Worship Leaflet for All Services

October 18, 2026

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Serving in Worship Today

8:00 AM | Markley Chapel
The Rev. Rob Brown, Celebrant & Preacher
Ron Gregory, Lay Reader + Tom Spooner, Soloist

10:30 AM | Historic Church
The Rev. Lindy Bunch, Celebrant
The Rev. Rob Brown, Guest Preacher
Buffy Demet & John Whitney, Lay Readers
Gayle Saylors & Nelson Arrington, Vergers
Christ Church Parish Choir
Howard Thompson, Guest Conductor of the Parish Choir
St. Cecilia Children's Choir
Amy Joye, St. Cecilia Choir Director
Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

10:30 AM | Markley Chapel
The Rev. Scott Fleischer, Celebrant & Preacher
Josh Segars & Julie Segars, Lay Readers
Amy Woodson & Kathryn Hix, Vergers
Markley Chapel Musicians
Chase McAbee, Assistant Parish Musician

5:00 PM | Markley Chapel
The Rev. David Upton, Celebrant & Preacher
Greta Parkinson, Lay Reader + Rebekah Ruppe, Soloist
Chase McAbee, Pianist

The Christ Church Altar Guild + The Christ Church Acolyte Guild

Altar Flowers
The flowers on the altar in Markley Chapel
are given to the glory of Almighty God
and in memory of Capers Bouton by Jeannie Bouton.

The flowers on the altar in the Historic Church
are given to the glory of Almighty God
and in memory of Mrs. George P. (Frances) Apperson, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. George P. Apperson, III.

Welcome to Worship at Christ Church

In order to assist you in following the service, this worship leaflet provides an outline of today's liturgy. The text of the prayers and other liturgical materials can be found in the **Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**, the small red book in your pew rack. The corresponding page numbers are indicated in the worship leaflet by the abbreviation BCP. The hymns and service music can be found in the **Hymnal 1982**, the blue book in your pew rack. The corresponding numbers are indicated in the worship leaflet by *No.* or *S.*

10:30 AM

Historic Church
Holy Eucharist | Rite II
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, St. Cecilia Children's Choir!

Today we joyfully welcome our newest choir, the St. Cecilia Children's Choir, as they sing in worship for the first time. We give thanks for these young choristers, for their dedication to the ministry of music, and for the gifts they bring to our common worship.

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary — Donald W. Duncan, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

Hymn in Procession, No. 372 *(standing)* — *Praise to the living God!*

Opening Acclamation — **Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity — **BCP 355**

Song of Praise *(sung by the choir)* — *Feed My Lambs*, Natalie Sleeth

Collect of the Day: Proper 24 — **BCP 235**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Scripture Lessons *(seated)*

Following the reading of each lesson:
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

During the Sequence Hymn, children in 3K through 1st grade are invited to follow the children's crucifer to St. Luke's Chapel for Children's Church. They will return to the service at the Peace.

Sequence Hymn, No. 544 *(standing)* — *Jesus shall reign*

The Gospel Lesson

Before the reading of the Gospel:
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading of the Gospel:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *(seated)* — The Rev. Rob Brown, *Guest Preacher*

The Nicene Creed *(standing)* — **BCP 358**

Prayers of the People: Form III *(standing)* — **BCP 387**

Confession of Sin *(kneeling)* — **BCP 360**

The Peace *(standing)* — **BCP 360**

The Holy Communion

For guidance on receiving Holy Communion, please see the instructions on the back of the Welcome Card located in the pew rack.

Offertory Sentences

Anthem at the Offertory Christ Church Parish Choir

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Text | Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Music | Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Following the Anthem at the Offertory the congregation stands for the Presentation Hymn.

Presentation Hymn, No. 380, v. 3 *(standing)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C **BCP 369**

The congregation stands throughout the Eucharistic Prayer and makes the responses indicated in italic font.

Sanctus et Benedictus (Hymnal, S-129) Robert J. Powell
Fraction Anthem (Hymnal, S-154) David Hurd

Communion Hymn, No. 683 *O for a closer walk with God*
Communion Hymn, No. 706 *In your mercy, Lord, you called me*
Communion Hymn, No. 479 *Glory be to Jesus*

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out this week, the following is said:

The Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The congregation stands for the Post Communion Prayer and Blessing.

Post Communion Prayer *(standing)* **BCP 365**

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people; the congregation responds with "Amen."

Hymn in Procession, No. 594 *(standing)* *God of grace and God of glory*

Dismissal **BCP 366**

Organ Voluntary Donald W. Duncan
Director of Liturgy & Music

Readings for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 24

The First Lesson **Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Gospel Lesson **Matthew 22:15-22**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.