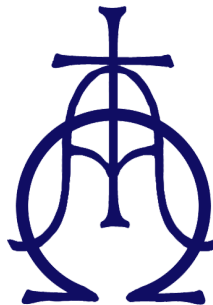


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH XENIA

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**Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Guest Preacher: Fr. Elaine Silverstrim**



**NOTE: Service will be ONLY by Zoom this Sunday.
There will be no 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

The church is its people. We know this when we are together for worship and fellowship, whether that is in person or by Zoom and Facebook. The people are also the church in its support and and in its governance.

For support, Christ Episcopal Xenia depends on your pledges. Becky is resending the appeal for pledges for 2021--please do consider what you can offer of your time and talent--and treasure--for this coming year. We need the pledge cards to be able to establish our budget for 2021.

And that brings me to the Parish Annual Meeting, which will be held on Feb 14 by Zoom, and then followed up by materials sent to you by USPS. Even if you do not attend by Zoom, you will be fully informed, and have your vote. We will be voting on matters that will keep Christ Episcopal Xenia going:

- approval of the budget
- a vote on By-laws on changing the size of the Vestry to accommodate changes in our congregation
- a vote about how we manage our finances (another By-law vote)
- votes for the incoming Wardens and Vestry

For most people, pledging and Annual Meetings are not cherished highlights of the year. I get that--but think of it this way. You are given choice, voice, and ability to help support and shape a community that worships with you; laughs, cries, celebrates and mourns with you; a community that gives the opportunity for growth. It may not be exciting, but it is a deep privilege, I think, to have the means to contribute and to govern a community that engages with deepest concerns and experiences.

Please do look for, think about, pray about, and return those pledge cards and ballots. We are all counting on each other.

God bless you--

Jennifer+

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Prayers

A Prayer Addressing Racism

O God, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have a loving heart that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen and learn from the experiences of people whose skin is different from ours. Open our mouths to speak up about

injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people. Amen.

Amen.

For Your Information--at Christ Episcopal

**Saturday, January 30 2 pm Funeral for Connie Moore,
(mother of Cyndamarie)**

**This service will be streamed live. Please join us on
FaceBook at the link above.**

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Wednesday, February 17 Times TBA

Ash Wednesday/Ashes to Go

Imposition of ashes as you sit in your car

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**Thursday, February 18 2 pm Funeral for Barbara
Symonds**

**This service will be streamed live. Please join us on
Facebook at the link above.**

**January 17, 2021 Epiphany 3
Fourth Sunday**

Preacher: Fr. Elaine Silverstrim

Scripture Readings for January 24

Jonah 3:1-5

Psalm 62:6-14

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

*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 Larry K, Holly, Debbie, Samuel, Jeremy, Jim S, Brad, Olivea, Marilyn, Heather, David E, Cynda, and for all who suffer from COVID-19.

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

In God's Nearer Presence

Rev. Stephen Casey

Barbara Symonds

Mary Sheehan

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, Connie, Diana, Peter, Rev John T

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. Stephen Cuff's Sermon Jan 17,

[Rev Stephen Cuff Sermon click here](#)

++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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