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OCTOBER 2025

Trumpeter

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

The CHOSEN

Please join us on Thursday, October 9th at 10 am as we continue in the series "The Chosen". Our format is: Watch an episode, discussion and then pitch in soup luncheon.

We will continue meeting each Thursday at 10 am (unless otherwise announced). Hope you will join us!

Thank you again to ALL of our volunteers
during the Ally Challenge!



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Upcoming Lessons

October 5
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 12
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 19
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 26
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sirach 35:12-17
Psalm 84:1-6
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

November 2
All Saint's
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 9
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Find the readings every week at lectionary-page.net

FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK



October brings a flood of color into the world. The beautiful tapestry that nature gives us is woven by a God who loves creation very much. This tapestry can remind us of how we are woven together to make something vibrant and beautiful. The colors of the fall season provide a stark contrast to the human condition in our world today.

The news is filled with a lot of negative things going on in the world. Yet, we are people of faith and hope. It is difficult for us to see a time when our world was filled with so much hatred and bias. This isn't the first time and I doubt it will be the last.

Throughout history, people have turned their eyes from God. Almost every single time, people have realized their sins and repented. God, in turn gives them another opportunity. That is our God. The God we profess every Sunday.

The German word for salvation history is Heilsgeschichte. This compound word combines "Heil" (salvation) and "Geschichte" (history or story), and it refers to the theological concept of God's saving actions throughout human history, particularly in the context of the Christian understanding of the Bible. God has not once, abandoned us to the powers of evil and God never will. God loves us way too much. Our God is love in action. God truly wants what is best for us.

It's easy for us to get discouraged by the news. We must always remember the faith we profess. In response to all that is going on in our world, we must respond by telling the Good News of Jesus Christ. We must spread love, joy and peace. Our goal on earth is to find God and make God's presence known here and now. We are to make the Kingdom of God present here and now. Heaven is not some lofty goal. With the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can make heaven known in our world.

The task before us is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. What did Jesus do? Read the scriptures and study the life of Jesus. Be the hands, the feet, the mouth of Christ to those we encounter.

This is not to say that we should bury our heads in the sand and ignore the world around us. We are often called (as followers of Jesus) to be countercultural. Jesus didn't imitate the negativity. He didn't ignore it. Jesus provided us the template in how we are to respond to whatever is going on around us. Jesus stood up for those who were outcasts. The poor, the hungry, the sick and the stranger. Jesus was about restoring people to God.

We must and can do the same. My advice is to pray, to study scripture, and to listen. Listen to the voice of God. God is searching for those who realize their dependence on God. Our job is to let us be found by God, to be molded by God and to ignore the status quo. To ignore those who make the lives of others difficult and to stand up for justice, peace and love.

It is a daunting task. The church has seen numerous saints rise up over human history. God continues to call us to rise up. Be a voice for positive change. Be a heart that loves unconditionally. Be the voice of reason and hope.

Together, we will make a difference. Remember this. We may not change the world, but we might change the world for one person.

Keep the faith!

Jerry+





Please note that the next Healing Service will be held on Friday, October 3, 2025 at noon. Next one will be Friday, November 7, 2025.



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in September: Jane Yorks, Becky Stermer, Flo Gjerstad, Chapin Cook, Ellen Safley and Shirley Showler.

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



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.



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 9 am @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



Please mark your calendar for St. Christopher's Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 11, 2026 following the 9 am service. There will only be one service on January 11th at 9 am. We hope to see you all there.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at 11:45 am at Atlas Valley Golf Club, 8313 Perry Road, Grand Blanc. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.

From the Senior Warden...

Welcome to October, the month of changing leaves, crisp mornings, and football. The holiday season will soon be upon us.

Thank you to everyone, members, Angels and friends who supported our effort to improve our HVAC System Initiative. The contract was signed September 16th and work has already begun. The Altar Guild will be happy to have a much warmer sacristy in the winter and cooler in the summer, not to mention no frozen pipes and water leaks. Hopefully the sanctuary and offices will be warm and cozy without wondering whether to dress for winter or summer! In exceeding our goal, we also have the start of an HVAC maintenance fund for parts that may be needed throughout the year. Your prayers and donations have made this possible!

All in all, it's been a very productive summer thanks to the volunteer efforts of our members and staff. Thank you all.

Chapin Cook



From the Music Room...

Can it be---is Fall really here? I have spotted several stunning bright red trees as I drive back and forth to Lansing, and it always seems to send a quick thrill through my heart--- Fall is so very beautiful here in Michigan.

Thank you, Everyone, for your warm and welcoming response to the return of our choir. It truly made our musical souls happy to get to sing the Dirksen, "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart". Such a terrific piece of music! Thank you for applauding for the sound of our choir. It truly made each singer very happy.

