

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

that your
LOVE
may abound
more
and more

Philippians 4:9

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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.*

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum*

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1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?'

And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon

The Rev. John Kellogg

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 In thanksgiving for our new Rector John Kellogg and for the steadfast work of the Search Committee and Vestry.

People **For your blessing on John, Tait, Alec, and upon all members of this parish family during this time of transition.**

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

Laurie Gethin, clarinet

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

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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

✠ PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR ✠

Via Zoom Meeting (teleconference or telephone)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/265300284?pwd=T1N1UUg1ZkM1anBRZINETGMwY3NzUT09>

Via telephone only: 646-558-8656 (Meeting ID 265 300 284) Password: **WayofLove**

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

Virtual Welcome Coffee Hour for Rev. John Kellogg & Family, Sun. Oct. 11, 12pm:

Immediately after today's service, please join us online for a virtual Coffee Hour to welcome Rev. John Kellogg and his family.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/265300284?pwd=T1N1UUg1ZkM1anBRZINETGMwY3NzUT09>

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In Person Welcome Events for John & his family: John, Tait & Alec are looking forward to meeting everyone; however, we realize that welcoming a new rector during a pandemic requires taking extra steps to ensure everyone's safety. We are planning a series of gatherings as well as Zoom meetings to meet John for those who don't feel comfortable meeting him in person yet. The first Welcome Event will be on Oct. 18th at 12:30pm on the church lawn (weather permitting) after the 11am virtual service. Additional meetings will be: Tues, Oct. 20th, 12pm and Thurs. Oct. 22nd, 12pm Meet and Greet with the Rector in the church courtyard. Pack a lunch and take your lunch break with John outside in the courtyard. (Please bring your own food and drink to consume; no sharing or pot luck.) On Wed. Oct. 21st at 5:30pm join fellow Christ Church families to gather on the front lawn for some social time and meet John and his family. Please register for the events at

<https://onrealm.org/ChristChurchWashington/Registrations>

Remembering our Saints, November 1: As part of our All Saints Sunday celebration, we read the names of those who have passed away since last All Saints Day. Please email the names of your loved ones to Jennifer Baker Howard at office@washingtonparish.org by October 26th.

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.")

Formation and Fellowship

Sacred Ground dialogue at Christ Church: Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. Sacred

Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all adults, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love. The group at Christ Church is likely to be held every other week on a weeknight and will require a commitment to readings, films and participation in the group. Please email Mary Miller Flowers or Jennifer Baker Howard if you are interested. <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>

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 distanced, in-person meeting.

Children and Family Ministries

Youth Group Gathering, Wed. Oct. 21, 5:30pm: Come out to have some fun in person, meet Rev. John and his family, and see your church friends. Weather permitting, we will gather on the church front lawn at 5:30pm and have some fun and games.

Children's Formation on Sundays: Children's Chapel and Sunday School are held on Sunday in a slightly different format. For children ages 3 years – 2nd grade, they will meet via Zoom for 30 minutes at 9am using songs, a Bible story, sometimes a short video, activities and prayers.

The Zoom link for Children's Chapel/Sunday School (3 years – 2nd grade) is [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/141023266?pwd=US9SUNG2SnMzYTFjWitWSEt2Qklqdz09):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/141023266?pwd=US9SUNG2SnMzYTFjWitWSEt2Qklqdz09>
Meeting ID: 141 023 266 (Password: **CCWPKids**)

Sunday School for grades 3rd – 5th (and older children welcome) will meet at 10am via Zoom for 40 minutes to focus on the stories of Jesus. This week the lesson will focus on Jesus 'parable of the Prodigal Son.

The Zoom Link for Sunday School for 3rd – 5th grade is [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222800831?pwd=clhzNGVnVTh5eGo3OEpVejNjV1hzZz09):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222800831?pwd=clhzNGVnVTh5eGo3OEpVejNjV1hzZz09>
Meeting ID; 882 2280 0831 (Password **CCWPKids**)

Seeking Volunteers for Sunday School and Children's Chapel: Rev. Mary Miller Flowers is seeking volunteers to assist with programming for children from age 3 years old through 5th grade +. A variety of volunteers are needed for the children's activities. Please contact Mary if you are willing to assist and she will send a Google Sign Up Sheet to you. All activities would be via Zoom as many people are still out of town and for the safety of all participants.

