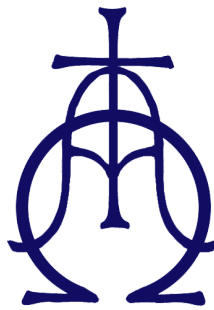


**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA**

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**Second Sunday of Lent**



**Service by Zoom this Sunday.**

**Link for Sunday Worship on Zoom 9.30 am Sunday  
will be emailed on Saturday**

**A message from Rev. Jennifer**

Lent is here. I wonder what kind of shape Lent will take given the limitations and small deprivations we've been living for most of a year already. We can't decide not to eat out for a Lenten discipline--we haven't since last March! Likewise, my usual foregoing sweets doesn't mean much since we seldom head to the store and are buying the minimum to be able to leave quickly.

I'm thinking that I will put money into a Heifer International Bank that Marilee brought home, and then add something to my days: I'll try to engage the daily offerings of the Visual Commentary on Scripture--a friend introduced me to this series at Advent--which will be the basis of our **Lenten Bible studies at 8.30 on Wednesdays starting this week on February 24.** I hope you

will be able to join us for the series, at least for a few of the weeks. It will be a beautiful combination of of Bible, art, ideas, and combination.

Take care, dear friends, and wishing you a blessed Lent,

Jennifer+

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## **LENTEN OFFERING**

**Lenten Series *Scripture through Pictures:***

**Wednesdays at 8.30 pm**

***by Zoom/Facebook***

**We will be studying Genesis 8:20-9:17, the story of the rainbow after the Flood. We'll meet by Zoom--click the "Lenten Bible Study" button below:**

Lenten Bible Study

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February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday of Lent  
Fourth Sunday

Preacher: Fr. Elaine Silverstrim  
Scripture Readings for February 28

**Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16**  
Psalm 22:22-30  
Romans 4:13-25  
**Mark 8:31-38**

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

Christ Church Clothes Etc. Outreach:  
Clothes for Children in Foster Care

Clothes, Etc. is continuing outreach to the community--community members can call for an appointment to come and find clothing. A second outreach is also emerging: serving social workers and children who have been placed in foster care. Clothes Etc. is putting together packets of clothing by gender and size--underwear, socks, pants and shirt--and then inviting social workers to make appointments to get packets for the children they serve. If you would like to help, see below...

**Older girls: sizes 12-18**

Jeans/pants  
Shirts/tops  
Socks  
Sweat shirts  
Athletic bras  
Coats  
Hats  
Gloves  
**New** underwear/panties (all other clothes can be used)

**Older boys: sizes 12-18**

Jeans/pants  
Long sleeved warm shirts  
Socks  
Sweat shirts  
Cotton tshirts  
Coats  
Hats  
Gloves  
**New** underwear (all other clothes can be used)

**Hygiene Items**

Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Deodorant  
hairbrush

***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**

**The bishops of Southern Ohio and Ohio have asked us to stay remote until the current rates of infection are lessened. We will be remote until further notice.**

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

**Ohio Dept of Health Map**

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## Pledges and Tithes

***NOTE: The pledge button will be discontinued at the end of March.***

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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

Doug, Karen, David, Cheryl, Holly, Courtney, Ruth, Amelia, Ruby, Barbara, Tommy and Marilyn, Brad, Cynda, Heather, Diana and Peter, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

### In God's Nearer Presence

Andrew H (Maxine and Larry's brother-in-law)

Vickie F (Ricky and Kim's niece)

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

### On-going prayer list.

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

Madysun, John G, Rev John T, Roxanne, Ken, Lamar, Jess and Tim, Greg, David E, Deb, Jon, and Rick B.

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++**

*Rev Steve Cuff's sermon will be emailed to you this week*

## **++Christian Formation++**

**\*Don't miss PBS's *The Black Church*, airing tonight (Tues 23th) at 9.00 pm.**

### **\*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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God's blessing be with us,  
Christ's peace be with us,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with us,  
now and always. Amen.++

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