

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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.

FAREWELL TO BILL OWEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 10 AM. JOIN US FOR WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION TO GIVE THANKS FOR BILL'S MINISTRY AMONG US.

It has been a privilege to serve as Organist/Choirmaster at Christ and Grace following my retirement from Christ Church Christiana Hundred in Wilmington Delaware. My time here has evolved - David Teschner asked me to step in temporarily at Tom Guthrie's departure; when David retired Bill Queen asked me to serve with him during the interim period; then when Robin arrived she didn't want to immediately launch the search for an organist.

I've enjoyed my time here enormously: getting to know the wonderful people in the Parish, working closely with the choir, and leading a Choral Pilgrimage to England. When our talented young assistant Matthew Little departed in June, the full responsibility of the musical needs of the Parish have been on my shoulders. I have responsibilities which require my being absent frequently, so sadly I must depart. I'm delighted Tim Hall is able to return to the post. I will look forward to worshipping with you from time to time, and rejoice in Tim's appointment!

Faithfully, Bill

MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE

Many have been concerned about the Memorial Garden's neglect over the past two years. Sadly, when Suzanne Wright moved away there was no longer anyone to oversee the care and maintenance of the garden. Most of our parishioners are no longer physically able to volunteer to weed and prune in summer heat. After a long search for someone we could employ, we finally found excellent help and the garden looks amazing. We are also cleaning up other areas of our property that have not received the attention they need. All of this could not be accomplished without your support through your pledges and special gifts to the church. The expense of property maintenance for a church, both inside and out, is great. We are grateful for your generosity!

HOPE CENTER LUNCH

Many thanks to all who helped make this month's Hope Center Lunch a success. Lee Boisseau, Theresa Clor, Valerie Jones, Elayne Pagano, and Gisela White assembled meals at church thanks to donations from Martha Burton, Jill Donnelly, Nancy Holden, Valerie Jones, and Beth Pollard. Publix grocery store provided a \$100 gift card.

So far we have provided 225 meals since May of this year and have given approximately 5 hours of volunteer time. The food and monetary donations have been awesome and make this project possible.

Our next Lunch will be November 10. Please contact Elayne Pagano if you would like to help.

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 James Christiansen, Melba Felty, Kathy Hackett, Rod Hale, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villeponteaux, Linda Watanabe, and Wyatt.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our service of Holy Communion is held in person and live-streamed each Sunday at 10 AM on our YouTube channel. Please call the church office at 733-7202 or email Robin+ rteasley@christandgrace.org if you would like a home visit with communion, or if you are worshiping online and would like to come to the church to receive communion after the livestream on Sunday.

THE COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."