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MARCH 2025

# Trumpeter

*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church*

## Weekly Schedule

Sundays

**8 am - Holy Eucharist Service**

**10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service**

Thursdays

**11 am - Prayer and Bible Study (in Person)**

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## Upcoming Events

March 6 @ 11 AM - Bible Study

March 7 @ 12 PM - Healing Service & Stations of the Cross

March 8 @ 9 AM - Men's Breakfast

March 8 @ 7 PM - Flint Symphony Chorus Service

March 12 @ 11:45 AM - Ladies Luncheon

March 13 @ 11 AM - Bible Study

March 14 @ 12 PM - Stations of the Cross

March 16 - Vestry Meeting (following 10:15 AM service)

March 19 @ 10 AM - Worship Team Meeting

March 20 @ 11 AM - Bible Study

March 21 @ 12 PM - Stations of the Cross

March 27 @ 11 AM - Bible Study

March 28 @ 12 PM - Stations of the Cross

April 3 @ 11 AM - Bible Study

April 4 @ 12 PM - Stations of the Cross

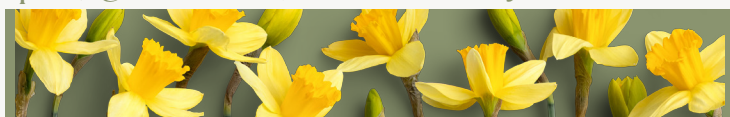
April 9 @ 11:45 AM - Ladies Luncheon

April 10 @ 11 AM - Bible Study

April 11 @ 12 PM - Stations of the Cross

April 12 @ 9 AM - Men's Breakfast

April 13 @ 8 AM & 10:15 AM Palm Sunday Services



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Chapin Cook (2028)

## Upcoming Lessons

### March 2

#### Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-43a

### March 9

#### First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

### March 16

#### Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

### March 23

#### Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

### March 30

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Find the readings every week at  
[lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net)**



# The Priest's Desk

Beloved of Christ,

On Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our journey through Lent. The Episcopal Dictionary of the Church explains Lent in the following way:

"Early Christians observed a season of penitence and fasting in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP pp 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an old English word meaning 'spring,' the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited to 'the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word' (BCP, p. 265).

I would like to invite you into this season just as you are. After all, we all fall short of the glory of God. We are all in need of God's love, mercy and grace. I recall that as a child, I was not a fan of Lent. It meant more services at church and giving up something for the season. It meant no meat on Friday's (for me, that was no sacrifice as I love seafood.) At that point in my life, I did not understand what Lent has to offer us.

As I have grown in my faith, I see Lent as an opportunity to share in the journey Jesus made to the cross. Whatever sacrifices I may partake in, they are nothing compared to what Jesus went through on that splintery, rough, and painful cross. I actually enjoy the season of Lent now. I see Lent as an opportunity to go deeper into my faith. To meditate, sometimes fast. It is a time where I purposely set aside time in my day to pray, to study, to read scripture. Yes, I do this already, but I often change up my prayer, I study something that will make me a better follower of Jesus, and I use scripture in different ways. Changing things up can be a powerful opportunity for me.

This year I have added extra time to pray for our church and our nation. I ask God to show me the way of living that will be pleasing to God. I ask God to show me how to love people even when we strongly disagree on things. I ask God to remind me that we are ALL children of God, that we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Simply put, I ask God to give me the wisdom to change what I can, and that is myself.

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will gather together for a pancake supper and we will celebrate Mardi Gras! Our Ash Wednesday service will be at Noon. We will continue our Friday Noonday Stations of the Cross. (On the first Friday, we will pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by a brief service of healing.) We will celebrate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will recall Jesus at the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, where Jesus also washed the feet of all of the disciples, including Judas, who would hand him over for crucifixion). We will pray with our neighbors on the evening of Good Friday during the ecumenical service (we will be hosting this year). And on Easter Sunday, we will rise to new life as Jesus rose from the dead.

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# From The Priest's Desk Continued...

I want to encourage you to take advantage of these powerful opportunities. They are all invitations to go deeper into our faith, to love as Christ loves us, and to be the light of Christ to our world. Remember, we have much more in common than what separates us! Please join us and bring your neighbors, friends, coworkers and anyone else.

Let us be the change we hope to see in the world around us!

Sending you much love during this holy time in the life of our church. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Jerry +

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...

Greetings from the Music Room!



As Father Jerry mentioned in his sermon this Sunday past, Lent is just around the corner---as in Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday!

