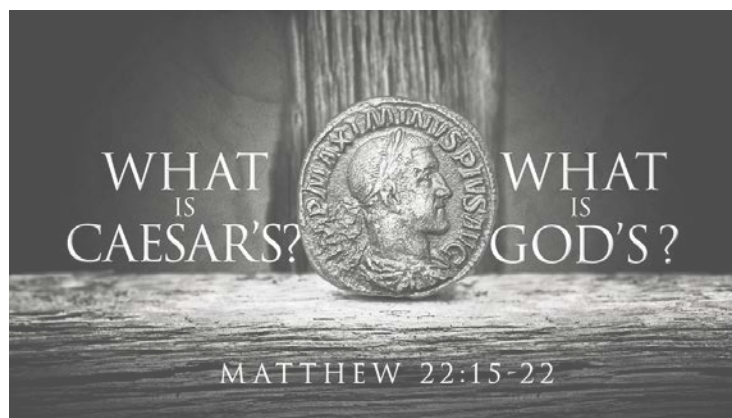




St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2026
9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Chinenye Anako
Processional	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	Attached
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Isaiah 45: 1-7	Attached
The Psalm	Psalm 96: 1-9, [10-13]	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	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Matthew 22: 15-22	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form VI		Attached
Confession		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Worthy, You Are Worthy by Don Moen</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father</i>	Hymnal Inside Front Cover
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	W-800
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Rise Up Ye Saints of God!</i>	H-551
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

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
Deacon	Deacon Emmanuel Bola Oluloro
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Betty Roddy
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Bola
First Reading and Psalm	Chinenye Anako
Second Reading	Judi Soock
Prayers of the People	Mary Ann Ronan
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
Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large
Mary Salgado, Member-at-large
Mike Soock, Member-at-Large
Eric Tapia, Member-at-Large
Dick Young, Member-at-Large

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[But, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Gerardo at 602-405-4588 and leave a message.](#)

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Office Phone: 623-972-1100.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

First Lesson Isaiah 45: 1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

The Psalm Psalm 96: 1-9, (10-13)

1. Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
2. Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
3. Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
4. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *

- he is more to be feared than all gods.**
5. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
6. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
7. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
8. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
9. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 [Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.]

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known,

so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 22: 15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

L: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

L: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

L: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

L: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

L: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

L: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, Gerardo, our Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

L: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in our military serving at home and abroad, including the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force and Merchant Marines. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, and Tierra.

People: Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; grant them a sense of your adding presence wherever they may be.

L: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence – The People may add their own petitions

L: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

L: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

L: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

L: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

L: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

L: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

♩ = 94

Voice



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the
2. Lord, I come in Your awe-some pres - ence, from the sha-dows in-
3. As we gaze on Your kind- ly bright - ness, So our fac- Es dis-

Vo.



dark-ness shin - ing; Je- sus, Light of the world shine up- on - us,
to Your rad - iance; By the blood I may en- ter Your bright- - ness;
play Your like - ness; Ev- er chang-ing from glo- ry to glo - ry,

Vo.



set us free by the truth You now bring - us; Shine on - me.
Search me, try me, con- sume all my dark - ness; Shine on - me.
Mirror-ed here may our lives tell Your sto - ry; Shine on - me.

Refrain

Vo.



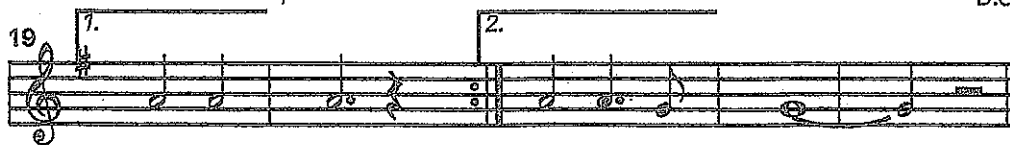
Shine on - me. Shine, Je- sus shine, fill this
Shine on - me. Flow riv- er flow, flood the
Shine on - me.

Vo.



land with the Fa- ther's glo- ry; Blaze, Spir- it blaze, set our
na- tions with grace and mer- cy; Send forth Your word, Lord and

Vo.



hearts on fire let there be light.

D.S

GLORIFY THY NAME

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Donna Adkins



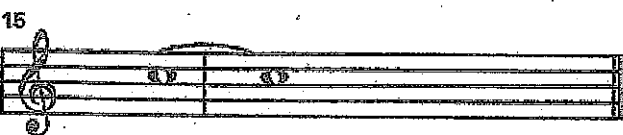
1. Fa ther } we love You, we praise You, we a dore You.
2. Je sus }
3. Spi rit }



Glo ri fy Thy Name in all the earth. _____ Glo ri fy Thy



Name, Glo ri fy Thy Name. Glo ri fy Thy Name in all thy



earth. _____



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements October 18, 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 and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.

 Plenty Good Room Coming Soon! 2027 Stewardship Promise Campaign November 1 – 29 <i>There's plenty good room at God's table. And plenty good room for you.</i> Join us this November as we celebrate the generosity, gratitude, and community that make St C's a place where all are welcome.	 Invitados a la mesa ¡Próximamente! Campaña de Promesas 2027 1 – 29 de noviembre <i>Hay mucho espacio en la mesa de Dios. Y mucho espacio para usted.</i> Acompáñenos este noviembre para celebrar la generosidad, la gratitud y la comunidad que hacen de St C's un lugar donde todos son bienvenidos.
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!! TODAY!! PUMPKIN DECORATING!!: Leona Lindvall will be decorating mini pumpkins (using markers), with the children, following today's service.

