The NOVEMBER 2025

Trumpeter

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

From the Senior Warden...

Hello to all from the sunny south. It is our month to give thanks and to be honest I have to start with I'm thankful to be south in Florida with Ellen. But when you think about it, we are thankful and blessed for our fellow congregation members in Grand Blanc, Michigan. I am thankful for our staff and Jerry that get all the work done that we need to accomplish in outreach and just keeping the building going. I'm thankful for our vestry members and all of the members of the congregation who help us every week with such a variety of meetings and accomplishments and prayers. I'm thankful that we will be able to fly back to Grand Blanc and be there for the Christmas holidays this year. We will stick around for the Annual Meeting and then I'm thankful we'll be able to return to sunny Florida. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

-Chapin Cook

The CHOSEN

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

Hope you will join us!

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Upcoming Lessons

November 2
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Isiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-8
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

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

November 16
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 23
Last Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 30

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

December 7
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Find the readings every week at lectionary-page.net

FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK

Greetings Everyone!

It's that time of year when things start to get very busy. As I write this though, I wonder if there is ever a time when it is not busy. This year has flown by for me, and I can't believe we are getting ready for the beginning of Advent. I look back and I think, wow, we've done a lot this year.

As we begin to prepare for the holiday season and as we look back on what we haveaccomplished, I'm left with some questions.

1. How are we growing spiritually?

a. Communal worship is key to being a Christian. We should actively participate in the life of the church. There are many ways to do this. Become an usher, LEM or Reader. (Training after both services on November 9th .) Becoming a part of our Prayer Ministry Team is another way to participate. How about Vestry? So, I'm left with this question. Are you an active participant or merely a bystander?

2. How are we growing in active members?

a. I'm happy to say that we have several new faces in our pews. Get to know them and invite them to breakfast (8:00) or invite them to Coffee Hour. Another way to make them feel welcome is to invite them to sit with you during worship. If we want new members, we must make certain that they feel welcome and valued. Maybe they have questions that you can answer about the service or what we believe as Episcopalians. If not, send them my way.

3. How are we providing for the future of St. Christopher's and for our financial security? We want to be here for generations to come.

a. Our Vestry works hard on planning. They look at opportunities we might have that will get people involved and will help us in our daily lives. Vestry may only meet once a month, but I assure you they work weekly on gathering information, deciding about opportunities we might have for engaging in outside ministry, dealing with finances.

b. If you look closely at our budget, you will see that much of our current cash on hand is in designated funds. That money can only be used for very specific purposes. Our collections lately have been down, yet our expenses continue to grow. Your budget at home sometimes requires cuts to spending. Your Vestry and Finance Team make sure that we don't waste money on frivolity. We don't want to make cuts in staff or services, so we need everyone's help. The budget for next year will soon be made. Please get your pledge in as soon as possible so that we can plan ahead. If you make a pledge, please honor that promise to God and to the church. If I pledge to give a million dollars (oh how I wish I could) it means nothing if I don't honor it. I do understand that sometimes things happen that are out of our control. That is life and there's nothing that we can do about it.

I am proud to be your rector. I am proud of the work we have accomplished. I am proud of our new outreach project that provides Blessing Bags to Carriage Town. I know that there are some folks who are planning on going there to help make the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Wednesday mornings.

I am excited about our future, and I hope you are too. I believe that our theme for the coming year holds true. “We Believe that Together, Everything is Possible.”

Each of us holds our own views on the world, on the larger church and on the people we worship with. Despite our differences, we come together to worship, to enjoy the company of one another, to laugh, to cry, to celebrate and to mourn. We are invested in one another, in our parish and in our world. We are better together!

Blessings on you as you begin preparations for the coming holiday season. My prayer is that you have much to be thankful for, that you are able to gather with friends and family, to remember those we have lost, to celebrate those we have gained. I pray that each of you will find the joy of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to fill you hearts with love, light, peace and hope. Be the reason someone believes in God!

Jerry+

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 prayfor our chaplains, military members, their families, and for the following:

Week of Nov 2 Those serving in Connecticut - at Naval Submarine Base New London, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Camp Niantic, Coast Guard Station New Haven, Federal Correctional Institution Danbury, and the VA Connecticut Healthcare System.

