

The NOVEMBER 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...

Hello to all the members of St Christophers Church in Grand, Blanc Michigan, and our friends. We've had a very busy fall, getting things completed for the year and helping to fulfill our promises to the community.

The Vestry met with a representative of the school district to ensure that they could use the church as an emergency site for Cook and Mason schools. We are in the process of completing that project and are looking forward to working with our community schools district.

We've also made good progress on our windows and completed 38 of them from the money that we have contributed as members and friends of our church. Hopefully we can continue that process next year and come up with the funding to complete all of the replacement windows outside of the main church structure.

As you may have noticed, the junior warden has almost completed filling the cracks with joint compound in our parking lot. We need to complete the maintenance of our parking lot to keep that surface solid and hopefully have it last a long time. Thank you - Rod!

We also look forward to maintaining our HVAC system over the next year. Instead of signing a contract we are going to take any needs on a case by case basis and fund them with money that we have proposed to be included in the budget for 2027. We intend to keep using the same company that we have used over the last several years.

In addition, the health department has inspected our kitchen and determined that it is in proper shape to continue the use over the next year. Thank you, Karen Miller for all the work that you've done.

Now, we look forward to completing our budget for 2027 and presenting that to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Our pledges have been coming in and we hope everyone has completed it or will be doing that soon. Thank you for your help.

I hope you all enjoy the month of November and eat enough turkey to get through Thanksgiving. Enjoy!

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Vestry 2026

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Karen Carr (2027) Dave Miller (2027)
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Jane Brewer (2029) Rod Bytwerk (2028)
Chapin Cook (2028)

Upcoming Lessons

November 8
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22
Last Sunday after Pentecost
Ezikiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Matthew 5:1-12

December 13
Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Find the readings every week at lectionary-page.net



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.



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 Nov. 1. In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for 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 Healtcare System.

Week of Nov. 8. In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, all our Marine Corps service members on their 251st 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. 15. In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, Bishop Justin Holcomb, the work of forming military chaplains form other denominations for Episcopal priesthood, and 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. 22. In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Georgia at Fort Benning, Robins Air Force Base, United States Penitentiary Atlanta, and the Atlanta VA Medical Center.

Week of Nov. 29. n the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in the District of Columbia at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Marine Barracks Washington, Washington Navy Yard, the Pentagon and the DC VA Medical Center.



The service will be held on Friday, November 6, 2026 at Noon. The next service will be held on Friday, December 4, 2026 at Noon.



Thank you to everyone who hosted coffee hour in October: Bill Hartley, Jan Taylor, Rene Carpenter, Janice Fly, Jane Yorks, Shirley Showler and Danielle Boone. 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





The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 9 am @ Escamilla Amigos, 10006 S. Saginaw St., Holly, MI. Please sign up on the Kiosk.



The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:45 am at Antonio's Coney Island, 5485 Fenton Rd, Flint.

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



There will be three open Vestry positions at the end of the year. Those individuals that are currently serving are eligible to serve another term and have agreed to do so. Policy and procedure require us to also open the opportunity to the parish prior to vote at the Annual Meeting in January (announcement of date to come soon). If you feel called to serve as a Vestry member, please let Father Jerry know no later than Thursday, November 12, 2026 to be included in the ballot.

Thank you.

FOOD DRIVE

Drop Off Location:
Church Office in the Donation Bin

October 4th through December 6th

Please join us in donating non-perishable and shelf stable foods to benefit those in need. We will be assembling "Holiday Meal Bags" which will be handed out the last two Saturdays before Christmas to families when they attend the Family Coat Closet. *Please note that this is not an event that we will be advertising to the community as we want it to be a surprise for families that attend.*

Suggested Items:

- Canned Vegetables: yams, green beans, corn
- Boxed Mac and Cheese
- Gravy Packets
- Boxed Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Chicken or Vegetable Broth
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Hot Chocolate
- Sweet Treats: Cookies
- Powdered Milk

Thank you!

