

# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



## An Independence Day Celebration of Freedom and Faith

July 5, 2020 + 11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Today's readings celebrate American freedom in all its dimensions and serve as a reminder of the central role played by faith in the history and development of the United States. Taken together, these passages (from 1776-2020) reflect our nation's ongoing struggle to live up to its founding ideals and to deliver in full on the epic pledge of "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

# Welcome to Christ Church ☩ Washington Parish

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*Let this bulletin be your guide through the service;  
it includes everything you need.*

## Prelude

Regino Madrid and Foster Wang, *violins*

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

### *The Declaration of Independence*

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, [and] that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Reader Here ends the reading.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

### Frances Wright

*(Frances Wright was the first American woman to lecture publicly on social and political reform. On July 4, 1828, in New Harmony, Indiana, she spoke on the subject of true patriotism.)*

On this day . . . fifty-two years ago, America declared her national independence . . . It is reasonable to rejoice on this day, and useful to reflect thereon; so that we rejoice for the real, and not for any imaginary good . . .

Here, as in other countries, we hear of patriotism; that is, of love of country in an exclusive sense; of love of our countrymen in contrast to the love of our fellow-creatures; of love of the

constitution, instead of love or appreciation for those principles upon which the constitution is, or ought to be, based . . .

What, then, is patriotism, of which we hear so much, and understand so little? If it means only a proper attention to our own interests, and the interests of the people with whom we stand connected, it . . . means nothing, or it means nonsense . . . [And if] we are to understand by patriotism a preference for the interests of our own nation under all circumstances, even to the sacrifice of those of other nations -- it is a vice . . .

[However, if the term patriot] is employed to signify a lover of human liberty and human improvement, rather than a mere lover of the country in which he lives, or the tribe to which he belongs . . . patriotism is a virtue. With such an interpretation, a patriot is . . . capable of enlarging all minds, and bettering all hearts with which he comes in contact . . . and of merging his own interests . . . and those of his nation with the [higher] interests of the human race. Laurels and statues are vain things; but, could we imagine them [to be] of use, on such a patriot alone [should they be] bestowed.

Reader                      Here ends the reading.  
People                      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Third Reading**

**Frederick Douglas**

*(Frederick Douglas was an escaped slave, author, publisher and speaker. On July 4, 1852, he spoke in Rochester, New York on the meaning of Independence Day.)*

...Fellow-citizens, allow me to ask, why am I called upon to speak here to-day?

The rich inheritance of justice, liberty, prosperity and independence, bequeathed by your fathers, is shared by you, not by me. The sunlight that brought healing to you, has brought stripes and death to me. This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn . . .

Standing with God and the crushed and bleeding slave on this occasion, I will, in the name of humanity which is outraged, in the name of liberty which is fettered, in the name of the constitution and the Bible which are disregarded and trampled upon, dare to call in question and to denounce, with all the emphasis I can command, everything that serves to perpetuate slavery -- the great sin and shame of America! . . .

O! had I the ability, and could reach the nation's ear, I would, today, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke. For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. The feeling of the nation must be quickened; the conscience of the nation must be roused; the propriety of the nation must be startled; the hypocrisy of the nation must be exposed; and its crimes against God and man must be proclaimed and denounced . . .

...Allow me to say . . . I do not despair of this country. There are forces in operation that must inevitably work the downfall of slavery. "The arm of the Lord is not shortened," and the doom of slavery is certain. I, therefore, leave . . . with hope while drawing encouragement from "the Declaration of Independence," the great principles it contains, and the genius of American Institutions.

The Celestial Empire, the mystery of ages, is being solved. The fiat of the Almighty, "Let there be Light," has not yet spent its force. No abuse, no outrage . . . can [forever] hide itself from the all-pervading light.

[Therefore] I say, and let every heart join in saying it:

God speed the hour, the glorious hour,  
When none on earth  
Shall exercise a lordly power,  
Nor in a tyrant's presence cower;  
But to all manhood's stature tower,  
By equal birth!

Until that day and hour arrive,  
With head, and heart, and hand I'll strive,

And never [be driven] from my chosen post,  
Whate'er the peril, or the cost.

Reader                      Here ends the reading.  
People                      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Fourth Reading**

## **Abraham Lincoln**

*(In February 1861, ten days before he was sworn in as the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln made an impromptu stop at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The United States was coming apart. His job, as he saw it, was to hold the country together, but on what basis? He began:)*

I am filled with deep emotion at finding myself in this place, where were collected together the wisdom, the patriotism, the devotion to principle, from which sprang the institutions under which we live . . .

