

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

Eleventh Sunday

after Pentecost

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



August 4, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, August 4	9:30 am	Adult Forum	Church
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist – 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4-6 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, August 5	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Tuesday, August 6	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	4-6 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, August 7	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Thursday, August 8	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Saturday, August 10	10:00-2:00	Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale	Front of Church
Sunday, August 11	11:00 am	Morning Prayer – 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4:30 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Thomas Lipscomb, *Crucifer & Chalice bearer*
Robert Lipscomb & Henry Lipscomb, *Acolytes*
Greg Maughan & Brian Felty, *Lectors*
Jeannie Welsh, *Intercessor*
Martha Lipscomb, *Usher*
Boyden Gardner, *Streaming*

We welcome Stanley Orr as our Guest musician.

Thank you, Stan for filling in today!

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

Our Vivid Vision

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshipers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

Core Values

Inclusion/Welcome

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

Innovation

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

Collaboration

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

Community Mindedness

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

Culture

Joyful

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

Fearless

We are innovative, purposeful, and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

Embracing

We love others because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

Engaged

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Prelude

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn 11

Morning Hymn

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:
thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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 S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Greg Maughan

Reader A Reading from the prophet Samuel

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall

never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-13 *Miserere mei, Deus*

Each side of the congregation takes a verse, starting with house right (the pulpit side)

Right ¹ **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

Left ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

Right ³ **For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.**

Left ⁴ Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

Right ⁵ **And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.**

Left ⁶ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

Right ⁷ **For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Left ⁸ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Right ⁹ **Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Left ¹⁰ Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Right ¹¹ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Left ¹² Cast me not away from your presence *

and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Right ¹³ **Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

Brian Felty

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Sequence Hymn 221

Gonfalon Royal



1 O Lord Most High, eter - nal King, by
 2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne thou
 3 Be thou our joy, O Might - y Lord, as
 4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, all

thee re - deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of
 claim'st the king - dom as thine own; and an - gels
 thou wilt be our great re - ward; let all our
 praise to thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while

death are burst by thee, and grace has won the
 won - der when they see how changed is our hu -
 glo - ry be in thee both now and through e -
 end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with

After stanza 4

vic - to - ry.
 man - i - ty.
 ter - ni - ty.
 Spi - rit, One. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel: John 6:24-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Celebrant The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What

work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Celebrant **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

Please be seated for the sermon

The Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

Following the sermon, please rise in body or in spirit.

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

Jeannie Welsh

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect, and Daniel, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For all who travel. For all who suffer, struggle or are in need. For our community members who are hungry, living in poverty and all who have no place to call home. And for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: Johana, Rosa, Eleanor, Sylvia, Sam, Peter, Barbara, Gwynette, Pat, Wanda, Nydeah, Dick, Jerome, John, Lawrence, Margaret Jon, Rose, Nyier, Ramona, Arthea, Sydney, and those we now wish to add...

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries or other special occasions this week. For all the people we love and who love us in return.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A brief moment of silence may be observed.

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.**

Absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *Ephesians 4:1-3*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
 but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
 to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect
 heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Following the anthem, please rise in body or in spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you forever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,
 galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with
 memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned
 against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed
 your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of
 Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus 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._____

Celebrant And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Hannah and Deborah; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread Agnus Dei 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 The Gifts of God for the People of God – Holy Food for Holy People.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the altar rail at the front of the church. Please let an usher know if you prefer to stay in your pew and receive communion there. A gluten-free wafer or blessing are available by request - please let the priest know.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The following prayer may be prayed silently by those not receiving communion or those who are at home.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Communion Hymn 339

Schmücke dich



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -
splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban - quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Following the hymn, please rise in body or in spirit.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Healing Prayer – *all who wish to receive prayers for healing for themselves, a loved one or even the world, are invited to join a member of the clergy and/or the healing team in the Prayer Corner (to the right of the altar area) after the service.*

About this service...

Service: Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

Children are always welcome in our worship service, and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back for children who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the “Pew Pen” in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door and turn left. Men’s room is straight ahead, women’s to the right. If you prefer a gender-neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

Offering: The offerings we give help to support the work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Communion: All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front or prefer to stay in your pew we will bring communion to you.

Volunteer Opportunities



Open Hearts Café, our weekly meal and clothing service for our neighbors, is always open for volunteers and donations. Gently used clothing, especially coats, jeans, and shoes, and new socks, underwear and under garments are always needed!

Sign up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/OpenHeartsCafeSignUp>

Worship Volunteers, It takes many hands to make this service amazing!! Join us in helping!



QR Code to Sign Up

Hand out bulletins & welcome people; Set up & clean up the altar for services; Help give out the wine & bread during communion; Read the scriptures during the service; Carry the cross and help at communion

To Learn More and Sign up, go to: <https://forms.gle/hShAprjHyBe7ZsJS8>

Upcoming Formation/Education Class (Fall 2024-Spring 2025)



**PRACTICING
OUR FAITH**

We will be taking a deep dive into all things Episcopal Church in 2024-2025, using the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Schobe.

Do you want to know more about the Episcopal Church? Are you a lifelong Episcopalian and still have questions? Do you just want to know the basics of Christian faith?

THIS IS THE CLASS FOR YOU!

Topics Include: Sacraments, Basic Belief, Why we do what we do, The way the Church works, and more!

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