HEARING AIDS: A set of over-the-counter hearing aids was donated to the church to be given to someone in the church who might be able to use them. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Men's Prayer Breakfast is on **Thursday, October 23** at **8:00 a.m.** at Mercer's Restaurant, 9720 W. Peoria Avenue. See Bill Masters or Dick Young for details.

SPARKLE & SHINE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: It's almost here! The Christmas Boutique is this coming **Friday, Saturday and Sunday October 23-25. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE, ON THE POSTER IN THE NARTHEX AFTER THE SERVICE AND DURING COFFEE HOUR.** We need our crafters to get those beautiful items ready for our St Christopher's Boutique table. We still have postcards available for you to share with your family, friends and neighbors and invite them to attend. If you have any questions please see Barbara Jackson or Mona Guarino during coffee hour or send a note to Cathy in the office and she will forward it to me. Working together will help us have another successful event.

MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM: Reminder that the morning prayer at 10:05 a.m. is on October hiatus. Join us again by Zoom in November! For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino, or Beth Mayhew.

WEDNESDAY LITURGY & HEALING SERVICE: Wednesday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed at **10:45 a.m.** with **The Way of St. Francis Scripture Study led by Mary Ann Ronan.** This is a sacred journey not only through the life of St. Francis, but through the movement of your heart. We will use the 7 Pillars to awaken your faith.. Information for each week is on the next page

October 21: ENCOUNTER & COMPASSION: How is God asking me to move others I don't understand? Who around me is hungry - for belonging?

October 28: AGAPE & TRANSFORMATION: How do we understand love? What legacy of light are you giving to others?

STREAMING LINK: As a reminder, if you are unable to attend church in person, you can view both the English and Spanish services via our streaming link (below). Both English and Spanish bulletins can be found on the webpage and are sent out via email on Fridays. If you have any questions regarding the link, please speak with Bill Lynn.

https://www.youtube.com/@StChris_SunCityAZ/streams

WATER DRIVE: We continue to collect money and/or water for Valley View Food Bank as a way of assisting St. Christopher's community. Valley View will provide will share the water with the homeless who find themselves outside in the heat. There is a blessings container available to leave monetary donations or you can drop a check or cash (in an envelope) in the offering plate. Be sure to mark the envelope or check "Valley View Water Donation." Thank you.

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is "PB & J" Sunday. Please bring peanut butter and jelly (or other kinds of nut butter) or honey. Thank you for your kindness and generosity~*Love is the fruit of sacrifice. Wealth is the fruit of generosity* — Lao Tzu

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	September 28	2026 Total
Weight	30 lbs.	1,324 lbs.
Cash		\$910.00
Water Project	\$9.00	\$717.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	October 13	October Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$367.00	\$629.00	\$19,695.90**
Bookstore	\$70.00	\$231.00	\$2,343.55

****Bargains total includes all money received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters.**

FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR

You're Invited! – Coffee Fellowship Gathering

We'd love for you to join us for a time of fellowship and warm conversation and friendly faces.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: After Worship Service

Location: Parish Hall

We can't wait to see you there!

Coffee hour is in need of extra hands to help in the kitchen. And coffee hour is always in need of donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays – anything you would like to bring. Look for the sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

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

Happy Anniversary in October

María Salgado & Bernabé Aguirre Martinez 37 years

Barbara & Ronald Jackson 56 years

Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in October

Hailey Cortez

Barbara Welsh

Judi Soock

Carmen Borda

Denisse Ríos

Dennis Bustamante

Meka Anako

Rey Borda

Lilly Murray

Breanna Bustamante

Rafael Rodriguez

Gail Tetrick

Harley Díaz Ríos

Patty Emanuelson

Natalee Valles

Sofía Valle

This Week's Prayer List

Effective October 1, names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days, after which they will be removed. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have someone remain on the prayer list, please add the information to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

* Kelli Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Anne * Jim Barnette * Judy Broeder *
* Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tim Buffery * Karen Butler * John Card *
* Clive Chancey * Claudio * Sharon Cook * Jane Cooley * Jean Durrett * Kathryn Frantz *
* Fr. Gerardo * Cathy & Gary Gustin * Karen Harry * Michael Heap * Judith * Kim *
* Barbara Kimball * Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis * Domingo Lopez * Ernesto Martinez *
* Marva Martinez * Larry Mayper * Jeff McBride * Maureen * Brenda McCormick * Mia *
* Shawn Mirigian * Hivanny Oliver * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm * Paul & Paula *
* Jean Phelps * Ramon * Jill Renner * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez *
* Socorro Sanchez * Sherrie * Stella * Anna Van Scoter *
* David Scott (Barbara Kimball's son) * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Carol Weber *
* Steve Wheatley * Janet Young * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Janice Crane * Tom Camper * Kathryn Frantz *
* Abel Zamora (anniversary) * Raul Zamora (anniversary) *

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