Well, I guess this month marks 10 years I will have been serving at St. Christopher as Director of Music. Thank you, St. Christopher, for this wonderful experience. It has been an honor being a part of this loving, generous, kind and caring church family. I am going to try to continue to meet our musical needs as our church year unfolds.

Now, all I would ask of you is, please, to SING SING SING!!! We have great hymns in both our 1982 Hymnal and in our Lift Every Voice and Sing African-American Hymnal, and I want to see and hear our congregation lifting our voices and making a robust, fabulous sound! Too, it is also good for your health. This is a fact. Singing is good for your health.

As November approaches, it does mean that the Grand Blanc Choral Society's "Messiah" performance will be on its way. Please mark your calendars, and we hope to see you on the afternoon of November 23rd, right here in our sanctuary. Come early so you can get a good seat. This performance is such a thrilling experience. A number of members of our choir also participate in "The Messiah". If you might be interested in singing in "The Messiah", please talk to me, or to our conductor, Mr. Walker. Rehearsals will start on October 25; 10:30-12 in the sanctuary. Then, the following three Saturdays, November 1, 8 & 15, same time, same station. We ask that you attend at least three of these rehearsal dates. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, November 22nd, (9:00 a.m.-12 noon) and is mandatory. Then for course, the performance will be Sunday, November 23rd at 4:00 p.m. St. Christopher has been so generous in allowing this performance to take place here for these many years. We all are so very grateful. Thank you, Father Jerry, for continuing this tradition.

In Christ, I am yours, *Nada*





We will be holding our All-Saint's Day Service on Sunday, November 2, 2025. Please submit all names to be included in the bulletin to Angela in the Church Office or on the sign-up sheet on the table outside of the Sanctuary no later than Sunday, October 26, 2025. Thank you!



Carriage Town Ministries

The other week, Father Jerry and Senior Warden Chapin Cook had the opportunity to meet with a representative of Carriage Town Ministries and learn more about their ministries with the homeless. We will be partnering with Carriage Town to distribute the bags that we put together previously for those in need. We also hope to make plans to partner with them in other capacities.



Family Coat Closet

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Every Saturday!
October through January
10am - Noon
(or by appointment with the church office)

 **St. Christopher's**
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

Join us for Sunday Services!
8:00am and 10:15am
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ITEMS NEEDED FOR **BLESSING BAGS**

Please help us provide essentials to those in need. Items can be placed in the basket in The Gathering.

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Hand Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Deodorant

Water Bottles
Socks
Protein Bars
Gallon Size Baggies



Thank you for your donations!



ARMED FORCES
AND FEDERAL
MINISTRIES

Armed Forces and Federal Ministries Cycle of Prayer

Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

Under the direction of Bishop Ann Ritonia, Armed Forces and Federal Ministries provides pastoral care and support to members of the military and federal agencies. This week's updates include:

Cycle of Prayer 2025-2026. You can find the complete cycle at www.episcopalchurch.org under Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.

In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for the following:

Week of Oct. 5 Those serving in the Americas and Europe—at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Ramstein Air Force Base, Army Garrison Bavaria, and Naval Station Rota.

Week of Oct. 12 All our Navy service members on their 250th birthday and those serving in the Pacific—at Camp Humphreys, Kadena Air Base, Yokota Air Base, Naval Base Guam, and Osan Air Base.

Week of Oct. 19 Those serving in California—at Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Moffett Federal Airfield, Travis Air Force Base, Twentynine Palms, Naval Base San Diego, Edwards Air Force Base, and the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center.

Week of Oct. 26 Those serving in Colorado—at Fort Carson, Peterson Space Force Base, Buckley Space Force Base, Schriever Space Force Base, Federal Correctional Center Florence, and the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center.