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From the Music Room...

Greetings from the Music Room!

Here we are---already into November 2026. It is very hard for me to comprehend that this month is already here.

If I may, I want to again, thank everyone for being so kind and caring during this time of mourning. Father Jerry has been so very supportive and understanding. Everyone at our church has been so gentle with me, with my feelings, and I am very grateful to all of you. Now, yet again, I feel that it is important that we also take a moment to recognize that, sadly, we have lost two more members of our choir. On September 30th, our beautiful and wonderful soprano, Cynthia Butcher passed away. And the very day while we were laying her to rest, that evening, G. Donald Kaye passed. (October 8th). G. Donald, despite his advanced years, was a wickedly strong bass in our choir! I was so honored when he told me he wanted to come and sing with us at St. Christopher's. (Truly, I was stunned!) And sure as could be, every week, there he was, folder in hand, pencil at the ready, and his love for music, shining through! He really could sing any bass line we threw at him! Truly, a terrific musician. He and Bob Van Duyne really held down our bass section, and I was always so pleased when we would finish our Offertory Anthem, and Don would 'wink' at me! A great compliment!

All three choir members, Jeff Walker, Cynthia Butcher and G. Donald, back when we had rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, made Soup Supper even more fun that, really, should have been allowed! --Jeff loved preparing a fun brew for Wednesday evenings, Cindy liked to prepare a fun corn-bread or dessert, and G. Donald brought a healthy appetite. It was a special time for all of us! Of course, choir members like Ellen Safley and Bobbie Goergen and Audrey Ditri would bring scrumptious soups to share---(I remember Darlene Hartley, too, bringing soup and chocolate fudge that was to die for!)--and then we would go and rehearse. Wonderful memories. Great music. Great food. Please keep these wonderful musicians in your prayers. They were bright shining lights who shared their talent with us. I know I will forever be grateful.

St. Christopher's will be hosting the Grand Blanc Choral Society's presentation of "Messiah" on November 22nd. The concert starts at 4:00 p.m. Many singers from our choir will be participating in this annual Messiah performance as well as performing as soloists. James Parks will be one of the bass soloists, Audrey Ditri will be a soprano soloist; Andrew Wilson will be the tenor soloist, and his wife, Brianne Wilson will be an alto soloist. Yours truly will be running around, hoping that everything comes together in good form, and, well, if you are able to attend, please do come. I have even heard a rumor that our organist, Carl Angelo may be singing in Messiah this year! (I have it on good authority!)

Thank you, everyone, for taking the time to read this note---and, since you have, just if I may, please hold those you loveso dear even closer to your hearts---

In Christ, I am yours,
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Worship Leaders for November 2026

	LECTOR / LEM	GREETERS	TECH	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	ALTAR FLOWERS
November 8						
8 am	Jacob Stuart (LEM)/Susan Armstrong	Neuman & Jan Convis		---	Flo Gjerstad	Bob & Mary Van Duyne
10:15 am	Mary Little (LEM)	Rene Carpenter & Diane Stell-recht		Anne Naber		
November 15						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/Dave & Melissa Butler	Neuman & Jan Convis	---	---	Jane Yorks	Chapin Cook
10:15 am	Linda Rathburn/ Steve Huber (L)	Bill Anderson & Kim Parker		Louise McAra		
November 22						
8 am	Dave Butler (LEM)/ Dave & Melissa Butler	Dale & Sharon Rice		---	Rod & Cindy Bytwerk	Jim & Jackie Beal
10:15 am	Rod Bytwerk (LEM)	Rebecca Stermer & Christine Jacob		Sharon Rice & Sandy Johnson		
November 29						
8 am	Nancy Wells (LEM)/ Jacob Stuart	Jane Brewer & Susan Arm-strong		---	Bill Anderson	Advent – No Flowers
10:15 am	Frank Burger (LEM)	Mike Latesky & Louise Des-granges		Cindy Donner & Sandy Johnson		