[And] I have often inquired of myself, what great principle or idea it was that kept this Union so long together.

It was not the mere matter of the separation of the colonies from the motherland; but that sentiment in the Declaration of Independence that gave liberty, not alone to the people of this country, but to the world, for all future time . . . [the] promise . . . [that] the weight [of repression] would be lifted from the shoulders of all men . . . Now, my friends, can this country be saved upon that basis? If it can, I will consider myself one of the happiest men in the world . . . But if this country cannot be saved without giving up that principle, I . . . would rather be assassinated on this spot.

Reader                      Here ends the reading.  
People                      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Fifth Reading**

## **Judge Learned Hand**

*(In 1940, Congress designated the third Sunday in May as "I am an American Day" to honor the Constitution and to welcome new citizens who had arrived here from abroad. On that holiday four years later, as World War II raged, Judge Learned Hand spoke in Central Park on the meaning of liberty.)*

What do we mean when we say that we seek liberty? I often wonder whether we do not rest our hopes too much upon constitutions, upon laws and upon courts. These are false hopes. Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can do much to help it. While it lies there it needs no constitution, no law, no court to save it. And what is this liberty which must lie in the hearts of men and women? It is not the ruthless, the unbridled will; it is not freedom to do as one likes. That is the denial of liberty, and leads straight to its overthrow . . .

What then is the spirit of liberty? I cannot define it; I can only tell you my own faith. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the mind of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit that weighs their interests alongside its own without bias; the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, nearly two thousand years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned but never quite forgotten; that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest.

Reader                      Here ends the reading.  
People                      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Celebrant            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People                **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

    'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
    we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Celebrant            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People                **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sixth Reading

**The Most Rev. Michael Curry**

*(On May 31 of this year, Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, delivered a sermon entitled "Pentecost in a Pandemic," in which he spoke of recent events involving racism and our country's centuries-long struggle for social justice. He concluded:)*

I was a teenager when my father warned me when I learned how to drive, that if ever you have encounters with the police, obey, do what they say. Do not talk back and watch how you move your hands. I was told that in the 1960s and we're still having to say it today. That's where some of the anger and the frustration that we're seeing on our streets is coming from. It's accumulated hurt and disappointment. But not just for those on the streets, for people of goodwill and human decency of all races, of all stripes, of all religions, of all kinds.

There is a part of us that just wants to throw up our hands, and in the words of the Psalmist cry, how long? How long oh, Lord? How long? And yet, we are not victims of fate. We are people of faith. We are not doomed and condemned to continue our past into our present and future. We need not be slaves of fate. We follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And this Jesus taught us that love will make a way out of no way. He taught us that sometimes you have to take up the cross and follow in his footsteps. And that if you dare to follow his way of love, you will find God's way of life. We will not submit to fate. We must not give in to fate. We must dare to follow Jesus in the way of love that can save us all.

But I don't have the power to do that all the time. And I suspect, neither do you. But God does. And that's why the singer of the spiritual had a verse that said,

*Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
and (I) think my life's in vain,  
but then th(at) Holy Spirit  
(It) revives my soul again.*

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole.*

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Love is the way. It can save us all . . .

If I make room for you, and you make room for me, and if we will work together to create a society where there is room for all of God's children, where every human being, every one of us is treated as a child of God, created in the image and likeness of God, where everybody is loved, everybody is honored, everybody is respected, everybody is created as a child of God. If we work together to build that kind of society and don't give up, then love can save us all.

*If you cannot preach like Peter,  
and you cannot pray like Paul,  
just tell the love of Jesus,  
how he died to save us all.*

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole.*

*There (really) is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

So, walk together. And don't you get weary because there is a great camp meeting in the Promised Land.

## Prayers of the People

Celebrant: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Leader: Enliven the Church for its mission and breathe fresh life into your people.

People: **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader: Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

People: **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader: Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others, especially our President and our Mayor, and those they bestow with power.

People: **That all may act with integrity, wisdom, and courage.**

Leader: We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for those who are stricken or otherwise affected by COVID-19 and those who help them, especially first responders and healthcare workers.

