



The

FEBRUARY 2026

Trumpeter

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8 am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Service

From the Senior Warden...

First, I want to congratulate all of the retiring members of the Vestry and thank them for their service. We would not be able to run as good a church without their help over the last several years. I also want to welcome the new and existing members to a new year on the Vestry. We are happy to have some new voices and returning folks who can help us with the challenges for next year.

Speaking of challenges, we are looking at many for the new year. We are looking for new members to help sustain our church and I am sure we will continue to find some. We also want to keep our existing members active in the decision-making process and hope they will continue to do that. We also want to continue to support our staff and the great work that they have done.

Budget challenges continue to be an issue that we will have to deal with. We have one more year of the Ally Challenge to help us balance, our budget and find joy in the excitement of parking cars!

Continuing to maintain our building and jointly develop an Improvement Program for the 2026 year. We will work with the Vestry and the membership to come up with ideas and needs for our improvements, and then, as you know, look for ways to fund those improvements.

We also will work with Jerry and staff on Outreach. We have been very fortunate and successful to have our members provide the outreach of the Coat Closet. We will continue with the work of Blessing Bags and looking for other ways to reach out to the community. Happy new year!

-Chapin Cook



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Upcoming Lessons

February 8

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

Matthew 5:13-20

February 15

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

Matthew 17:1-9

2 Peter 1:16-21

February 22

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 1

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 8

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 15

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-14

Find the readings every week at lectionary-page.net

Vestry 2026

Chapin Cook, *Senior Warden*

Rod Bytwerk, *Junior Warden*

Louise McAra, *Clerk*

Jane Brewer, *Co-Treasurer*

Dale Rice, *Co-Treasurer*

Karen Carr (2027) Dave Miller (2027)

Janice Convis (2027) Colleen Shrank (2029)

Diane Stellrecht (2029) Louise McAra (2028)

Jane Brewer (2029) Rod Bytwerk (2028)

Chapin Cook (2028)

FROM THE PRIEST'S DESK



Hello Everyone!

First of all, I miss you and I'm looking forward to returning to church! I can't thank you enough for all of the prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and other messages. It does a heart good to know how much love we have for one another. We take good care of each other!

Now for an update. Surgery went well. They had me up and moving that day. I did spend the night in the hospital and I received excellent care. I was released the next afternoon (during the middle of one of our many snowstorms)! I have had several Physical Therapy sessions. As I write this, I have four more.

I had my post-op appointment on January 26 th, and my surgeon was extremely pleased with my progress...and maybe a lot surprised! He gave me permission to walk inside with a cane or with nothing. Outside I still need to use the cane or the walker. I have been very faithful to my PT routine. I've been getting some steps in by walking around the house many times. Not the most exciting time, I must admit. But I am determined to return better than when I left you!

I will gradually ease back into work. I'm not driving yet, but I will be soon. I do get tired easily still. Overall, I feel so much better. I'm truly amazed at what it's like to walk without pain. I'm relearning how to walk correctly, after having walked with a limp for over a year. I do have some soreness and tenderness but that will eventually go away.

I am looking forward to my return and I can't wait to see you!

God bless you all and again, thank you for all you have done.

Blessings,

Jerry+





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.



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 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 January 4th. Those serving in Iowa - at Camp Dodge, Sioux City Air National Guard Base, Des Moines Air National Guard Base, Army Aviation Support Facility Boone, and the Des Moines VA Medical Center

Week of January 11th. Those serving in Kansas - at Fort Riley, McConnell Air Force Base, the 190th Air Refueling Wing Air National Guard, Fort Leavenworth, and the Eisenhower VA Medical Center.

Week of January 18th. Those serving in Kentucky - at Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, Blue Grass Army Depot, Louisville Air National Guard Base, Federal Correctional Institution Ashland, and the Robley Rex VA Medical Center.

Week of January 25th. Those serving in Louisiana - at Fort Johnson, Barksdale Air Force Base, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, Camp Minden, Federal Correctional Center Oakdale, and the Alexandria VA Medical Center.



Please note that the next Healing Service will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026 at noon. The following Healing Service will be Friday, March 6, 2026.



...COFFEE HOUR...

Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in January: Chapin Cook, Ellen Safley, Bill Anderson and Jeff & Kim Parker. 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 next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 11th from 12 to 1:30 pm at Fifty81 Bistro (Genesee Career Institute Culinary Arts Program), G-5081 Torrey Road (between Hill and Maple).

If you plan on attending, please sign up on the kiosk or contact Louise McAra at (810) 287-4334.



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 14th at 9 am @ Hill Road Grille, 2160 W. Hill Road, Flint. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



If you requested offering envelopes, they are available on the round table in the Gathering. We are trying to cut costs by recycling packets from years past so please ignore the dates on the envelopes. Please be sure to pick yours up. Thank you.

From the Music Room...

Greetings from the Music Room!



Please may I take a moment to thank everyone for the very generous Holiday Gift---Thank ly challenging Christmastime, and knowing how much you care, well, it meant a great deal to me. Thank you.

So, I don't know how many of you might know this, however, when our church found ourselves facing the great challenge of needing a brilliant organist, somehow, some way, God (and maybe too, with an extra whisper from Jeff Walker) inspired Carl Angelo to stop by. I am serious. I looked down at my phone one morning, in late November and there I saw a seldom seen text message in my que; it was from Dr. Carl Angelo.

I cannot begin to express how grateful and, well, how stunned I was when Carl reached out and asked if we might need his help. Father Jerry, I believe, was just as stunned as I. What a beautiful gift!