This year St. Christopher will be hosting our Eccumenical Good Friday service. Churches that will be participating are: Holy Spirit Lutheran, Kirkridge Presbyterian, Grand Blanc Methodist, First Congregational and us! In fact, this year, we shall be hosting! The combined choirs of these five churches (and their directors) will be pulling on the talents pool which will be vast, and we will hopefully present a musically meaningful Good Friday service.

I have heard a rumor that our own Ken Duck may be sharing his talents with us at this service!! (Thank you in advance, Ken!) Musical directors, Andrew Cramer (GB Methodist), Frank Pitts (HSLC), Laurie Disabatino (KPC), Lavonne Bomeli (First Congre.) and yours truly will be on site.

This year, Good Friday falls on April 18th. The rehearsal for the service will be held at 5 p.m., here at St. Christopher's, and then of course, the service itself will begin at 7 p.m. If you would like to participate in this meaningful service, please come to rehearsal at 5. Your voice would be more than welcome.

In Christ, I am yours,  
Nada





## HEALING AND EUCHARIST SERVICE



The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held Friday, March 13, 2025 at Noon. All are welcome to attend.

## COFFEE HOUR



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in February: Tom & Dianne Trevino, Dave & Karen Miller and Nada & Choir.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up to host! You only have to make coffee/tea and perhaps provide a



**Every Saturday!**

**10am - Noon**



Join us for Sunday Services!  
8:00am and 10:15am

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Due to demand in our community, we will continue to keep the Family Coat Closet open through the winter months every Saturday 10 am through Noon. Please consider volunteering to help with the Saturday coat closet. Thank you!



## Men's GROUP

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 9 am @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



The latest Vestry Meeting Minutes and Financial Statement are located on the kiosk in the narthex for review.

As announced at the Annual Meeting, all funds given toward pledges received in the current calendar year must be deposited and posted to the same calendar year. We can no longer accept advanced payment of pledges for the next calendar year. Thank you for your understanding.



## Ladies' Group

The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 12th at 11:45 am at Aubree's Pizza & Grill, 11501 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.

# LENT MADNESS

WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?



The Lent Madness 2025 Booklets have arrived. If you enjoy participating in this fun and unique Lenten devotion be sure to grab your booklet on the table in the Gathering area.



## FOYER GROUPS 2025



For 2024-25 we are modifying our groups slightly due to attrition and new participants. Of course, we'd like additional participants and would gladly add groups. So, if this is a new concept to you and you ask, what are Foyer Groups...they are small groups of 3-8 persons sharing simple meals and fellowship, usually at the home of one of the members, though sometimes the group may gather at a restaurant or other venue. The intention is to have fun and provide an opportunity for us to meet each other and to become better acquainted. Each group typically meets monthly for a simple meal and relaxed conversation and the meetings typically last two to two and one-half hours. Foyer Groups are not intended to do anything, but simply to be what Christians are: groups of people who gather together and love one another so that friendships may grow. Each month, one of the members hosts a gathering. Foyer Groups are not a study or prayer group and they have no agenda other than spending time with one another, which is important for the building of Christian community in our parish. The uniqueness of the Foyer Group is its lack of formal structure, its openness of communication, and its free access given to the Spirit. Since some of our parishioners no longer drive at night, ride sharing and some daytime meetings are encouraged.

If you are interested in participating in a Foyer Group, please contact Ken Duck at [ken.ducksr@icloud.com](mailto:ken.ducksr@icloud.com) or by phone at (571) 232-1827.

## Worship Leaders for March 2025

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<b><u>March 2</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Jane Brewer	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	Available	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Frank Burger	Mike Latesky & Renee Carpenter		Dawn Rutherford		
<b><u>March 9</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Debbie Moses (LEM)	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	Available	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Ken Duck Steve Huber (L)	Rod Pierson & Flo Gjerstad		Shirley Showler		
<b><u>March 16</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Dave Butler (LEM)/Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Susan Armstrong	-----	-----	Rod & Cindy Bytwerk	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Flo Gjerstad/ Andrew Jacob (L)	Jan Taylor & Bill Hartley		Mary Van Duyne		
<b><u>March 23</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Susan Armstrong	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	Available	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Frank Burger	Rod Pierson & Louise Desgranges		Anne Naber		
<b><u>March 30</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Nancy Wells (LEM)/Kay Van Natta	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	Available	-----
<b>10:15 am</b>	Linda Rathburn	Rebecca Stermer & Renee Carpenter		Cindy Donner		