Week of Nov 9 All our Marine Corps service members on their 250th birthday and those serving in Delaware - at Dover Air Force Base, New Castle Air National Guard Base, Bethany Beach Training Site, Coast Guard Station Indian River, and the Wilmington VA Medical Center.

Week of Nov 16 Those serving in Florida - at the Federal Correctional Institution Miami, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, MacDill Air Force Base, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, and the Orlando VA Medical Center.

Week of Nov 23 Those serving in Georgia - at Fort Benning, Robins Air Force Base, Fort Moore, United States Penitentiary Atlanta, and the Atlanta, and the Atlanta VA Medical Center.

Please note that the next Healing Service will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025 at noon. The following one will be Friday, December 5, 2025.

Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in October: Dave & Karen Miller, Jeff & Kim Parker, Nada Radakovich, and Charles & Geraldine Rudduck.

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.

The lastest 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, November 8 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.

Mark your calendars and don't forget to turn back your clocks an hour for daylight savings on November 2nd.

The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 11:45 am at Sophia's Kitchen, 11395 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.

From the Music Room...

Hello Everyone!

Thank you for the wonderful greeting honoring my 10 year anniversary with you here at St. Chris. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your music director for these past 10 years! We have made it through some challenging times. Hopefully, the music we have been providing has helped a bit along the way! Even though our bell choir has been on an extended hiatus for the past 24 months, our bells are fine and in good condition. Our pipe organ is doing just fine under the watchful eye of Mr. Walker and pianos are in good condition as well. At the moment, our biggest issue is the mold/mildew which has started to appear in the choir room. I am trying to keep after it, but it is a big job. Most of the file boxes for the music have some blob of mold/mildew on them...I am in there with Lysol Disinfectant wipes, trying my best to get rid of the mold, but it is a tricky job.

We have a new soprano from Fenton who has joined us for the past several weeks. She is a young singer who I have known for a long time, and I am so glad she can sing with us for a time. Her name is Isabella (Izzy) Edmunds-Hogan, and she just finished a run in the musical "Ride the Cyclone" in Lansing. She played the role of Jane Doe.

MESSIAH IS COMING. MESSIAH IS COMING. MESSIAH IS COMING. In case you hadn't noticed the big green banner stretched across Saginaw Road downtown GB, we at St. Chris will be hosting the Grand Blanc Choral Society's performance of Haendel's "Messiah" on Sunday, November 23rd at 4:00 p.m. If you have not already penned this event into your calendar, please take a moment and do so. It is a wonderful musical event, and a number of singers from our very own St. Christopher's choir will be performing as soloists in this great work. Sopranos Cynthia Butcher, Audrey Ditri and Angel Langford will be singing, as well as mezzo-soprano Judith Conyers, and tenor Andrew Wilson. Too, Jeff Fisk will be filling out the bass section! Our own Jeff Walker will be conducting from the harpsichord and we will be hosting a lovely champagneafterglow following the performance. Please, if you are free that afternoon, do attend! There is no cost to come and hear Messiah. If you would like to make a donation, you may do this, but otherwise you do not need tickets.

Hope to see you there!

~ In Christ, I am yours,

Nada

Community Outreach

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!

DINNER

THEATRE

Good times

Worship Leaders for November 2025

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
November 2						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/ Jane Brewer	Dale & Sharon Rice	---	---	**Available**	**Available**
10:15 am	Rod Bytwerk (LEM)	Flo Gjerstad & Mike Latesky		Anne Naber		
November 9						
8 am	Debbie Moses (LEM)	Dave & Melissa Butler		---	**Available**	Jane Brewer
10:15 am	Frank Burger (LEM)	Rod Pierson & Rene Carpenter		Shirley Showler		
November 16						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/Susan Armstrong	Jane Brewer & Debbie Moses	---	---	**Available**	Janice Fly
10:15 am	Bob Luckey (LEM)	Flo Gjerstad & Louise Desgranges		Cindy Donner		
November 23						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/ Dave & Melissa Butler	Neuman & Jan Convis		---	**Available**	**Available**
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn (LEM)	Bill Hartley & Jan Taylor		Sharon Rice		
November 30						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Kay Van Natta	Dave & Melissa Butler		---	**Available**	**Available**
10:15 am	Karen Miller (LEM)	Rod Pierson & Rene Carpenter		Jane Brewer		

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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD