

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

9:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Marva Martinez
Processional	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	H-150
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Kyrie	<i>Kyrie</i>	Attached
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Genesis2: 15-17, 3: 1-7	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 32	Attached

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen**

Second Reading	Romans 5: 12-19	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Matthew 4: 1-11	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Rite 1		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision—Irish Tune</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father (Spoken)</i>	
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-156
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>Eternal Lord of Love</i>	H-149
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing</i>	H-344
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366
Postlude		

St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP

The 1982 Hymnal = H

Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant:	The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Diane Plein
Second Reading	Beth Mayhew
Prayers of the People	Patty Emanuelson
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Soock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Cathy Sheredy, Administrative Assistant

Arturo Jaramillo, Sexton

Don Palm, Music Director & Organist

Arturo & Isabel Jaramillo, Hispanic Music Leader & Vocalists

Vestry Members

Patty Emanuelson, Senior Warden

Bill Masters, Junior Warden

Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry

Mona Guarino, Treasurer

Chinenye Anako, Member-at large

Carmen Borda, Member-at-large

Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large

Maria Salgado, Member-at-large

Mike Soock , Member-at-Large

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Psalm Psalm 32

1. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3. While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
4. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
6. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
7. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
8. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
9. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
10. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
11. Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
12. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Epistle
Romans 5:12-19**

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**The Holy Gospel
Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give

you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Prayers of the People Rite I

Lector: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Lector: Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean our presiding bishop, Jennifer our diocesan bishop, and Gerardo our priest, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; they, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: We beseech thee also, so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all who are listed on our Parish Prayer Chain and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for communities in our cycle of prayer including the Church of Ireland, St. Augustine's in Tempe, and for Lakeview United Methodist Church in Sun City. Pray for joyful celebrations of Christ our King.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for all members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, Tierra and Kristen. Pray for wise leaders and safe missions.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Lector: I ask your prayers for all first responders and healthcare professionals. Pray for calm and quiet in our cities and towns.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

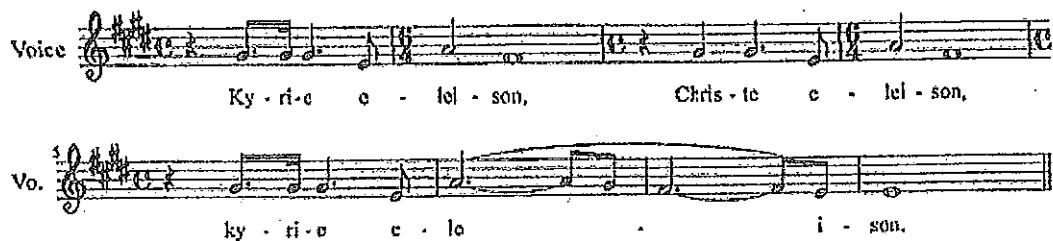
Lector: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples St. Christopher and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People: LORD, hear our prayer.

Kyrie: Kyrie (Sung) Clark

Choir: Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve.
See the violence, feel the hardness.
All my people weep with me.

All sing refrain:



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Choir and Congregation:

Walk among them; I'll go with you.
Reach out to them with my hands.
Suffer with me, and together
We will serve them, help them stand.

REFRAIN

Choir and Congregation: Forgive them Father; hear our prayer.

We would walk with you anywhere.
Through your suff'ring with forgiveness,
Take your life into the world.

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BCP = Book of Common Prayer; H = Hymnal 1982; S = Service Music section of Hymnal 1982; W = Wonder, Love and Praise

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earth. ——————

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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements February 22, 2026

Our Vision: One congregation worshiping and serving in two languages.

Our Mission: We are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus: welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.

Please leave the music inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.

Friendly Reminder: All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, March 1 needs to be in the office by Thursday, February 26 at noon to be included. Thank you.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Men's Prayer Breakfast is Thursday February 26 at 8:00 a.m. at Mercer's Restaurant, 9720 W Peoria Ave. See Bill Masters, Mike Soock, or Dick Young for details.

