

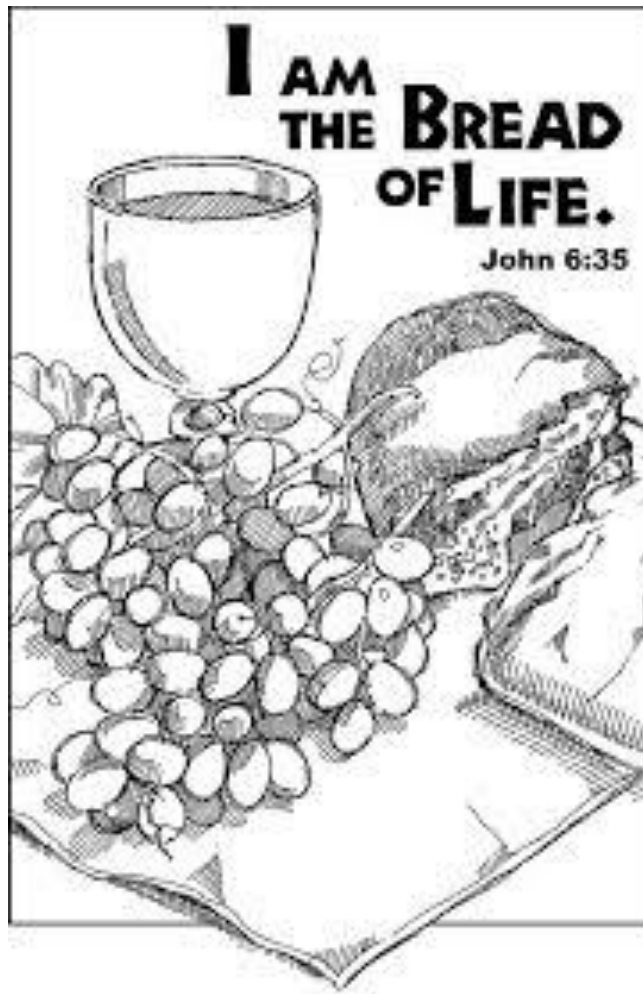
The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

Twelfth Sunday *after Pentecost*

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite II



August 11, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, August 11	11:00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4-6 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Monday, August 12	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Tuesday, August 13	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
	4-6 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, August 14	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Thursday, August 15	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Saturday, August 17	11-2 p.m.	Open Hearts Sidewalk Sale	Front of Church
Sunday, August 18	11:00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Church
	12:00 pm	Refreshments	Church
	4-6 pm	Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Our clergy are away today

A special THANK YOU to our congregation for leading us in worship today!

Thomas Lipscomb, Officiant
 Sally Griffith & Greg Maughan, *Lectors*
 Andy Gutknecht, *Intercessor & Sermon Reader*
 David Otwell & Martha Lipscomb, *Usher*

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.

Morning Prayer

Today we worship with the Morning Prayer service; a kind of service that has been around for millennia. The Jewish pattern of praying at sunrise formed the basis of the Christian monastic Daily Office, with its prayers or “hours” at seven times in each day. Thomas Cranmer’s revision of the Daily Office for the first English Prayer Book (1549) reduced the number of services to two - one for morning (Matins) and one for evening (Evensong or Vespers). In the Second English Prayer Book (1552), the morning service was given its present name, Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer is a service of prayer and songs that can be led by those who are not ordained as priest.

Morning Prayer was once the principal service for Episcopal Churches, and this church would have had communion only once per quarter or on high holy days, like Christmas and Easter throughout most of its history. Presently, our parishioners lead this service for our congregation when our clergy are away. This offers up a time for the whole congregation to do the liturgy – which means “the work of the people” – and support the clergy in their Sabbath and vacation time. We hope you enjoy this service! Thank you for joining us!

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

Dmitri Shostakovich

Welcome & Parish Notices

Vestry Member

Please rise in body or in spirit for the hymn.

Opening Hymn 1

Christe sanctorum

1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual

o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



The Opening Sentence

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief moment of silence may be kept.

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.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen. Alleluia.**

Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness: Come,
 let us a - dore him. 1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for
 joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks -
 giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God,
 and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth,
 and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The sea is his, for he
 made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow
 down, and bend the knee, and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
 he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his pas - ture and the
 sheep of his hand. Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice!
 Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness: Come, let us a - dore him.

Following the canticle, please seated for the Psalm.

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

Each side of the congregation takes a verse, starting with house right.

Right ¹ **Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

Left ² If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

Right ³ **For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.**

Left ⁴ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

Right ⁵ **My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.**

Left ⁶ O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

Right ⁷ **With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

THE READINGS

The First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Sally Griffith

Reader A reading from the prophet Samuel

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.

