

## **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA**

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**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Guest Preacher: Fr. Mike Kreutzer**



**Service will be by Zoom this Sunday  
and by live stream to Facebook.**

**FACEBOOK link**

**Link for Sunday Worship on Zoom 9.30 am Sunday:  
click button below**

**ZOOM link**

**A message from Rev. Jennifer**

For a people who have limited mobility due to a pandemic, we are a busy people!

Coming up:

**Jan 30th (Saturday) at 2.00** Memorial Service for Connie Moore, Cynda's mother **Attendance by Facebook (use link above)**

**Feb 14th (Sunday) at 10.30 am** Annual meeting (by Zoom--use the link above)  
(Feb 16-Mar 1) by USPS: voting on motions from annual meeting)

**Feb 17th (Ash Wednesday) at 12 noon and 6 pm:**  
**Ashes to Go--Imposition of Ashes** (see below)

**Feb 18th (Thursday) at 2.00** Memorial service for Barbara Symonds  
**Attendance by Facebook (use link above)**

**Stay tuned for Lenten series and worship announcements.**

God bless you--

Jennifer+

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## **An Invitation**

As we move toward February and Lent, I know that begin to feel worn down from the grey and gloom and dirty snow. A favorite poet and writer, John O'Donohue, gave advice to a friend struggling with depression that has stayed with me and that is particular helpful to me in this season: try to see the sun rise, and the sun set. The light in this season slanting through buildings and trees is so lovely--pinks, orange, grey, yellow, dusty blue. I hope that you will find ways to refresh your spirit and reconnect with God in the small moments that are ours to cherish every day--right now around 7.30 am and 5.30 pm.

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## **Prayers**

### **A Prayer for Joy in God's Creation**

[dailyoffice.org](http://dailyoffice.org)

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you

with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Your Information--at Christ Episcopal Xenia

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**Wednesday, February 17  
Ash Wednesday/Ashes to Go:**

**12.00 noon: Drive through Masonic Home parking lot**

**6.00 pm: Drive through public parking lot across  
from Xenia library and Nickell house**

**For Ash Wednesday, you may receive ashes on your forehead while in your car at 12.00 noon or 6 pm. Rev. Jennifer will wear face shield and mask; ashes will be imposed with disposable Q-tip**

**We will ponder together the meaning of Ash Wednesday throughout Lent.**

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**January 31, 2021 Epiphany 4  
Fifth Sunday**

**Preacher: Fr. Mike Kreutzer**

**Scripture Readings for January 31**

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**Psalm 111**

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

**Mark 1:21-28**

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

## *Your Guide to Worship at Christ Episcopal and COVID-19*

Due to high levels of COVID-19 in our county,  
we are currently worshipping online

Here is a copy of the new **4 Dec Updated Worship Guidelines** (click on the bolded and underlined words) for worship during COVID. The bishops of Southern Ohio and Ohio have asked us to stay remote until the current rates of infection are lessened. With the terrible spike in cases and COVID-related deaths, we will be remote until further notice.

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

Ohio Dept of Health Map

### *Stewardship and Pledges*

We are behind in receiving 2020 pledges ***Please help us close the 2020 financial year with your remaining pledge,***

***We also have only received about half of our pledges for 2021. You will receive your pledge card and a stamped envelope in the mail***

**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). You can also mail or deliver your pledge to Becky at Nickell House.

Give pledge online

### **++Parish Prayer List++**

***Please contact church office to update or add names***

Prayers for your daily devotions

**Healing**

For Ruth, Ruby, Holly, Debbie, Samuel, Jeremy, Jim S, Barbara B., Brad, Olivea, Marilyn, Heather, David E, Cynda, and for all who suffer from COVID-19.

We pray for the solace and safe passage of a beloved pet, Buttercup.

### **In God's Nearer Presence**

Larry Killian, Jon Feinour's father-in-law

Rev. Stephen Casey

Connie Moore

For all victims of COVID-19

All the victims of racial unrest

**We pray for comfort and healing for those who grieve.**

***On-going prayer **If a name has been removed from the list that you would like to see here, please let Rev. Jennifer or Becky know.*****

Amelia, Madysun, David O, John G, Diana, Peter, Rev John T, David E.

Diocese of Southern Ohio

***Please keep our diocese in your prayers, especially Bishop Ken, Bishop Nedi, and Bishop Wendell, and the Standing Committee who will be serving the diocese for the coming months as we discern the process for calling a new bishop.***

### **++Previous Sermons++**

***Fr. Elaine Silverstrim's Sermon Jan 24: Click below  
We are Unfinished***

### **On-going Outreach at Christ Episcopal Xenia: Clothes Etc. with added ministry**

Clothes, Etc., has added a new dimension to its ministry and is now providing clothes for children in foster care who may have only the clothes on their backs when they leave their homes. We still have local people come in for their clothing needs, but also have **times for social workers to pick up prepared clothing packets** that provide a change of clothes in the right size all ready to go.

In particular, clothing for older children sizes 12-18 is always needed. If you or friends with older children are cleaning closets, or if you just want to donate, here is a list of what they could use.

#### **Clothing for older boys and girls: sizes 12-18**

Jeans/pants (both)

Long sleeved warm shirts (both)

Socks (both)  
Sweatshirts (both)  
Cotton tshirts (boys)  
Tops (girls)  
Coats, hats, gloves  
**New** underwear and panties (all other clothes can be used clothing)  
Athletic bras (girls)

### **Hygiene Items**

Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Deodorant  
hairbrush

### **++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 week's readings as well as the devotional **Edge of the Enclosure**

#### **Weekly Devotional**

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*Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God and Creator of us all; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.*

Collect For Peace, Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

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