CHRIST CHURCH
Westshore
ANGLICAN

November 8, 2026

Pentecost 24

Communion Service

ACNA Book of Common Prayer 2019 - Ancient Renewed Text.

Vision Statement: "Our Culture"

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

Know – Grow – Serve

Processional Hymn **Praise to God Immortal Praise** Hymn 288

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825) | Music: *Dix*, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872);
arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

WELCOME

Worthy is the Lord our God,
To receive glory and honor and power. *(BCP, p 146)*

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.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Song of Praise **Behold Our God**

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The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

O God, ***whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The First Lesson **Deuteronomy 14:22 – 29**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24 (*Please pray responsively by whole verse*)

1. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

2. For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers of the deep.

3. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

4. He who has clean hands and a pure heart, and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.

5. He shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of those who seek him, even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

8. "Who is the King of glory?" "It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord, mighty in battle."

9. Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

10. "Who is the King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

The Second Lesson **2 Corinthians 8:1 – 9**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn **Speak O Lord, v. 2** Getty & Townend

Verse 2
Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes,
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel **Matthew 20:20 – 28**

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn **Speak O Lord, v. 3** Getty & Townend

Verse 3
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.

The Sermon **Rev. Gene Sherman**

The Upside-Down Life: "Whoever Would Be Great"

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The people sit or remain standing.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We pray for Steve, our Archbishop, Julian Dobbs, our Provincial Dean, Mark and Allen, our Bishops, Chris, our Bishop Elect and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

We remember those that have died in Christ.

November Prayer Focus

O Gracious Father, you open your hand and fill all living things with plenteousness. With grateful hearts, we come to you and ask that you would multiply through our lives the harvest of the resources you have given us; our time, our talent, and our treasure. We yield to you thanks and praise for the return of our labors. And, we pray, give us a just sense of your great mercies, that we may walk before you in humility, holiness, and obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God,

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.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16 ESV*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Greg Robins	11/10
Rich Kurak	11/14
Elizabeth McCarty	11/14

Offertory

Doxology **All Creatures of Our God & King** Hymn 400, v. 7

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages, by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or stand.
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. ***Amen.***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this, your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Songs
Lamb of God