People: **Protect, strengthen, and heal them, O Lord.**

Leader: Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and make us willing agents of your compassion. *Please add your own petitions.*

Let us pray

People: **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Leader: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died. *Please add your own petitions.*

Let us pray

People: **Into your hands we commend them.**

Leader: We praise you for our blessings and the blessings of those whose lives are closely linked to ours. *Please add your own petitions.*

Let us pray

People: **May we sing your praises now and forever.**

Celebrant: Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Our Search for a Rector**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **O God, who has guided and sustained this Parish in the past, we pray that you will be our companion in our search for a new rector. Give us patience when the journey seems long. Give us courage when the way seems uncertain. Bless the Search Committee and the Vestry. Give to them and to the candidates wise and discerning hearts to know and do your will. Finally, we pray that you give us your grace, that we may be a community of love to support each other in this search and to welcome that person we choose as our next rector, by the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Enriching Our Worship 1, adapted*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **Loving God, our Creator, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive and restore us through Jesus Christ our Savior, and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant **Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

## Offertory

All are invited to support Christ Church's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by contributing using one of the many options available.



(Christ Church Giving QR Code.)

Please see the back of the bulletin for links and more information.

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord,  
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3, Modified*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world. You brought forth all creatures of the earth. You gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey, and so we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into  
your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when  
he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said, "Take, eat,  
this is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends  
and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the  
remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection  
and ascension, and longing for Christ's coming in glory, we present to you these  
gifts that your earth has formed and human hands have made. We acclaim you, O  
Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit into these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Send your Holy Spirit into us, that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a  
people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time  
gather us with all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **The Invitation to a Spiritual Holy Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray anytime to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving elements of bread and wine.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you at the Altar, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787, adapted)*

**Celebrant** The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*(from A Prayer Book for Australia)*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this table: for the life-giving story, the living bread and the wine of new creation. Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal, to tell the Good News to neighbors and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ. Amen.

### **Blessing**

*(from A Prayer Book for Australia)*

**Celebrant** God who has called you is faithful. Go into the world with joy, forgive generously, love extravagantly, live abundantly. And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Liturgist Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**Regino Madrid and Foster Wang, violins**

### ✂ PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR ✂

Via Zoom Meeting (teleconference or telephone)

Via teleconference: <https://zoom.us/j/265300284>

Via telephone only: 646-558-8656 (Meeting ID 265300284)

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## Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Reopening Plans Update:

**Our plan for regathering that was submitted to the Diocese has been approved!** We will be announcing in-person services and gatherings soon. We will continue to broadcast a live Sunday worship service and weekday worship services on Zoom, for those people who do not feel comfortable attending in-person gatherings.

**Please sign and return the *Covenant for Regathering in Worship* letter.** This week an email blast was sent to the parish requesting that all adult parishioners read and sign the *Covenant for Regathering for Worship*. To be clear – the *Covenant* is a REQUIREMENT from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. All parishioners must agree with the *Covenant* and the Christ Church Office must have a copy of the signed letter on file before we begin in-person worship. If you have not signed this letter yet, please do so sooner than later even if you do not expect to attend in-person gatherings yet.

[\(Read the original email here.\)](#)

**Daily Devotionals Suspended; Weekly Reflections to Start:** Interim Rector Rev. Rick Miles and Rev. Rob Banse announced that the Daily Devotionals have been suspended to focus on reopening the church facilities for in-person worship and gatherings. [Read the original message and the last Daily Devotional email here.](#) Instead of a Daily Devotional, Rob will post a Weekly Reflection on Monday mornings. The theme will be “Blessed - Reflections on Discipleship in 2020” and the focus will be Matthew chapters 5-7. Please look for the first email this coming Monday. The Daily Devotional Archives will remain on our [website](#), and the new Weekly Reflections will be added.

**Invite Welcome Connect, Tues. July 7, 4pm:** Please come to a virtual meeting to brainstorm ideas on how our church can flourish during the pandemic. Share your ideas on how we can invite new people, help both newcomers and current members feel welcome, and encourage meaningful connections going forward. We will use the Episcopal [Invite Welcome Connect](#) framework for a Zoom gathering on **Tuesday, July 7, from 4:00 to 5:00.** Please click [here](#) to register for the gathering or let us know you're interested, even if you can't make gathering

**Bible Discussion & Fellowship, Wed., July 8, 9am, church front lawn (weather permitting):** You are invited to join Rev. Rick for an informal gathering (not a worship service) on the church front lawn. Please wear masks and bring your own coffee/tea/breakfast; chairs will be provided. Please RSVP to Jennifer Baker Howard at [office@washingtonparish.org](mailto:office@washingtonparish.org).

