

November 10, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

# WELCOME

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

## ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## WORSHIP SONGS

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## READING OF THE WORD

### RUTH 3:1-5; 4:13-17

One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do."

"I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered.

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST*

## PSALM 127

1 Unless the Lord builds the house,  
their labor is in vain who build it.

2 **Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 **Children are a heritage from the Lord,  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.

6 **Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!  
he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

**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

### HEBREWS 9:24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## MARK 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

This is Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Andrew MacBeth

## THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For the Most Rev. Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*  
We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

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*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The priest or pastor concludes the prayers.*

## **CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **SHARING PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION SONG

## CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FINAL BLESSING

## CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## The Week Ahead | November 10 - November 16

<b>Sunday 10</b>	Holy Eucharist   10:00am   In Person & Online
<b>Monday 11</b>	Reunion Group – Cursillo   5:30pm   Zoom
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	Morning Prayer   10:00am   In Person & Online Vestry Meeting   6:30pm   In Person
<b>Thursday 14</b>	Garden Team   9:00am   Outside
<b>Friday 15</b>	Group Prayer   10:00am   Conference Call

## How Are We Doing Financially?

October 2024		Year-to-Date   Jan-Oct	
Income:	\$ 12,612	Income:	\$ 151,176
Expenses:	\$ 18,292	Expenses:	\$ 158,682
Difference:	\$ - 5,683	Difference:	\$ - 7,506

### WAYS TO GIVE:

In Person • Online Via CHS Website • Mail

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Reunion Group – Cursillo Mondays, 5:30 pm, Zoom Call** This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen at 413-822-1160 for details.



### Garden Team

**Thursdays at 9:00 am**



Join us as we tend to the landscaping needs of the church. No experience necessary! Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 if you are available to help.

### Group Prayer

**Fridays at 10:00 am, Conference Call Dial 717-908-1923, Code 974309#**



Join us as we pray for the search of a new rector, personal needs, Ukraine, our country, and social issues of the day. Contact Annabell Edwards at 941-900-6147 for details.

## Want Healing Prayer?

A prayer team is available at the front of the sanctuary during communion.

### YOUR VESTRY IS HERE FOR YOU

SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND CONCERNS WITH US!

- Sally Allen, Senior Warden
- Deb Lorshbough
- Lee Mathews, Junior Warden
- Bob Mongillo
- Marion Palmatier
- Joe Platenik
- Pam Thompson

Vestry meetings are open for you to attend. Minutes are posted monthly on the Vestry bulletin board.

The next meeting is November 13 at 6:30pm

### Christmas Tea

## SAVE THE DATE

## DECEMBER 7

## 1:00PM



### RESCUING GRACE

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Church of the Holy Spirit, Osprey



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> | 9:00AM - 2:00PM

A DAY OF SHARED MEDITATIONS AND QUIET PERSONAL REFLECTION TO EASE OUR MINDS AND SOULS BEFORE THE BUSYNESS OF THE HOLIDAYS. RESERVE YOUR PLACE: CALL (941) 966-1924 OR EMAIL ADMIN@CHSOSPNEY.COM.

A \$5.00 DONATION IS REQUESTED. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, 129 S. TAMIAMI TRAIL, OSPREY, FL 34229

### DO YOU THINK THAT OUR CHURCH SHOULD DO MORE TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED?

If so, please add to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by putting your donations in the outreach box at the entrance to the sanctuary.



*Thanksgiving Eve Service*  
**WEDNESDAY  
 NOVEMBER 27TH  
 6:00PM**

**WELCOME**  
**FIRST TIME VISITORS**

If you are here for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Station so we can give you a gift.

## The Church in Prayer – Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

*If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email [admin@chsosprey.com](mailto:admin@chsosprey.com).*

- Prayers for the growth of CHS.
- Prayers for families increased work due to storm recovery.
- Prayers for all as we head into the season of blessings and thankfulness.
- Prayers for our nation.
- Prayers for financial provision for CHS.
- Continued prayers for Audrey.
- Prayers for the Beaubien family as they grieve together while celebrating Thelma's glorious life in heaven.
- All the victims of the recent hurricanes.
- Pray for Lucie Sursi who is recovering from a broken hip and surgery.
- Prayers for grandchildren who have drifted away from going to church.
- Prayers for Linda.
- Prayers for Isabel as she grieves the loss of her husband.
- Prayers for Diane, Patty and Janet who are all dealing with health issues.
- Prayers for the nation of Israel.
- Prayers for Robin's mother in law, Judy.
- Prayers for my daughter's health.
- Prayers for a men's retreat.
- Prayers for Pam's brother, Rick.
- Prayers for Joanne.
- Positive test results for Tom.
- Peace and salvation for niece, Amy.
- Prayers for son, Danny.
- Reconciliation of family members.
- Continued Prayers for Peggy and her family.
- I can wait in hopeful trust because I belong to Jesus.
- A miracle for Julie and each member of her family.
- Healing for Audrey, Sue, Joni, Karen's brothers, Maureen, Tara, Bob, Betty, Erin, Daniel, Lisa, Jerry, Aaron, Matthew, Evelyn and Art.



## CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Pastor Gerry Gardner, Lay Pastor**

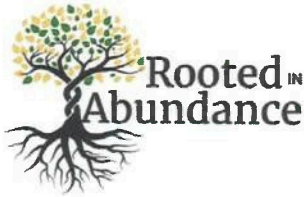
**Supply Clergy: The Rev. Andy MacBeth and The Rev. Jonathan Percival**

**The Rev. Linda Morlock, Deacon**

**Nancy Lihan and Scott Gardner, Music Leaders**

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*They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8*

The most important words to say in Church are “thank you.” Say it often, and mean it, and today I say it to you. Thank you for the many gifts that you share with our community.

You have heard the familiar expression “can’t see the forest for the trees” before. We most often use it to describe that occasion in which we lose sight of the big picture while focusing on the details. From my position, I often experience the blessing of being able to see the big picture of our congregation – the ministry we bring to our neighbors, the impact we have on our community, the ways that week after week we come together to celebrate our faith and praise God. This is the forest.

And I get to wander amongst the trees. From the small shoot reaching out from its seed and finding the sunlight, to the mightiest tree, standing tall, showing strength, offering sheltering love to those who need it. You are those trees, each drawing strength from our meal and showering the world with the love and grace you have come to know here. I am blessed in that here in our congregation, I can see both the forest and the trees!

When I walk through a forest, I am aware of the tangle of roots, how one tree is connected to another. Trees use these networks, secretly talking to each other through their roots, passing information along. Adult trees share their sugars with young saplings, a dying tree can send its remaining resources back out to help the community. These networks, these roots of abundance, keep trees in place just as much as they free them to grow and share.

The theme of our annual pledge campaign this year is *Rooted in Abundance*, and we are reminded that we are a mighty forest comprised of ancient trunks and sprightly saplings, each of us contributing our gifts to a world that needs us. As you hear the messages and stories of abundance this year, take note of how generosity spreads and widens our root structures of faith and action.

In gratitude,

Pastor Gerry Gardner