fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth, the pulsing of Christ through Earth and the dream of the Spirit that all will be reconciled, renewed, and restored through Christ our wounded healer.

Recessional Hymn 376

Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Concluding Voluntary

Thompson

Prayers of the People

<i>Ro</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Jane</i>
<i>Posie</i>	<i>Karen</i>	<i>Daphne</i>
<i>Cristian</i>	<i>Lucy Crawford</i>	<i>Joseph Richards</i>
<i>Elizabeth Thompson</i>	<i>The Flynn Family</i>	<i>Michelle McCoach</i>
<i>Karl Zueger</i>	<i>Delaney Carnhan</i>	<i>Bruce Childs</i>
<i>Chris Moller</i>	<i>Diane Griffin</i>	<i>Walter</i>
<i>Marcella</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>Harry</i>

Entries on our Parish Prayer List stay on for one month
unless renewed by request.

**The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the
Glory of God in Remembrance of all Those Who
Lost Their Lives in the 9/11 Attack.**

Prayers for the Departed

Terrence Dowling
Sean Flynn



Welcome First Responders



Today we welcome all first responders and their families as we give thanks for their heroic service to this community. We also remember, with deep sadness, all those who lost their lives on the sixteenth anniversary of 9/11. Everyone is welcome to join us for a blessing and reception following the service. Thank you for being with us for this special day!

Season of Creation

Today is Land Sunday!

September 17: Wilderness Sunday
September 24: River Sunday
October 1: St. Francis of Assisi Day | Blessing of the Animals

During the last part of the church year that we call Ordinary Time, we will be celebrating a "season of creation" during our worship service! "You can join in a whole-hearted experience of celebrating the mysteries and wonders of creation with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. In a special way, the Season of Creation follows the lead of the psalmists who exhort us to celebrate together *with* creation—with the forest, the rivers, and the fields who praise the Creator in their own way. We celebrate Earth, the garden planet God has chosen as God's sanctuary and as our home. We celebrate with the creatures God has created as our kin on this blue green planet. As we celebrate, we are conscious of the crisis that creation faces because of human greed, exploitation, and neglect. As we celebrate, we empathize with those parts of creation—human and non-human—that are groaning because of human crimes against creation. And, especially, we celebrate the Christ, whose death brings forgiveness for our sins against creation and whose risen presence is the cosmic power at work in reconciling and restoring creation." (<http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/season-of-creation>) Come and join us as we give thanks to God for this wonderful world and live into our call as steward of creation.

September Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. All members of St. Christopher's are welcome to attend.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Our mission statement challenges us “To Lift People Up as Christ Calls”. We hope we have taken a step closer to living that mission with our \$5,000 donation to the Episcopal Relief Fund. The funds were directed to support those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

As you might know, a significant part of the Outreach funds are raised on Azalea Day when we come together as a church community. The Outreach committee thought it appropriate that we should also come together as a church community to help lift up the people in Houston.

We are also taking a loose collection that will go the Episcopal Relief Fund. If you would like to make a donation, place a check in the offering plate payable to St. Christopher's Church with Hurricane Harvey in the memo line.

We are also collecting the following items that are a current need which a group from St. David's in Wayne will be driving down to Houston. Donations must be received by Sunday, September 17th.

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Underwear
- Disposable diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes
- Cleaning Supplies
- Large heavy duty trash bags
- Rubber gloves and working gloves
- Protective masks
- SMALL containers of hand-sanitizers (WITHOUT FRAGRANCE OR ADDITIVES)
- Sanitizing hand-wipes
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Combs and brushes

Discipleship Education

Resumes next Sunday, September 17th at 9:10 a.m.

Series on Augustine begins September 24th

When: 9:10 to 9:50 each Sunday from September 24 through October 22 (the Discipleship hour)

Where: Library at St. Christopher's Church

What: Five sessions on Augustine (354-430): his life, works, and historical significance. He was a north African (probably Berber) who became an elite rhetorics professor in Milan and was baptized Christian under Bishop Ambrose's influence. He returned to Africa, became Bishop of Hippo, and wrote his *Confessions*, the *City of God*, and many other works (so we know a LOT about Augustine). He struggled all his life to provide answers to the hard, cutting-edge questions of his day: what is God? If God is all good and all powerful, why is there evil in the world? As the Roman Empire crumbled around him, he tried to construct another authority—the Christian Church—that would provide order and stability. Because of the breadth of his experience, from poor rural Africa to the imperial court, he understood the variety of needs that the Church would have to satisfy.