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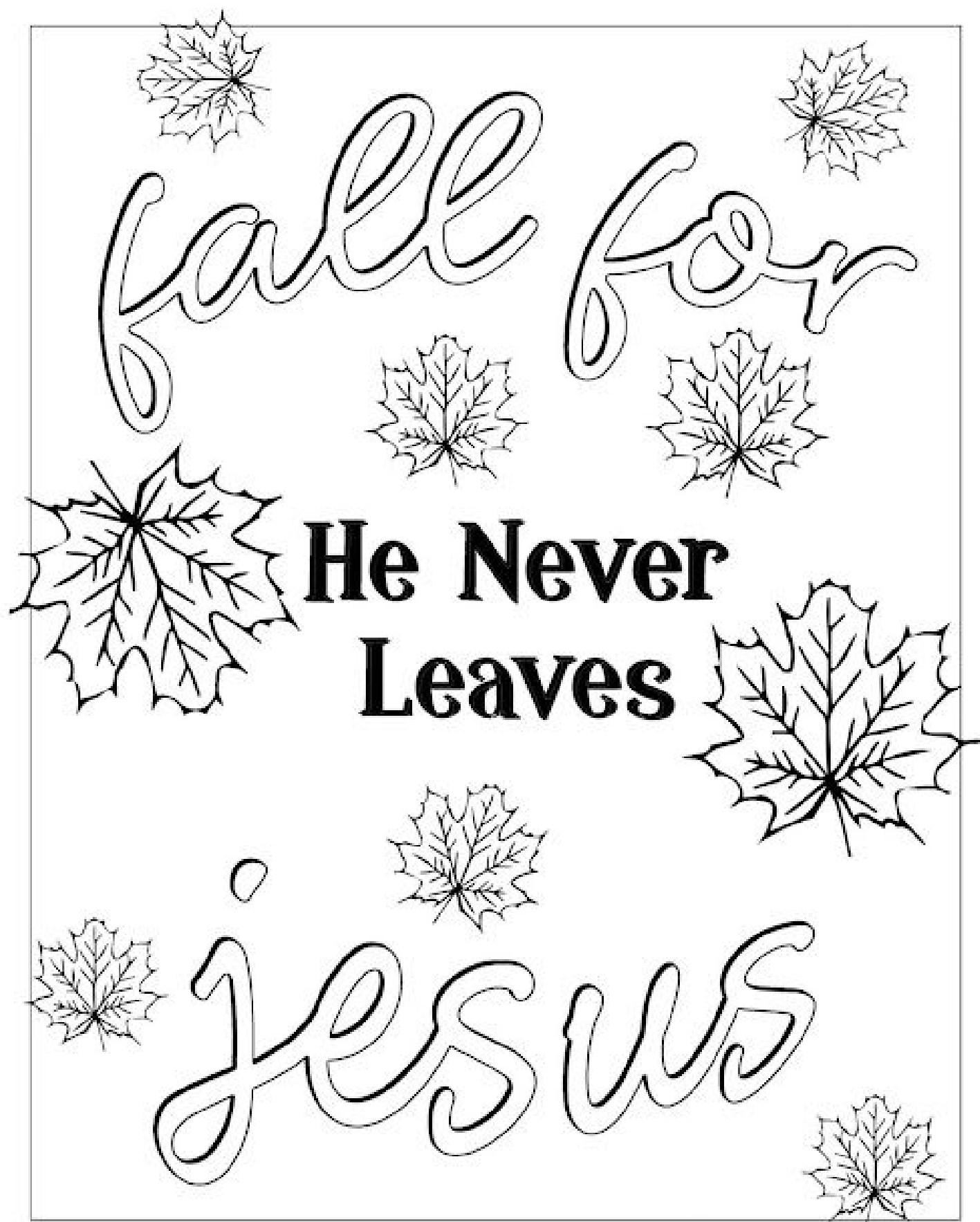


October 26, 2025 | Immediately following 8 am Service

Worship Leaders for October 2025

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>October 5</u>						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/ Jane Brewer	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Bob Luckey (LEM)/Ken Duck (L)	Rebecca Stermer & Bill Anderson		Colleen Shrank	Dave & Karen Miller	Charles & Ger- aldine Rud- duck
<u>October 12</u>						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/Jacob Stuart	Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses		-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn (LEM)	Rod Pierson & Rene Carpenter		Dawn Ruther- ford	Charles & Ger- aldine Rudduck	Available
<u>October 19</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses (LEM)/Susan Armstrong	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Ellen Safley (LEM)	Jan Taylor & Bill Hartley		Sharon Rice	Jeff & Kim Parker	Jane Brewer
<u>October 26</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/Kay Van Natta	Dave & Melissa Butler	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:15 am	Flo Gjerstad (LEM)/Steve Huber (L)	Jane Yorks & Louise Des- granges		Louise McAra	Janice Fly & Jane Yorks	Available

Color Me...





October Schedule

October 3

12 pm Healing Service

October 4

10 am Blessing of the Animals Services

October 5

8 am In-Person Communion Service
10:15 am In-Person Communion Service
with Livestreaming on Facebook

October 6- October 10

Father Jerry - Vacation

October 8

11:45 am Ladies Luncheon

October 9

10 am The Chosen Study

October 11

9 am Men's Breakfast

October 12

8 am In-Person Communion Service
10:15 am In-Person Communion Service
with Livestreaming on Facebook

October 15

10 am Worship Team Meeting

October 16

10 am The Chosen Study

October 19

8 am In-Person Communion Service
10:15 am In-Person Communion Service
with Livestreaming on Facebook



October 22

10 am Vestry Meeting

October 23

10 am The Chosen Study

October 24

Convention/Saginaw

October 25

Convention/Saginaw
10:30 am - 12:30 pm The Messiah -
General Choral Rehearsals

October 26

8 am In-Person Communion Service
9 am Flu Shot Clinic
10:15 am In-Person Communion Service
with Livestreaming on Facebook

October 30

10 am The Chosen Study