Twila Paris

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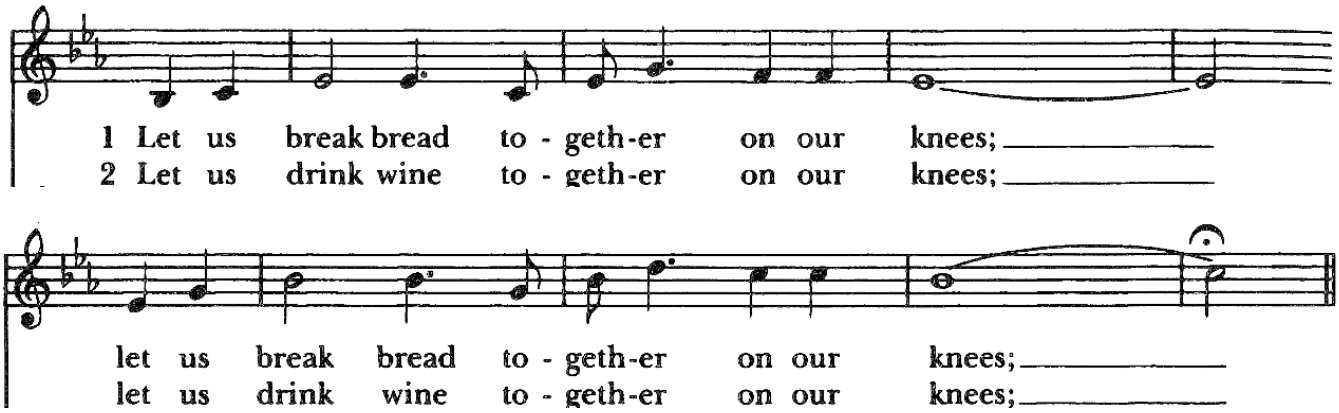
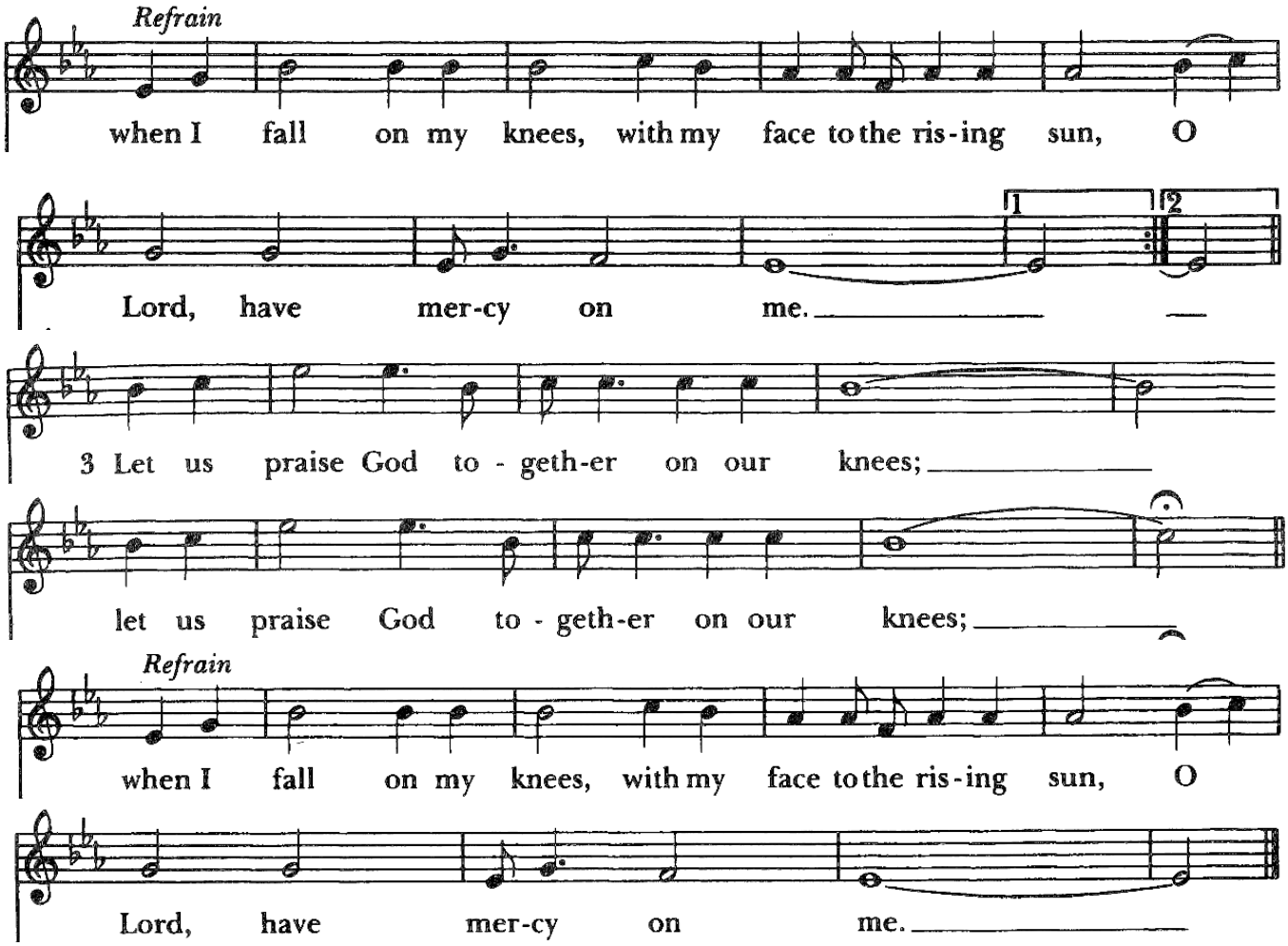
Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn 325





Words: Afro-American spiritual, Music: Let Us Break Bread, Afro-American spiritual; arr .and harmony. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Come unto Jesus Kauflin, Merker, & Story

Verse 1
Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here, bring the wounded hearts, broken & needy,
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Verse 2
Joy of the comfortless; light for the straying,
Hope of the penitent; peace for your strife,
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:
"My yoke is easy; my burden is light."

