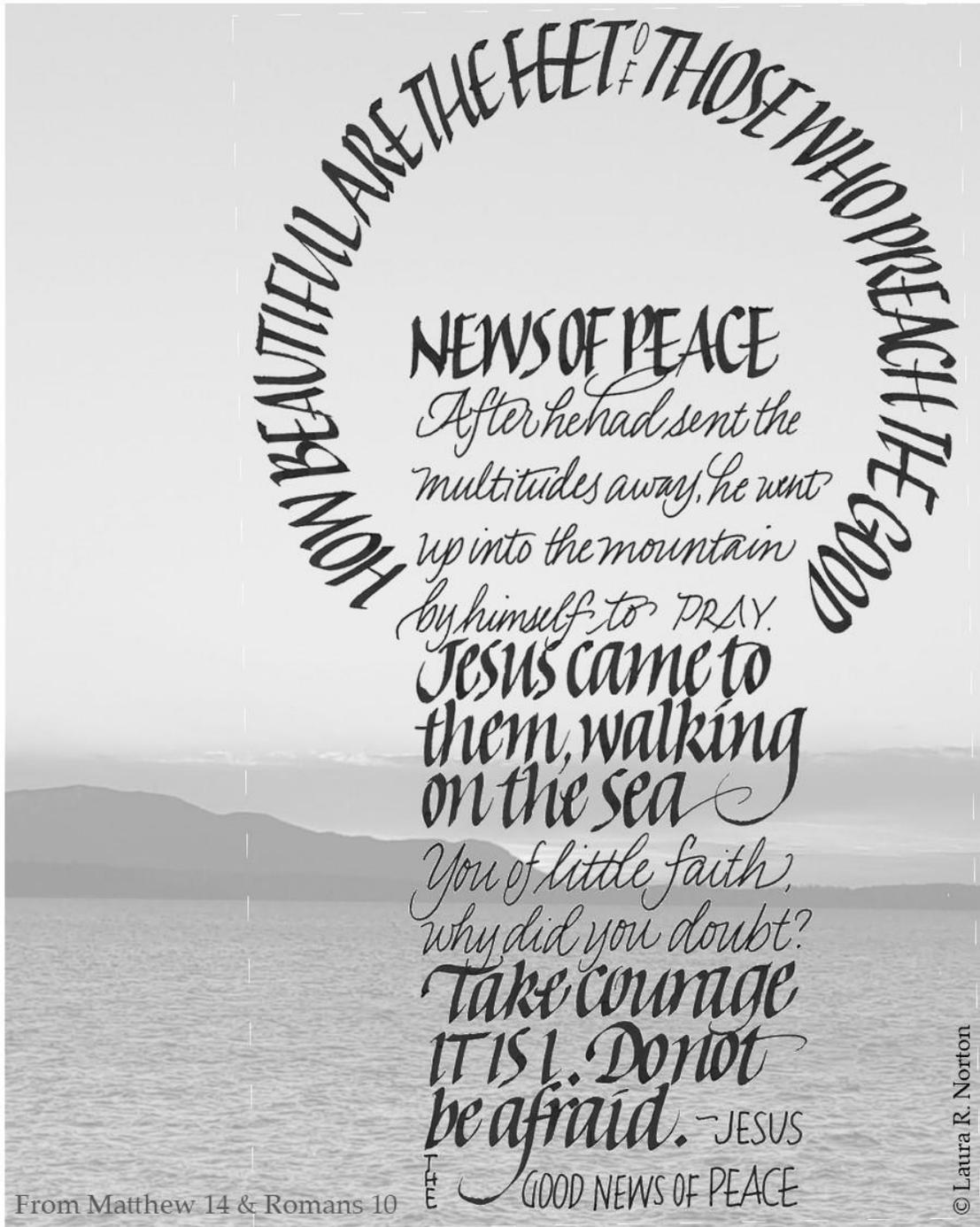


Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 9, 2020 + 11:00 am

Welcome to Christ Church ☩ Washington Parish

We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information and to contact us: www.washingtonparish.org. To contact us, see the last page of this bulletin or go to our website for more information. On the website, hover over ABOUT US and select Contact Us. The office email is linked (or [click here](#) to send an email). Also, visit us on Facebook ([Christ Church on Capitol Hill](#)).

