

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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

Rev. Robin is away until Sept. 14. If you have an urgent need you may contact the Church Office at 804-733-7202 during office hours and leave a message at other times. You may also call Senior Warden Kemper Brinkley at 804-773-1292 and he will be in touch with me.

INTRODUCING MARIANNE DAVIS, SEXTON

When our Sexton James Harris retired, we contracted with JaniKing to clean the church each week and it was an acceptable way for us to be sure cleaning was done while we took some time to think about what we most needed. We determined that we wanted a person we could recognize, who would get to know us and our specific needs, and who would love our church the way we do. We are excited to announce that Marianne Davis will be joining us September 1 as our new Sexton.

Marianne comes to us from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, where she served as their assistant sexton. She has worked at Westover Plantation for 18 years and also volunteers with PPTF, giving tours at Centre Hill and Blandford Church. Marianne and Dale have been married 42 years and have a daughter Laura, and two granddaughters ages 6 and 3.

Born in Pittsburgh, in her spare time Marianne loves reading and antiques. She is a member of Torah Club through the First Fruits of Zion Ministries and has been learning a lot about the Bible through a Messianic Jewish perspective.

When you see her be sure to introduce yourselves to Marianne and welcome her to Christ and Grace.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Do you remember how exciting it was to get your new school supplies? If you loved back to school shopping growing up, or even as a parent whose children are now grown, this opportunity is for you!

We are collecting supplies for Walnut Hill Elementary School. There is nothing more important than making sure the children in our community have what they need to succeed in school.

If you are shopping and see a great sale on something, toss a few items into your cart and bring them to Lackey Hall. We'll deliver them in September.

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.

IT'S LUNCH TIME! HOPE CENTER LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

We will be providing 80 bag lunches to our community at the Hope Center and you can help! The menu is fried chicken, rolls, potato salad, cole slaw, peanut butter crackers, cookies, and bottled water.

Volunteer at church at 10 AM - help assemble the lunches and deliver to the Hope Center

Donate needed lunch items - peanut butter crackers, cookies

Donate monetarily for purchasing needed items - fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls

Please drop off food items in the church kitchen 3-4 days before Sept. 15

Please send monetary donations to the church office, checks payable to Christ and Grace with Hope Lunch on the memo line.

For more info contact Elayne Pagano at 804-586-2951, Rev. Robin at 804-733-7202

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35

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, Rod Hale, Heydon Lewis, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villeponteaux, Linda Watanabe, David and Wyatt.

THE COLLECT

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 125

Qui confidunt

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."