For those of you who are wondering, Dr. Angelo holds his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Indiana University, where he studied with Larry Smith. (just so you know, in terms of music school hierarchy, IU, the Jacobs School of Music is one of the top music schools in the country). Dr. Angelo is a past winner of the American Guild of Organists Young Artists Competition, He holds his MM and BM degrees from Kent State University, and was on the faculty of music at SVSU for a good spell. He has performed concerts all over the United States.

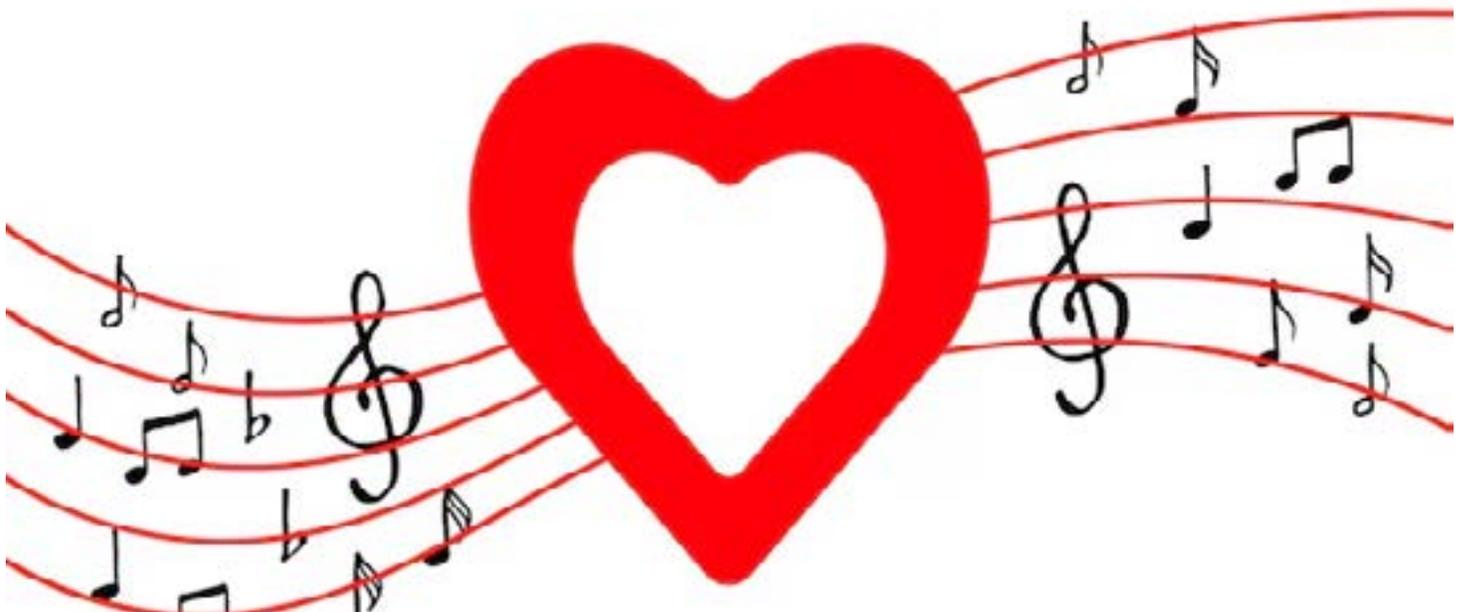
Interestingly, after Jeff Walker retired from First Presbyterian in Flint, to join the musical staff at Christ Church Detroit---Carl Angelo was the right man for the job at First Presbyterian. And now, in some kind of a wonderful cosmic kindness, we are blessed to get to hear Dr. Angelo play organ and also enjoy his warm, kind personality.

Thank you for making the drive down from Saginaw to help keep the fine musical tradition we cherish at St. Christopher continue.

We all give you a tremendous hug!!!

~ In Christ, I am yours,

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**COME JOIN US
for
Pancake Day Celebration
(Mardi Gras)
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:00 PM at St. Christopher's Church
(Free will offering)**

The day before Ash Wednesday we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday. It is also called Carnival (Latin for “remove meat”), Mardi Gras (French for “Fat Tuesday”), and Pancake Day (from the UK). Shrove is from the Old English word “shrift” and means to confess one’s sins, but we will not be doing that as a group. We will have a party!

Join us on February 17th at 6:00pm for a pancake supper. We will have food, games, and music to celebrate the last day of Epiphanytide and transition to the season of Lent. We will have a free will offering.

Wear your purple (represents justice), green (represents faith), and gold (represents power) and come have a fun evening with us.

Sign up sheet is located in the Gathering. Any questions contact Karen Miller at 810-348-3886.



COAT CLOSET

A HUGE thank you to everyone that donated, worked and organized our Coat Closet this season. We were able to reach many individuals in our community and supply them with warm winter coats, hats and gloves. Without your help - this outreach would not be possible.

Thank you for your generosity!

Worship Leaders for February 2026

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
<u>February 8</u>						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/ Jacob Stuart	Neuman & Jan Convis	-----	-----	Available	Available
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn (LEM)	Rod Pierson & Rene Carpenter		Dawn Ruther- ford		
<u>February 15</u>						
8 am	Jacob Stuart (LEM)/Dave Butler	Jane Brewer & Susan Arm- strong		-----	Available	Bill Anderson
10:15 am	Frank Burger (LEM)	Becky Stermer & Mike Latesky		Shirley Showl- er		
<u>February 22</u>						
8 am	Debbie Moses (LEM)/Kay Van Natta	Dale & Sharon Rice	-----	-----	Available	n/a
10:15 am	Rod Bytwerk (LEM)/Steve Huber (L)	Grant Charles & Louise Des- granges		Jane Brewer		
<u>March 1</u>						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Jane Brewer	Neuman & Jan Convis		-----	Available	n/a
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn (LEM)	Flo Gjerstad & Christine Jacob		Dawn Ruther- ford		