Chorus
Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough,
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Verse 3
Come taste the Bread of Life; broken for sinners,
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters,
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.
Chorus

Verse 4
Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking,
All that was gain; count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading,
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross,
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross,
Life everlasting, He offers to us.
Chorus 2X

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How Great is the Greatness of God Fowler, Boswell, Papa

Chorus
How faithful the Father above.
How wondrous the work of the Son.
How sweet is the Spirit given to us.
How great is the greatness of God.

Verse 1
Morning by morning, with every dawn,
My soul with a new song awaits.
Still in the evening my praise goes on.
Forever my God is the same.

Verse 2
When my heart gazes on Calvary,
At all of your mercies arrayed,
Oh, that my Savior would die for me,
I sing out with infinite thanks.

Verse 3
Oh, what a comfort in every trial,
His presence is all that I need.
Power that brought resurrection life,
That power is living in me.
That power is living in me.
Chorus 2X

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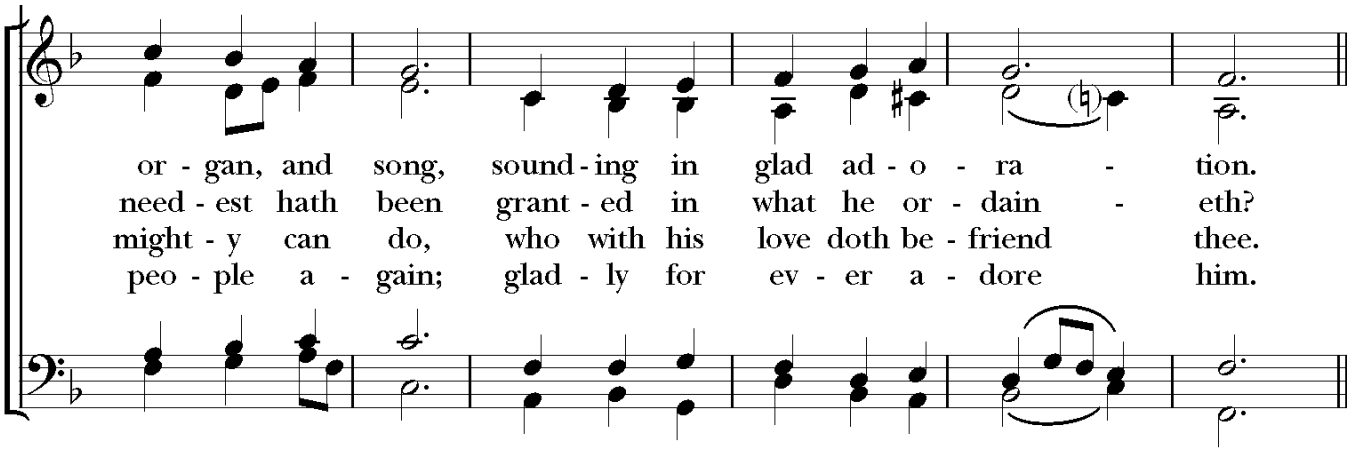
Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, ***we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

The Blessing

The people respond: ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** Hymn 390



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The Dismissal
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, November 8th, Before & After the Service, in the Narthex, Holiday Craft Fair – Please join us for our Annual Craft Fair Festival before and after the service in the Narthex to begin your holiday shopping. Happy Shopping!!!!

November 16-November 23, Operation Christmas Child Drop Off – It's time to bring back your filled boxes! The drop off dates are 11/16 through 11/23. There are morning, afternoon, and evening ministry times available, and we need volunteers to assist Amy during those dates. **We will need 2 volunteers per shift. Please volunteer by clicking on the link in the Realm post you received.** If you have any questions, please call Amy Jackson at 440-935-7315.

Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus with children who otherwise might never hear the Gospel and know the joy of Christ's redeeming love.

