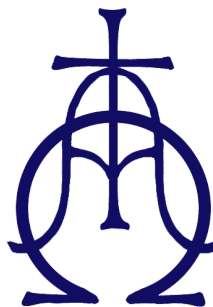


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA

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A note from Reverend Jennifer

We are continuing to adapt to changes around us, especially as the weather turns and we head into the cold months.

As those of you at worship on Sunday know, it was an emotional and lovely return to celebrating Eucharist with the Right Reverence Nedi Rivera presiding. Bishop Nedi showed us her beautiful crozier--a loon head and neck for the crook (sheep may safely stray!) as the loon represents God for a people of the Pacific Northwest, a salmon indicating Jesus, stars for the Holy Spirit, and the Eye of God over all. It also made a wonderful rattling noise when shaken.

Bishop Nedi baptized three grandsons of Cheryl Eskridge; it was a beautiful sight. We followed with the prayers and reading of the Necrology for All Saints, a reminder of how time collapses, the newly baptized join with the cloud of witnesses who have gone before, and that we are all *already* in the slipstream of eternity.

We will be gathering in church from now through December, always at 9.30 until we get to Christmas Eve. We are also in the process of buying equipment that will make our live services available through streaming on Facebook as well as recorded for later viewing. We are continuing to be church!

As a reminder:

*Please confirm with Brad or Becky if you plan to be present on Sunday. We need to arrange for adequate seating--it is a diocesan mandate.

*Here is a copy of the new **diocesan guidelines** (click on the bolded and underlined words) for worship during COVID. If Greene Country were to go **purple** we would return to all on-line worship.

For those of you who will continue to shelter at home, we will be joining with you via USPS and prayer.

Peace--

--Rev Jennifer

November 8, 2020 Proper 27

November 8, 2020 is Second Sunday

Scripture Readings for November 8

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

*you can find copies of the scripture on our weekly devotional
at the bottom of this note*

Worship this Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II 9.30 am at Christ Episcopal Church

We will record the service for those who cannot come.

Please let Brad or Becky know if you are attending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 8, Baptism and Blessing

God willing, Timmy Armstrong will be baptized and Amelia Grae Garrison will be blessed on Sunday, November 8th, in the

sanctuary during Sunday services. *We are truly blessed indeed!*

Please ask God's protection and blessings upon Timmy, Amelia, their families, and their sponsors.

++We will record our church services for those who do not attend in person.++

Outreach News: Providing food and clothing in our community

Christ Church has donated 212.2 pounds on October 12, 48.4 pounds on October 17, 141.4 pounds on October 27 and 23.4 pounds on November 2. We think that is 425.4 total pounds.

Your Guide to Worship at Christ Episcopal and COVID-19

Remember: *When Greene County is at Level 4 (purple) on the Ohio Department of Health map, we will ONLY meet virtually.*

Click on the button below to check on Greene County's status

Ohio Dept of Health Map

Thank you

to those who have kept up with pledges! Our work has continued through the COVID lockdown...some parishioners are with us through the USPS (weekly devotionals are mailed out to them), some through our on-line worship each Sunday, some through phone calls (our sexton/vestry-at-large Brad is a superhero!), some through service in our bagged dinners on Sundays during the lockdown.

Click on the button below if you'd like to give your pledge via the Diocese of Southern Ohio (this is set up especially for churches like ours). Or mail or deliver your pledge to Becky at Nickell House.

Give pledge online

CALLING ALL LECTORS AND INTERCESSORS

**We need lectors and intercessors for Sunday worship.
Please contact the church office.**

++Parish Prayer List++

We ask God's blessing and healing: For Jenny, Sayre, and Chris H, Brad, Robert Kimmet, Roxanne, John N, Cynda, baby Amelia and family, Diana, Peter, Heather, David, John R, Rob H, Carol H, Tawn, Bishop Breidenthal, John G, Dave W and family, Autumn, Rev John T, Woody W, Spears family, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

++Christian Formation++

Weekly Devotional

Our readings this week include exploration of hunger--spiritual and physical hunger. Suzanne Guthrie's weekly devotional is found at the button below. At the top left hand corner you will find the readings of the week.

Here is the link for the weeks readings as well as the devotional **Edge of the Enclosure**

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