



The Trumpeter

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

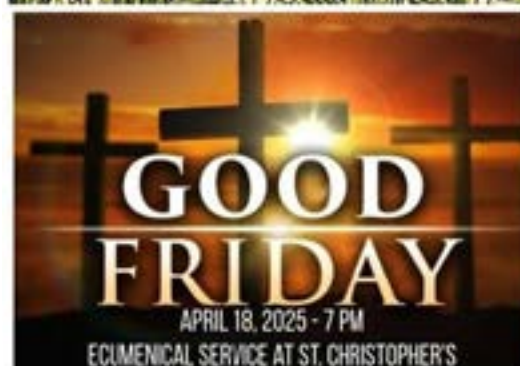
Thursdays

11 am- Prayer and Bible Study (in Person)



Easter Flowers

If you are interested in donating towards Easter flowers, there are envelopes in the Gathering. Thank you.



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Upcoming Lessons

April 6
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 13
Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49

April 20
Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

April 27
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

May 4
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-6. (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 11
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Find the readings every week at
lectionarypage.net



Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Soon we will once again hear the glorious proclamations of “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! He is risen! As we enter into the end of our season of Lent and into the season of Easter, let us take a moment to pause.

Pause and reflect on who we are and what we are called to be. The season of spring is one of my favorite seasons as we begin to feel the warmth of the sun and the flowers begin breaking through the ground, trees start to bud and we just all feel better. It is a time of new life.

First, we must pause to reflect on the profound sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus chose to die on the cross for each and every one of us. Such is his great love for us. Jesus died for our sins and through his cross and blood, we are a re-deemed people.

Before we jump ahead to the glory of Easter, we must remember that Jesus first spent 3 days in hell, fighting for us, for those who have come before us, and for those who will come after us. Jesus overcame the power of sin and death.

Each day, we must choose between sin and righteousness, between life and death. The mystery of the crucifixion must always be at the forefront of who we are and who we are to become.

Just as spring brings forth new life, we are called to enter into our relationship with God more deeply. We must die to self and to sin and choose the path that Jesus has created for us. We must reject evil in all forms and choose love, compassion and justice for all.

We cannot pretend that our world is okay. We must face the realities before us, encouraged in our faith that God is with us. Emmanuel. The same Jesus that was born in a manger is the same Jesus that was raised from the dead. Jesus created a path for us and we must choose that path daily.

Death and life. That is our destiny. If we were to die today, could we say that we loved as Jesus loves us? Could we say that we have fed the poor with good things? Clothed the naked? Given shelter to the stranger at our door? Cared for not just what is important for us, but cared for what is important for the good of the whole of creation? Have we taken steps to care for our earth?

We are all the Body of Christ. As St. Paul in his Second Letter to the Corinthians reminds us, “From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view.” Do we look for Jesus in the face of those whom we fear? The trans kid trying to figure out who they are. The pregnant teen that was raped but has decided to carry the child. The immigrant fleeing violence and war. The Muslim neighbor who just wants to worship in the way that is best for them? The hungry child in our public schools that has no food at home, that gets their only sustenance at school. The Democrat? The Republican?

It is easy for us to call ourselves Christians. We are thrilled that Jesus died for us and that we have forgive-ness through the blood of his cross. But are we confident in our belief that Jesus died for those mentioned above.

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From The Priest’s Desk Continued...

My friends, we don’t have to understand one another in order to be respectful. But if we don’t look for the face of Jesus in every person, we are failing in our mission to serve Christ in one another.

During this season of new birth, let us put away the darkness of the present times and rise to new life. Let us work for justice for all. This is who we are called to be. Even in our pledge of allegiance, we hear those exact same words. “With liberty and justice for all.” All means all. Not just for some, not just for those we might agree with or like or love. All means even those we do not like or understand.

We are called to be the feet, the hands, and the love of the risen Christ. To bring healing and forgiveness. To bring new life to those who feel dead inside. God’s love is foreveryone.

May this season of spring and new life, bring you abundant joy, peace and love. May you be so filled with the Holy Spirit that others will see Jesus working through you. May you find your reason for living, in Christ who died for us all.

Peace,

Jerry+

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...

Notes from the Music Room!

This year, St. Christopher will be hosting our Ecumenical Good Friday Service. This service will take place on Friday, April 18th, at 7:00 p.m. (It is our turn in the rotation) here at St. Christopher, 9020 S. Saginaw Road, Grand Blanc, MI. The churches in our community which will be participating in this service will be Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc United Methodist Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Kirkridge Presbyterian Church, and I believe Halsey Methodist Church as well. It will be a beautiful service, shared by all. Our combined clergy are looking to shape a service involving the stations of the cross, which would intersect at this juncture during Lent. If you might be interested in participating in this service as a singer with our combined choirs, please be at the church for a 5:30 rehearsal, and we will go over music for about an hour together, and then at 7:00 p.m., start the service. We will have choir members from all five of these churches, as well as other special musicians. Our own Ken Duck is scheduled to play the last piece at this meaningful service.