LENTEN STUDY: There will be a Lenten Study on **Wednesdays** during the **10:00 a.m.** Healing Eucharist service in the Resurrection Chapel.

WAY OF THE CROSS: During Lent we will walk the Way of the Cross on **Fridays at 10:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY: One of the best ways to connect and grow in our church community is through small groups. Small groups are a place where we can study God's word together and support each other in our faith journeys. The Bible Study is open to everyone and takes place on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** Come and join in fellowship.

MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10:05 AM: If you like morning prayer and can't get to church all the time, feel free to join us on Zoom any Wednesday morning around 10:05 – 10:35. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!

ADDRESS/PHONE UPDATE: Please let the office know if you have had a change of address or changed phone numbers in the past year, so that we can update the database. Thank you.



BOOKSTORE: Cookbooks! A reminder that we have a new exhibit of cookbooks. Cookbooks of all kinds and in beautiful condition. There are foreign cookbooks and books of specific ingredients. They are fun to read. Start the New Year with a healthy kitchen. Also new are children's books in good condition. Prices are inexpensive.

RV PARKED IN CHURCH PARKING LOT: Fr. Gerardo confirms that he has given permission to Kevin Lear to park his RV parked in the Church parking lot for the month of February, during weekdays and on Saturdays. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Gerardo. Thank you.

NAME BADGES: We ask everyone to please remember to wear your name badge as it would be of immense help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office.



FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP! Coffee hour needs donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays, or anything you would like to bring. We are always looking for an extra set of hands to help in the kitchen. Sign up in the kitchen.

Barbara Jackson hosts this week's coffee hour.

We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!

2026 PLEDGES/PROMISE FORMS: The Vestry and Stewardship Committee of St. Christopher's would like to thank everyone who have submitted a 2026 Promise form. We are now pleased to report that the combined total of the commitments received is **\$137,902.**

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: As always, **thank you** for the generous donations you give each week. The staples you have given are so appreciated. And there is always a need for pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, canned tomatoes, fruits, soups, personal hygiene products, cleaning and sanitation products. Money donations are always welcomed by Valley View. Slip donation in an envelope and place in Sunday offering plate.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	February 9	2026
Weight	70 lbs	255 lbs.
Cash		\$100.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	February 16	February Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$426.00	\$1,585.00	\$3,644.50 **
Big Brothers/Big Sisters		\$59.80	
Bookstore	\$60.00	\$150.00	\$299.00

** Total Includes amount received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters*



Happy Anniversary in February

Martin & Lourdes Rios	February 3	31 years
Frank & Sue Schlichting	February 10	62 years
Bill & Carol Masters	February 26	54 years

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in February

Marva Martinez	February 09	Maggie Mayper	February 18
Frank Schlichting	February 10	Janet Cairo	February 19
Richard Young	February 11	Bonnie Franco	February 20
Jereme Perez Valenzuela	February 15	Ariana Schwartz	February 21
Eva Quiles	February 17	Betty Roddy	February 22
Amy Schultz	February 17	Sallie Crill	February 26
Beatriz Cortez	February 18	Lyberthad Xynayth Aguirre Salgado	February 28

This Week's Prayer List

One of the ways we care for one another in this church is through prayer. We believe that prayer is powerful and can bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the people below.

* Kelli Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Anne * Jim Barnette * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder *
 *Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey * Claudio * Jane Cooley *
 * Jean Durrett * Cathy & Gary Gustin * Michael Heap * Judith * Landon * Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis *
 * Domingo Lopez * Ernesto Martinez * Marva Martinez * Brenda McCormick * Mia * Shawn Mirigan *
 * Joanne Mola * Bryan Nance * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Sandy Patrick * Joanne Porter * Ramon
 * Jill Renner * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez * Socorro Sanchez * Sherrie * Stella *
 * Kurt Tetrick * Anna Van Scoter * Linda Walston * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Marilyn Hunter * Barbara Liem * Raol Zamora

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