

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 9, 2020

WE ARE READY TO REGATHER FOR WORSHIP

Our Service of Morning Prayer will be at 10 am and last up to 40 minutes. We chose this time because you all were equally divided on your time preferences, so we split the difference. We are so excited to welcome everyone back to Christ and Grace!

WHERE WILL WE SIT?

When you arrive for worship, an usher will help you find a seat. We must remain six feet apart at all times, therefore every other pew will not be used. Cushions have been removed to allow easy cleaning after each use. Please bring a cushion from home each week if you would like. Please see the photos for an idea of how the ushers are able to seat us so that we all maintain a safe distance. At the conclusion of the service the ushers will direct one pew at a time toward the exit. We appreciate your patience as you wait, and we hope you will enjoy the music or use the time for additional prayer.

WHO'S BEHIND THE MASK?

When we regather for in person worship, masks are required. It's one way that we can love our neighbor. If you have a mask, please wear it. If you need a mask, we have beautiful masks created by Marigene Little. They come in all sorts of colors and designs and can be washed and worn over and over. Eventually we will begin to recognize one another even with our masks on and we will look fabulous doing it, thanks to Marigene!

A SLICE OF THANKSGIVING

So many of you have been wonderful about keeping your pledges and offerings current through these hot summer months, allowing us to continue our ministries and we are grateful for you. We know that not everyone is able to give right now, and we hold you in our prayers.

You can also support Christ and Grace with your prayers, acts of service, and connecting with us through our weekly eNews, online worship and Bible study. Soon we will be able to regather to worship in person. We have so much for which to give thanks!

If you need more information about giving please contact the church office or go to "Give" at www.christandgrace.org.

BE THE CHURCH

We are collecting food for the Hope Center Food Pantry. You may bring food and leave it in the plastic bin at the back door. If you would like to send a monetary contribution to the Hope Center they would be most appreciative. Send to The Hope Center at 827 Commerce Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. You can also donate via their website at dcuhopecenter.org.

Some Items needed are grape jelly, crackers, canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, stew), along with canned fruits and vegetables.

PRAYER LIST

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Tyrone Allen, Robyn Arrington, Diane Basta, James Harris, Dianne Holloman, Horace Higgins, Mark Jones, Josh Lumley, Jimmy McCarty, Mike McKibbin, Jason Pagano, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Wendy Taft, Larry Tucker, Paige Whitley, Cameron Wilson and Margery Wright.

To send a note of encouragement to parishioners on the Prayer List, addresses for those in the hospital or rehab are listed below. For home addresses, please use the church directory https://www.christandgrace.org/servant_keeper.php - contact the church office 733-7202 for the log in password or for additional assistance.

GENTLE REMINDER

The church building is now open on Sunday mornings for worship at 10 am. If you need something from the building during the week, please email or call and arrange with us to pick up things on Wednesdays when we can bring it out to your car. We appreciate your understanding and care for one another.

-Augustine of Hippo 354-430 Sermon 141, Psalm 39 passim Quoted from “The Heart at Rest—daily readings with St. Augustine”

You are not walking on the lake like Peter but on another sea, for this world is a sea;
Trials its waves, temptations its storms, and men devouring each other as fishes do.
Don't be afraid, step out stoutly lest you sink.

When the gale blows and the waves rise, and your weakness makes you fear you will be lost,
cry out, 'Lord, I am sinking,' and he who bade you walk will not let you perish.