

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

REMINDER: We have regathered for in person worship Sundays at 10 am. Masks are strongly encouraged. For those not ready to return, the livestream continues on our YouTube Channel.

CHRISTMAS JOY FOR CHILDREN

We have a new opportunity for ministry as we establish a relationship with Walnut Hill Elementary School. They were so grateful for the school supplies that we collected. As part of our connection, we will be providing Christmas gifts to some of the children who otherwise would not be able to experience the joy of Christmas. If you have a passion for children and would like to work with Rev. Robin to make Christmas happen for these children, please contact her at 733-7202 or email at rteasley@christandgrace.org.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Christ and Grace is collecting bed linens and men's clothing for Martha For The Homeless. Martha has seven families in need of queen or full size bedding. Also, with winter approaching, articles of men's clothing such as socks, pants shirts and jackets are needed. Donated items may be new or used. Items will be collected in Lackey Hall on the stage from 10/10 thru 10/24. Drop off times are Wednesday 10-3, Friday 9-12, and Sundays.

Your continued support for community members in need is greatly appreciated.

ECW PECAN SALE

The Annual Pecan Sale has begun and orders will be taken through Friday, October 29th. Please place your order on the forms outside Lackey Hall or by calling the church office at 733-7202. The cost is \$10 per bag and choices include: Commodore Pecan Halves, Pecan Pieces, Dark Chocolate Pecan Halves and Mixed Nuts. Make your check to ECW with Pecan Sale on the memo line and include payment with your order.

BIBLE STUDY AT CHRIST AND GRACE BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers" with God's help. Bible Study is a great way to fulfill this promise as we read God's word together. The time together becomes fellowship and strengthens our community. This fall we are going to begin with the beginning, and read the book of Genesis. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we invite you to join us.

On Thursdays during the day, we will meet at church at noon for Noon Bible Study. We hope you will BYOL – bring your own lunch to enjoy while we study.

On Thursday evenings, we will meet on Zoom at 7 PM for Zoom Bible Study. We hope you will BYOB – bring your own beverage to enjoy while we study.

We will be using a study guide that may be purchased on Amazon or in person at Rainbow Christian Books and Gifts in Colonial Heights.

If you need assistance getting a study guide, let Robin+ know and one will be provided. Please contact Robin+ at rteasley@christandgrace.org or 804-733-7202 so we can contact you with more details and know which study you plan to attend.

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 Melba Felty, Michael Fowler, Pegram Johnson, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Robbi Spencer, and Mary Villeponteaux.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The nomination period for the slate of candidates to stand for the 2022 Christ and Grace Vestry is now open. The Vestry meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The agenda includes prayerful study and business.

Each Vestry person has oversight for a ministry area of the parish, which currently are: Christian Formation of adults and children, Pastoral Care, Outreach, Worship, Building and Grounds, Parish Life, Communications, and Stewardship. These ministry areas may change from year to year due to staffing and based on current parish needs. A term of office is for 3 years with 1 year off before a person may be elected again.

Each Vestry member is expected to attend an annual planning session and new member orientation usually held on a Saturday in January or February. Newly elected Vestry members are expected to attend a diocesan training event for Vestry members, held each year on a Saturday.

Vestry members accept the responsibility of spiritual leadership, as well as a business responsibility, and are expected to regularly attend Sunday services and special services and events. It is also expected that anyone serving in this capacity will pledge to the financial support of the church, working toward a tithe (10%).

Diocesan Canons require a person to be at least 18 years old and be listed in the parish register as a confirmed communicant in good standing. In addition to these requirements, a person nominated for the Vestry should be deeply committed to following Jesus Christ and to this parish as a part of his Body, the Church. Vestry members take an active role in the leadership of the parish by formulating ideas, and by being willing to carry them out. Serving on the Vestry is not only a privilege but a serious responsibility and a commitment.

If you would like be considered for nomination or nominate someone else, please contact Kemper Brinkley, Senior Warden by October 15, 2021.

THE COLLECT

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.

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

["Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?"]

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."