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

Prelude

Catherine Dubas, *organ*
Martha Molinaro, *flute*
Grace Molinaro, *cello*

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

BCP 709

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You

of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Rob Banse

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 For your guidance to this Congregation, the Search Committee, the Vestry and the candidates being considered as we search for a new Rector.

People **For your grace, that we may be a community of love to support each other in this search and to welcome our next rector.**

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.**

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

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Music

Grace Molinaro, cello

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.

At the presentation:

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

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.**

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

Catherine Dubas, *organ*
Martha Molinaro, *flute*
Grace Molinaro, *cello*

✠ 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)

Use of Zoom: you can copy and paste the link above into your browser. You can use any device that can access the internet: smartphone, tablet, laptop/computer with a camera. You do not need to download an app to gain access to the meeting.

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Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

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The Church Office and Building are currently closed for the COVID-19 shutdown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update from the Senior Warden and Vestry Regarding Sunday Worship Services

The Vestry met this past Sunday and approved hiring Sherwyn Santos, who has been volunteering his services since we started streaming services during Lent, to begin incorporating prerecorded music and readings into Facebook Live Sunday services. This will allow our minister of music, Richard Thibadeau, to play for Sunday services and eliminate the need for supply organist.

This new service modality will afford us the opportunity to have readers for scripture lessons and the psalms participate in services who might be precluded from serving because of age or underlying health conditions. You will note these changes starting on Sunday August 16th.

As we complete the final leg of our interim journey, you will have noticed or will notice that streamed services will not include communion for August and September. Since our services during these two months will include a rotating schedule of clergy and lay preachers, we opted for the continuity of not offering communion for these months as we complete the final steps in calling a new settled Rector.

Please feel free to contact [me](#) if you have questions or reach out to the [Reverend Mary Miller Flowers](#) for pastoral concerns.

Best regards,
Ed Warren
Senior Warden
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Sundays in August Update: In August, Children's Chapel (virtual and in-person) and the Adult Forum will be on summer break. They will resume on Kick Off Sunday on Sun. Sept. 13. During August, we will continue to broadcast a worship service at 11am via Facebook Live, followed by Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom.

Friday Film Series, August 14, 7pm: The movie on Friday, August 14th is *M*A*S*H*, the 1970 Korean War comedy directed by Robert Altman, with a stellar cast including Elliott Gould, Donald Sutherland, and Robert Duval. Discussion led by Shawn Freeman. Watch the movies on your own and join us for lively discussion. All are welcome.

Friday Night Film Series Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 315 339 281

The Rev. Dr. Rick Miles' next position: Fr. Rick has accepted the position of Interim Rector at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA and will begin there later in August. We offer him and D'aun congratulations and best wishes as well as our deep gratitude for their service to Christ Church during the search for our next rector. They are thrilled to be staying in the DMV area, allowing them to be near their children and grandchildren.

Please sign & return *Covenant for Regathering in Worship* letter. If you have not signed the Covenant for Regathering in Worship letter, please sign and return it to the Church Office as soon as possible. This letter 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. You can find a copy of the letter [here](#) (and on our website under "Re-opening Resources & Information.")

Weekly Reflections: Instead of a Daily Devotional, Rev. Rob Banse 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 Monday morning email in your inbox. The Weekly Reflections and the Daily Devotionals are posted on our [website](#). If you would like to share your thoughts on the Devotionals with Rev. Rob, please send him an email at robbanse@mac.com.

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.

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, 9am: A long-standing Christ Church tradition, the Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group meets every Saturday at 9am for conversation and reflection. Weather permitting, the group has been gathering outside in the church courtyard for a socially distance, in-person meeting.

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 2nd St NE, 3rd 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.

Financial Update, July 30, 2020: Treasurer's Report by Jason Miller

I hope all is well with each of you as we continue to navigate our current environment. I'm pleased to present to you the 2nd Quarter Financial Results. Please know, the Finance Committee and Leadership continue to meet weekly to stay on-top of current developments of which Finance is a usual topic.