Why: In Augustine's lifetime a number of Christian sects, as well as paganism (particularly as the fall of the Roman Empire was blamed on its adoption of Christianity), were candidates to dominate western civilization in the wake of the Empire. Augustine was one main reason they didn't. His formulation appealed to elites because it incorporated classical traditions and because it supported the existing social order. It appealed to poor people because it provided explanation and purpose to their lives. "Augustinianism" is important because it became arguably the dominant system of beliefs in western civilization for many centuries. It is also interesting because of its maximalist approach: Augustine CAN explain how predestination and original sin and free will all fit together!

Who: YOU should attend. The Rev. Hillary Raining and Tom Allen will lead the sessions.

St. Christopher's Annual Fall Picnic

Sunday, September 17th

Join us for Blessing of the Backpacks, Commissioning of the Teachers and Stephen Ministers at the 10:00 a.m. service. It is also kickoff of Children's Chapel! Following the service all are invited to attend the Annual Fall Picnic. There will be games for the children and fellowship for all! Come out and enjoy the fun! Please sign up for a salad or dessert.



Community Event

Interfaith Sabbath

Turning Away from Hate, Turning Toward Each Other

Friday, September 22, 2017

6:30 p.m. Jewish Shabbat worship, followed by a light dinner

Beth David Reform Congregation
1130 Vaughan Lane, Gladwyne

Please RSVP to the church office at 610-642-8920 or
shawna@saintchristophers.org

Ladies Night Out

Our next Ladies Night Out will be on Friday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m. Please join us if you can as we always have wonderful food and lots of fun. Show and tell, from diaries to new quilts and everything in between. Any questions contact Mickey Shumway.

Opportunities for All!

This fall we will be launching two new monthly offerings for us to gather and celebrate our community. Both of these exciting events begin in October.

Family First Fridays

Fridays have never been so much fun! The program provides time for fellowship and prayer for families and individuals of all ages. The evenings will include dinner, activities, and a time for prayer and worship. This is a great way to connect more deeply with your family, friends and God.

Second Saturday Service

Every second Saturday we will visit or do a project to support one of our many Outreach partners. This is another way for us to help and to have some fun doing it. We will gather at the church at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and prayer, before heading out to serve and learn. We will wrap up and return to the church at noon. What a great way to start your weekend! All are invited to join in.

Blessing of the Animals and New Labyrinth

Sunday, October 1st

4:00 p.m.

The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi is the traditional time we bless animals. This year the Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Bring your pet (cat, dog, turtle, bird, etc.) in cage, container, or on a leash. Stuffed animals and pictures of an animal are also welcome! We will also be blessing our new Labyrinth! Refreshments will be served following the blessing ceremony.



Invite Welcome Connect

September 15-17, 2017

Invite*Welcome*Connect and its creator Mary Parmer are coming to the Brandywine Deanery, September 15th-17th, 2017 for "Empowering the Laity." Join in a deanery plenary gathering for clergy and lay leaders involved with evangelism and hospitality. For more information, please contact St. James' Episcopal Church at (610) 269-1774 or www.stjames.ws.

Discipleship Matters

October 16-18, 2017

St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh

This national conference will explore Christian formation for discipleship, scripture engagement, habits of daily prayer, serving the poor, and sharing the Good News. Build on the model of the very successful Evangelism Matters conference held in Dallas in November 2016, this conference will offer keynote presentations, workshops, and networking time, and will be undergirded with Eucharist and the Daily Office. Hillary will be leading a workshop—don't miss it! For more information and to register, visit www.renewalworks.org/events/

Save the Date!



October 20-21, 2017

Square Dancing, Pumpkin Patch, Food and Fun!
More information to come.

Welcome

If you are new to St. Christopher's or visiting with us today, please fill out one of the visitor's cards found in the pews and put it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers.

We welcome you and invite you to join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service. Please feel free to introduce yourself to any of us if we don't get to you first. We believe visitors enrich us.

Sermons Sunday sermons are available on the website (www.SaintChristophers.org).

Nursery St. Christopher's Church provides a Sunday Nursery playroom for children up to 3 years of age. This service is available from 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. Children will love all of the toys and learning materials available in the Nursery as well as the one-on-one time with our Nursery Coordinator, Ann Catania! Please stop by today to take a look!