I offer this text, Mid-lent, from Hymn 455, “Oh Love of God, how strong and true” to please read and hear in your heart.

Oh Love of God, how strong and true:

O love of God, how strong and true, Eternal and yet ever new; Uncomprehended and unbought, Beyond all knowledge and all thought.
O wide-embracing, wondrous love, We read Thee in the sky above; We read Three in the earth below, In seas that swell, and streams that flow;
We read Thee best in Him who came, to bear for us the cross of shame; Sent by the Father from on High, Our life to live, our death to die.
We read Thy pow’r to bless and save, E’en in the darkness of the grave; Still more in resurrection light, We read the fullness of Thy might.
O love of God, our shield and stay, Through all the perils of our way! Eternal love, in Thee we rest, Forever safe, forever blessed.

In Christ, I am yours,
Nada



From The Senior Warden

It’s hard to believe that Easter is nearly upon us, and many of us are returning from the south anxiously looking forward to Michigan and our friends at church.

I want to thank all of the members of the Vestry who have done such a wonderful job while I was away. I am looking forward to working with the Vestry and members of the congregation to meet the challenges ahead.

I wish you all a wonderful spring!

Chapin Cook



HEALING AND EUCHARIST SERVICE



The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held Friday, May 2, 2025 at Noon. All are welcome to attend.

COFFEE HOUR



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in March...Dave & Karen Miller, Bill Hartley, Jan Taylor, Rene Carpenter, Rod & Cindy Bytwerk, Shirley Showler and Nada Radakovich.

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 small snack or treat item if desired.



Men’s GROUP

The next Men’s Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 12 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

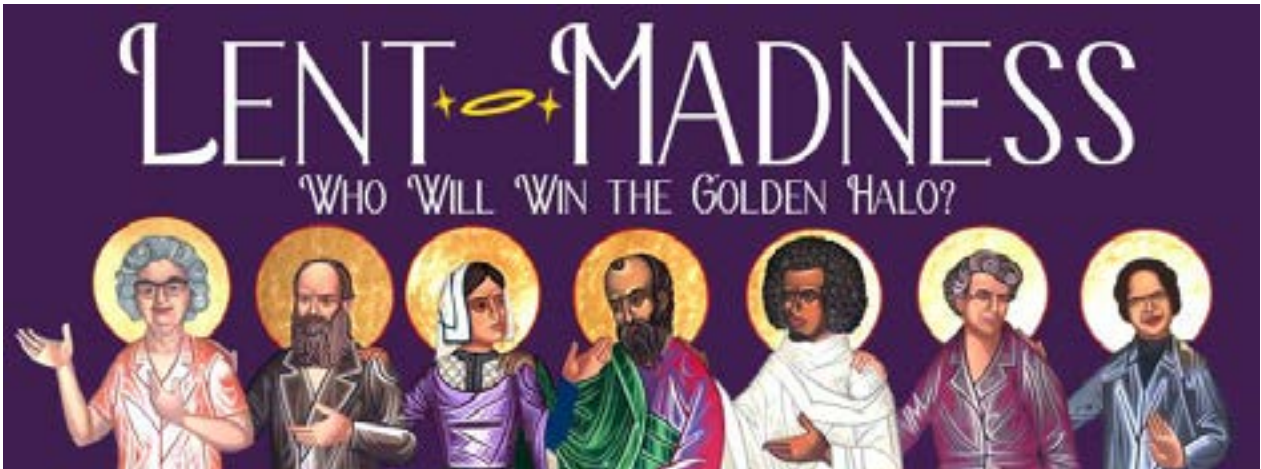
The next Ladies’ Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 9th at 11:45 am at Irene’s Craft Kitchen & Biergarten, 210 Reid Rd, Grand Blanc. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.





Easter Brunch Potluck

There will be an Easter Brunch Potluck on Sunday, April 20th following 10:15 a.m. service. All are welcome to attend! There will be two sign-up sheets located on the table outside of the Sanctuary. Please make sure to sign up on both sheets. We ask that if you have more than two people attending in your party that you sign up for more than one dish to pass. We want to ensure that we have plenty of food for everyone. Thank you!



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 2025 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 or by phone at (571) 232-1827.



Worship Leaders for April 2025						
	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
April 6						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Jane Brewer	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	Chapin & Ellen	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Mike Latesky & Renee Carpenter		Dawn Rutherford		
April 13						
8 am	Debbie Moses (LEM)	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	Available	-----
10:15 am	Ken Duck Steve Huber (L)	Rod Pierson & Flo Gjerstad		Shirley Showler		
April 20						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/Dave & Melissa Butler	Jane Brewer & Susan Armstrong	-----	-----	Easter Brunch Potluck	
10:15 am	Flo Gjerstad/ Andrew Jacob (L)	Jan Taylor & Bill Hartley		Mary Van Duyne		
April 27						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Susan Armstrong	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	Available	-----
10:15 am	Frank Burger	Rod Pierson & Louise Desgranges		Anne Naber		