Through June 30, 2020 we have offerings of \$224,568 which is trending greater than budget and is aligned with the 2019 six-month ending offerings of \$223,275. The Church conservatively budgeted the offering amounts, which is why we're beating budget. We're grateful to see our offerings holding steady when compared to 2019. As for other revenue types, the onsite programs, including the use of our space for evening and day-time events have stopped and we do not expect to reopen for such programs until both the Diocese and District of Columbia provides re-opening guidelines. The impact through June is only \$6,500 below budget and slightly less than prior year. Additionally, Church investment performance was lagging through the first part of 2020, but recently we experienced a strong turn-around in investment performance, so investments are holding steady with only a limited loss to date of \$1,307. The investment loss was as high as \$24,000 at one point earlier this year.

Overall through June 30th, the Church revenue is aligned with the budget where June 30th, 2020 shows revenue of \$298,491 (excluding ear-marked donations) compared to a budget of \$304,550. During prior year 2019, our Church revenue was \$333,012, so this represents a year-over-year decline of 8.5%. Also note, we did not hold the St. Pats Dinner this year, which as one of our important fundraising activities has caused us to miss a net of \$8,500 in fundraising revenue. We've established a giving method through on-line donations, which assists as we hold on-line services. Please reach out if you need assistance in processing on-line donations

and we'll respond to help. We're excited to see that we've navigated through the first part of 2020 in a positive revenue position.

We continue to monitor the Payroll Protection Program loan forgiveness. At first, this amount is established as a low interest loan, but is expected to be forgiven after the eight or twenty-four week period as long as no less than 60% of the proceeds are used toward Employee related costs such as salary, benefits, and retirement costs. Additionally, no more than 40% of the proceeds are allowed toward utilities, mortgage, etc.. We fully expect to hit the targets of this loan and for the amount to be forgiven.

Expenses remain below budget. Total expenses through the six months of 2020 is \$287,233 (after ear-marked costs for window cleaning), which is 8.7% below budget. Every expense line item compared to budget is lower in 2020 compared to 2019, with the exception of Worship, which we generated extra costs moving to on-line services.

You can see where our revenue is \$298,491 and our expense is \$287,233 for the first half of the year, so the Church continues to show positive operations. Positive operations coupled with the recent Payroll Protection Loan allows us to continue to remain financial stable.

I'm looking forward to providing the next update as we continuously navigate our current environment. We appreciate our Parishioners and wanted to ensure to you that all financial operations are functioning and secure during this time.

PRAYERS AND BIRTHDAYS

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); Tom Howard (son-in-law of Sandra Hanbury); Fran Laskofski (family friend of Jennifer Baker Howard); Steve Merrill (former parishioner and friend of the Connolly family); Mitzi Schroeder (sister-in-law of Alison Brooks); and the people of Beirut

For the repose of the soul: Russell Holmes (father of Susan Holmes); Eileen James (sister-in-law of Bill James); and the victims of the explosions in Beirut

For those expecting a child: Allison Spaid Atherton and Garrett Atherton (January)

For those celebrating their birthdays this month: Audrey Bevans; Lydia Bevans; Charles Bolden; Hazel Dannan; Janet Eisenbarth; Claire Flakker; Ashton Heitger; John Jameson; Nathanael Kahn; Paul Laymon; Kelly Mac Garrigle; Ivy Malone; Major Malone; Christian Miller; John Payne III; Lynne Schlimm; Barbara Spaid; Cheryl Stadel-Bevans; Emerson Stewart; Vale Wadlington; Graham Wallner; Kimberly Wallner; Allison Wood; and, Morey Yost

(If you would like to add someone to the Prayer list or your birthday, [email](#) the Church Office.)

Financial Support to Christ Church + Washington Parish:

As you are financially able, please support Christ Church during the shutdown by continuing your pledges and financial gifts. We are all still here with and for each other, and we continue to have expenses for salary, insurance, benefits, bills, etc.

You may give to Christ Church in one of four ways:

- (1) Using the QR code below, make a one-time gift or set up recurring, automatic gifts from your bank account or via credit card to the Christ Church's Annual Fund via our secure database. You will use your email address to log in and create a password.



- (2) one-time donations via our website: <https://washingtonparish.org/donate-to-christ-church/>
- (3) by phone – Text 73256, in the message field type CCWP (Christ Church's keyword) and the gift amount (e.g. \$20, \$100, etc.). You will receive a text with a link to a secure site to complete your gift via bank account, credit card, or debit card. Click the link to complete your donation. You will receive a receipt by email. Standard text message rates apply if applicable.
- (4) by sending a check to Christ Church - Washington Parish, 620 G Street SE, Washington, DC 20003