**Friday Night Film Series, Friday, July 10 at 7 pm -** The movie for Friday, July 10 is *Big Fish*, a 2003 film starring Ewan McGregor and Albert Finney, about a father who spins tall tales and the son who does not believe. Watch the movie on your own and join the discussion, led by Nancy Broers. All are welcome.

Friday Night Film Series Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/315339281>

Meeting ID: 315 339 281

## **Additional Worship Opportunities During the Week**

*All additional worship opportunities and formation events are held as Zoom meetings via video and/or telephone conference call via (646) 558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID number.*

**(NOTE: The Noonday Tuesday Service has been discontinued)**

**Wednesday Morning Prayer, 7:30am:** The text for the service will be broadcast on the screen or follow along in The Book of Common Prayer online. Volunteers needed to lead Morning Prayer; guidance in advance provided.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/960678710>

Meeting ID: 960 678 710

**Thursday Compline, 8:30pm:** The text for the service will be broadcast on the screen or follow along in The Book of Common Prayer online. Volunteers needed to lead the service; guidance in advance provided.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/376730107>

Meeting ID: 376 730 107

## Formation Opportunities

**Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group via Zoom, 9am:** A long-standing Christ Church tradition, the Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group meets every Saturday at 9am for conversation and reflection. It is easy to join the conversation during the shutdown via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/568905645>

Meeting ID: 568 905 645

## Outreach, Serving the Community

**Back to School Initiative with our community partner, Support Everyone Home DC – Goal is 300 \$50**

**Gift Cards to Rising Scholars:** Each year, Everyone Home DC begins planning around this time so that when our families start to think about the new school year, we are ready to provide support. During these uncertain times, Everyone Home DC is shifting its back-to-school approach to ensure we offer our families the flexible support they will need as they wait to hear what the new school year will look like.

Additionally, we want to limit traffic to our drop-in day center and headquarters to encourage continued social distancing. **This year's goal is to distribute a \$50 gift card to each Everyone Home DC scholar, which means we need 300 \$50 gift cards. We need YOUR help to reach our goal.** We are asking Christ Church parishioners to mail gift cards (Visa, Mastercard, Target, Walmart, and Amazon) to Everyone Home DC's offices at 415 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002. You can also sponsor a child or two individually, [make a donation on Everyone Home DC's website](#), Every little bit helps. To learn more visit [Everyone Home DC's website](#) or contact Kate Akalonu at [akalonu@everyonehomedc.org](mailto:akalonu@everyonehomedc.org).

## PRAYERS AND BIRTHDAYS

We ask you to join us in praying especially:

**For prayer requests from parish members and friends of the larger community:** Emily Lewis (aunt of Marian Connolly); Cindy Hambleton (mother of Carole Anne Hawkins); Jurate Butkute (friend of Bill James); Caitlin Miles Cline (daughter of Rick and D'aun Miles); Kathie Crandall (aunt of Del Crandall); Noah Piper (friend of Lauren Welch); Jane Penn (sister of Charles Free); Linda Hine (friend of Katherine Patterson); Eileen James (sister-in-law of Bill James); Beth Gemeinhart (niece of Sandy Hussey); Tom Howard (son-in-law of Sandra Hanbury); Charlotte Wyatt (mother of Jennifer Baker Howard); Fran Laskofski (family friend of Jennifer Baker Howard); Carol Itskowitz (Christ Church bookkeeper); Steve

Merrill (former parishioner and friend of the Connolly family); Karl Kruse (cousin of Cheryl Stadel-Bevans)

**For repose of the soul:** Melissa Nolasco (sister of George Redden-Liotta)

**For the birth of a child:** River James Clelan (son of Elizabeth & Kyle Clelan)

**For those preparing to welcome a child:** Julie McClure & Jordan Wadlington (July)

**For those celebrating their birthdays this month:** Blake Barton; Keira Barton; Nancy Broers; Natalie Chalk; Lise Clavel; Marian Connolly; Lilly Cooper; David Dettman; Louise Dettman; Anne Fletcher; Andrew Flowers; Campbell Hall; Michael Hash; Brittani Head; Evan Hoffman; Dima Jenkins; Ruth Kroeger; Inez Lester; Beth Mullin; Jordan Myers; Celia O'Brien; Will Patterson; John Pollock; Judy Schneider; Nathan Silk; Jamie Sledge; Joe Smith; Joe Thompson; and, Lauren Welch

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