Saturday, December 5th, at Parker's Grill (32858 Walker Road, Avon Lake, OH), from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – Take a break from the busy season and join the women of Christ Church and their friends for lunch. Enjoy a delicious hot buffet (chicken piccata, baked salmon with lemon beurre Blanc sauce, pasta primavera, garlic green beans, green salad, rolls & dessert), entertainment, and a short talk by Carroll Middlemiss to prepare our hearts for Advent. **Register by Monday, November 30th** through Realm or by calling Sybil at the office. The cost is $30 per person; scholarships are available upon request. Plenty of seating will be available, with no assigned seats. Invite a friend or two! For questions or concerns, contact Peggy Joyce at 216-225-8180 or Jane Godfray at 440-476-8152.

Nominations for Vestry – Quality elders are one of the keys to a healthy church. Forms are available in the narthex and should be returned no later than **December 1st,** to one of the vestry members listed on the bottom of the nomination form. Interviews will be conducted in early December.

Santa's Workshop for Community Resource Services (CRS) at CCW! The Christmas tree in the Narthex is the Angel Tree for donations to CRS. The tree has gift tags with an item that you can purchase and return to CCW for Santa's Workshop. Please select a tag, or several, and bring the purchased item back to CCW **unwrapped** with the tag attached. There is also a basket by the tree for donations of hats, gloves, and scarves. Please put all these items under the tree or in the basket and they will go directly to Community Resource Services (CRS) to be given out during Santa's Workshop. We are blessed; let us be a blessing to others! **The deadline for donations is Thursday, December 3rd. Santa's Workshop will be open to their recipients from Monday, December 7th through Thursday, December 10th.** There will be volunteer opportunities. We'll have sign-up sheets available as we get closer to the date.

Sunday, December 13th, Gifts for Our Senior Saints – We are honoring our senior saints this Christmas with a gift bag from our church family. If you wish to donate, please write "Senior Saint gifts" on the memo line on your check. The bags will be ready on **Sunday, December 13th** and we would appreciate your help delivering them. For more information, please contact Iris at the church office, Jane Godfray (440) 476-8152, or Peggy Joyce (216) 225-8180.

CRS (Community Resource Services) Pantry Needs – Currently, CRS needs the following items: boxed side dishes, canned fruit, toilet paper, canned chicken, hearty soups & jelly. Please bring your donations to church and leave them in the bins located by the front closet in the narthex. Thanks in advance of your kindness and generosity. Praise the Lord.

2027 Offering Envelopes – If you don't currently have offering envelopes and would like to have them, please let the office know. The 2027 envelopes will be distributed in December.

Family Prayer Book, Beautiful New Resource for Anglican Families –
Anglican House Family's debut publication brings the BCP 2019's family prayer liturgies to life in two richly illustrated volumes. Since the *Book of Common Prayer's* publication in 1549, families have used its beautiful liturgies to pray together each day. *Family Prayer* makes this inheritance available to the whole family, inviting the wonder and delight of even the youngest family members. This two-volume hardcover set presents the BCP 2019's Family Prayer liturgies in their entirety, accompanied by original full-color illustrations by Nathan Sharp. The prayers are ancient. The illustrations are new. Together they make something worth returning to every morning and every evening, year after year. The books are now available for preorder. The cost for the set is $29.99. For more information or if you would like to order the books, please go to anglicanhouse.org/shop/family-prayer.

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Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1 – 9

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, [2]for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. [3]For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, [4]begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— [5]and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. [6]Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. [7]But as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

[8]I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. [9]For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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Giving

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God!

CASH REQUIREMENTS		
Through Sunday	**11/01/26**	
2026 Cash Requirements		
Current Month Cash Needs	**$**	**55,907**
Current Month Actual Cash Received	**$**	**5,879**
Current Month Additional Cash Needed	**$**	**50,028**
YTD Cash Needs	**$**	**614,979**
YTD Actual Cash Received	**$**	**396,602**
YTD Additional Cash Needed	**$**	**218,376**
2026 Total Cash Requirements	**$**	**670,886**

Attendance for 11/1/2026

10:00 am — 131

Online — 71