The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick

branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or in spirit for the canticle

Canticle 9

Ecce, Deus

Ronald Arnatt



1. Sure - ly, it is God whosaves me; I will trust in him and
not be a-fraid. 2. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de - fense, and he will
be my Sa - vior. 3. There-fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing from the
springs of sal-va - tion. 4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and
call up-on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo-ples; see that they re-
mem-ber that his Name is ex-alt - ed. 6. Sing the prais-es of the Lord, for he has done great



Please be seated.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Greg Maughan

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or in spirit for the canticle

1. O rul - er of the un - i - verse, Lord God, great deeds are
 they that you have done, sur-pass-ing hu-man un - der - stand-ing. 2. Your
 ways are ways of right-cous-ness and truth, O King of all the a-ges.
 3. Who can fail to do you hom-age, Lord, and sing the prais-es of your
 Name? for you on-ly are the Ho-ly One. 4. All na-tions will draw near and fall
 down be-fore you, be-cause your just and ho-ly works have been re - vealed.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

The Gospel Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

Officiant A Reading from the Gospel of John

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

Then the religious authorities began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from

God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated for the sermon.

Sermon *Enough to raise the dead* From *Sermons that Work*, Episcopal Church USA
by *The Rev. Charles Hoffacker*,
Priest Associate at St. John's Episcopal Church Beltsville, Maryland..

Please rise in body or in spirit for the Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Suffrages A

Andy Gutknecht

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Intercessor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

As a sign of our gratitude for all that we have been given, we offer back to God our own gifts, called offerings. It is tradition to pass a plate amongst the pews to collect offerings, but you can also give electronically by sending a text "CHT DONATE" to 73256 or scanning the QR Code.



Offertory Sentence

Officiant Put away from you all bitterness, wrath, anger, wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 4:31-5:2*

Offertory Anthem

Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Officiant For the peace of the world; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For the holy Church of God. For the worldwide Anglican Communion, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for the Province of the Anglican Church of Korea. For the Episcopal Church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect. For our Diocese. For Daniel, our Bishop, his canons, the members of Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and the Diocesan Board of Trustees. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Academy. For our companion diocese of Guatemala, especially for Saint Bartolome, Reverendo Presbitero Tomas Cael Saquic, their clergy. For our parish, for John and Rachel, the staff, the vestry, for all who minister and worship here.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation. For our Open Hearts Café and all who engage with the suffering in our city, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for our neighbors who have no place to call home; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially those on our prayer list Patrick, Dana, Johana, Rosa, Eleanor, Sylvia, Sam, Peter, Barbara, Gwynette, Pat, Wanda, Nydeah, Dick, Jerome, John, Lawrence, Margaret, Jon, Rose, Nyier, Ramona, Arthea, Sydney. For our families, friends, and neighbors; that they may live in joy, peace, and health.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

Officiant: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Closing Sentence

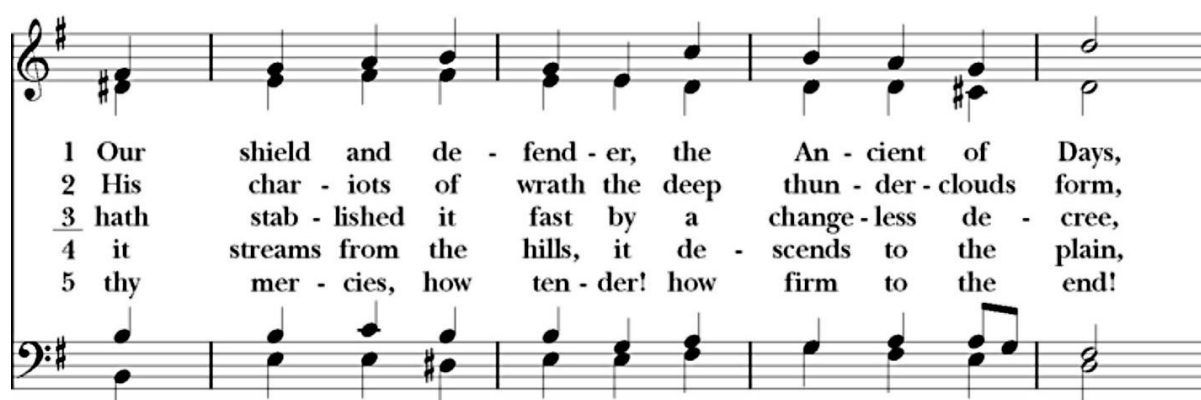
Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

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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: Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the 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 use the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



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>

Adult Education – On break until September

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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Sunday Morning



Weekday Evening



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