Weekly Participants

<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Emmy Hartley, Joan Fouracre, Peggy O'Brien, Nancy Purcell, Mary Ann Rich, Joanne Welsh
<i>Chalice Bearers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Dan Sossaman 10:00 a.m. Donna Hammond, Ken Jones
<i>Lay Reader:</i>	8:00 a.m. Dan Sossaman 10:00 a.m. Ken Jones
<i>Ushers:</i>	Kim Croney, March Pepper
<i>Vestry Greeter:</i>	Peggy Maltz
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts:</i>	The Fellowship Committee

This Week at St. Christopher's

Today, Sept 10	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Season of Creation Land Sunday• 9/11 Anniversary Service 11:15 a.m. Reception
Mon., Sept 11	9:30 a.m. Faith with a Twist
Tues., Sept 12	10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Waverly 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
Wed., Sept 13	7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m. Faith with a Twist 8:00 p.m. AA
Thurs., Sept 14	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Sun., Sept 17	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:10 a.m. Discipleship Education 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wilderness Sunday• Kickoff of Children's Chapel, Blessing of the Backpacks, Commissioning of the Sunday School Teachers and Stephen Ministers 11:30 p.m. Fall Picnic

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VESTRY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Rector's Warden – Ellen Pemberton, Accounting Warden – Don Rice,
Property Warden – Perry Pepper
Michelle Bullock, Donna Hammond, Roy Hammond,
Carol Henn, Peggy Maltz, Frank Meloni, Linda McConnell,
Mickey Shumway, Paul Wright

Volunteers for Worship

Our Sunday worship is central to who we are as Christians. Weekly we gather together to worship together, to share in prayer, learning and fellowship with God and one another. It is a time for all people to play an active role in the mission of the St. Christopher's to: "lift up all as Christ calls."

We need you! Volunteers make our beautiful times of worship possible. Volunteering to participate in a specific role during worship, offers the community the opportunity to celebrate our diverse gifts and personalities. There are a number of ways for individuals of all ages to be more involved, including:

Acolytes | Acolytes are the service participants who carry the crosses, candles, and other items in procession, and who help in a number of important ways throughout the service. Becoming an acolyte is a great way to get involved and to learn more about Episcopal worship. Acolyte service is open to anyone in fourth grade or above.

Readers | Readers publicly read the Scripture during our worship and lead the congregation in the Prayers of the People. Hearing from different voices helps us to hear the Scripture anew and remember that it is for all people. Voices of all ages are welcome to read during worship.

Chalice Bearers | Chalice bearers assist the clergy in cultivating an environment in which worship can be celebrated with joy and reverence. They assist with the distribution of Holy Communion, offering the chalice. They also assist with other duties needed for a particular service.

Altar Guild | Altar guild is a ministry of service. These individuals work together to care for the robes, hangings, flowers, implements and elements for our worship. This group works behind the scenes to ensure a beautiful space for our worship.

Let Andrew know that you are willing to help: andrewkellner@saintchristophers.org or fill out the card below and place it in the offering plate.

Name: _____

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I am excited to serve as... (check all that apply)

Acolyte

Reader

Chalice Bearer

Altar Guild

Children's Chapel Volunteers

This year Sunday School is taking on a new look and a new name: Children's Chapel!

Children's Chapel is a time for children (pre-school through 4th grade) to pray, learn and have fun together at church. Children's Chapel will begin September 17th at 9:50am, following Family Breakfast at 9:20am. Each week children and families are invited to learn about the stories of our faith through storytelling, prayer, song and hands on activities.

We need you! Volunteers make this program exciting and possible. Each week a team of 2-3 volunteers will join Andrew or Hillary in leading this spirit filled time. The nature of this program is that no one individual volunteer is needed each week in a row, but rather individuals can sign up for one week each month. There are two key roles that we are asking you to consider taking on:

Storytellers | Each week a storyteller will share with the students a different story about our faith. These individuals can read, tell, or even reenact the story for and with the children. Storytellers will receive a script to guide them, and will be able to rejoin the 10am Worship Service in time to hear the sermon.

Activity Leaders | Each week Activity Leaders will help students in various age groups to reflect and respond to the story they just heard. These activities include play, art and of course discussion and reflection. Activity Leaders will receive a lesson plan crafted to fit the time allotted and be supported by the clergy serving at Children's Chapel. They will rejoin the main 10am Worship Service at the Peace, in time for Holy Communion.

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I am excited to serve as... (check all that apply)

a Storyteller

an Activity Leader