Outreach, Serving the Community

Support Everyone Home DC's Families This Thanksgiving: This Fall, while everything continues to look very different, Everyone Home DC is committed to ensuring that the families will have the flexibility to celebrate Thanksgiving in a meaningful way. Everyone Home DC is shifting this year's model to collect \$50 grocery gift cards and monetary donations. **Their goal is to distribute a gift card to each family that works with Everyone Home DC, which means they will need 150 \$50 gift cards to distribute to families by November 12.** This gift card drive replaces the food basket drive Christ Church normally does in support of Everyone Home DC. For more information, please visit their website: <https://everyonehomedc.org/thanksgiving-is-almost-here/>

Collecting Supplies for Families in Local Housing Projects: Little Lights, the NGO that supports families in Hopkins and Potomac Gardens Housing Projects here in the church neighborhood, is collecting groceries, non-perishables, masks, and household cleaning supplies for families there. Little Lights needs the following items or monetary donations on their website: masks or handmade masks, soap (bar or liquid), hand sanitizer, Lysol and other disinfecting sprays/wipes, lotion, gloves, toilet paper or flushable wipes, paper towels, and non-perishable food. Rev. Mary Miller Flower has offered to serve a dropoff point at her house (around the corner from the church) at 508 7th St SE). You can contact Rev. Mary to coordinate dropoff at formation@washingtonparish.org.

FALL EVENTS AT HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY

Christ Church's own cemetery has a fall calendar of outdoor, pandemic-friendly, and fun events coming up. All the events are fundraisers for the cemetery, so please consider participating to support our cemetery. Insider tip: Our CCWP representatives to the HCC board of directors, Shawn Freeman and Kirsten Sloan, recommend Soul Strolls as a truly unique and entertaining hour of fun.

- Soul Strolls: October 16, 17, 23, & 24, 2020: Join these Halloween favorites with a guided twilight tour that explores some of the famous and infamous residents of the Cemetery. Changes have been implemented for everyone's safety but it's still a fun evening. Tickets are \$35. <https://congressionalcemetery.ticketleap.com/soul-strolls-2020/>

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); 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); Bill McGhee (brother of Anne Curry); Lolita Brown (friend of Andrew Lyons); Emily and Robin (friends of Jack Jacobs); The Rev. Bill Doggett (former Associate Rector); President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump

For the birth of: Zachary Andrew Kuskowski (son of Jen and Andrew Kuskowski)

For those expecting a child: Allison Spaid Atherton and Garrett Atherton (January); Jamie and Rob Schafer (pending adoption)

For those celebrating their birthdays this month: Becky Bailey; Olivia Brickey; Alison Brooks; Chuck Burger; Matthew Chicoski; Will Chicoski; Michael Crawford; Chris Daffner; Jocelyn de Castro; Ben Flowers; Shawn Freeman; Betsy Gonzalez; Henry Hughes; Sandy Hussey; Bill James; Carolyn Johnson; Scott Kilbourn; Billy Laxton; Noah Litchfield; Stephanie Miedema; Carrie Miller; Linda Norton; Paul Ozkan; Lincoln Pollock; Aman Aine Porter; Theodore Schafer; Greg Schlimm; Liz Schwartz; Kerri Sears; Nolan Spangenberg; Meg Symington; Charles Verret; Jack Verret; Samuel Verret; Jordon Wadlington; Ed Warren; Karena Weber; Judy Whalley; and Gaye Whyte

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

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?pwd=OG40M25pNHhZIN2QUO4M3lXMXN5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 678 710 (Password: **WayofLove**)

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?pwd=UETpb1V3MDNpM0Y0eUZ1eWU1Wkwwdz09>
Meeting ID: 376 730 107 (Password: **WayofLove**)

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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