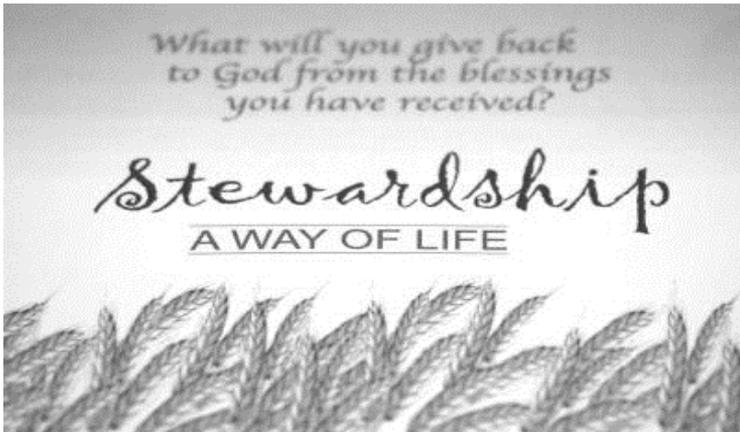


St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
1242 W. Queen Street, Hampton, Virginia

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Sunday, November 12, 2017
Loyalty Sunday

8:30 a.m. (spoken)
11:00 a.m. (choral music)

3rd Sundays
Sacrament of Healing



The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey
Rector

Parish Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. ~ 9:30am – 3:30pm

*Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices
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ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL: “*Order My Steps*”

OPENING HYMN: # H 436 “Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;”

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

THE GLORIA~ (LEVAS) 243

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father: Lord God, Lamb of God. Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the Father. Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

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.*

THE LESSONS: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought

us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” ²² Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³ He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

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1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,^[a] about those who have died,^[b] so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.^[c] ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.^[d] ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN: #L208 “We’ve come this far by faith”

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to **Matthew 25:1-13**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids^[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.^[b] ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids^[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids^[d] came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (NRSV)

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED

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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, FORM VI BCP p.392

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Holley and Jay our Bishops; for Ronald our Rector, Earl our Deacon, and for all other bishops and 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 CONCLUDING COLLECT

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

WELCOME

PLEDGE CARDS: *“When The Saints Come Marching In”*
Trombonist- A’Sharea Peele

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: # H 655 “O Jesus I have promised”

THE HOLY EUCHARIST~ *Eucharistic Prayer A* BCP p361-363

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:

Celebrant and People ~ (The Sanctus – LEVAS 253)

**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.**

The people stand or kneel

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 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, 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.**

As our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we now pray,

(LEVAS 263)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Fraction Anthem ~ (LEVAS) 270 ~ Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion Hymns: # H 317 “This is the hour of banquet and of song”

H 336 “Come with us O blessed Jesus”

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: # H 690 “*Guide me O thou great Jehovah*”

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR CYCLE OF PRAYER: Mrs. Martha Hall

We Pray for Parishioners: Cornelius Taylor, Mary Robinson, Tinea Savage-Otey, Cora Mae Reid, Cynthia Sutherland, Minnie Stiff, Minnie Bembry, Norma Pinkelton, Connie Daniels, Olive Ezell, Jeannette & Wilbert Lovett, Sylvester & Gwen Newsome, Crystal Diggs, Ron Minor, Donna Davis, Will Canty IV, Vernell Walden, Charles “Butch” Badger, Adrienne Combs, and Deacon Earl Christian.

Friends & Family: Clarence Savage, Derrick Edmonds, the Fred Avery, Jr. family, Loretta Ogden, Perry Greene, Lois Martin, Margaret Comegys, Bridget Canty, Clay Cane, Alexa Munoz, Leonard Alexander, Howard Durrah, Cheryl Maxson, Anthony Tabron, Doris Harris, Marcus Reid, Jeannie & Paul Saunders, Beverly Amaya, Lily Holloman, Allison Jordan, Greg & Patrina Newton, Kenneth Bullock, Peggy Winston, Dominique Jordan, the Rev. Martin Bolton, Helena Hawthorne, Tony Leroy Duncan, Carolyn Blissett, Florence Hubbard, Edith & Sana Harris, Jasen Fykes, Ron Durrah, Theodosia Peacock (sister of Connie Daniels), Sylester Babb (sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff), Sophia McCloud (sister of Lucretia Clayton), Frances Batts, Shawna Harris Mathias (sister of Crystal Diggs), Joy Staton, Laura James (co-worker’s wife of Lora Ham), Atlena West (sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff)

We Pray for Those Serving in the Military: *Michael Taylor, Jr.* (nephew of Cornelius A. Taylor, III); *LaToya Artis* (niece of Dr. Minnie Stiff); *Lt. Luke Carpenter, III* (grandson of Bill and Fannie Walls); *John “Holland” Watkins* (son of John & Maria Watkins) U.S.Navy, on-board the USS James E. Williams, PFC. Malik Leonard (*great-grandson of Vernell Walden*)

We Welcome All Who Are Visiting Today. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex and to take with you one of the “Welcome” packets in the pew racks. Our hope is that you will find the information helpful. We look forward to your completing and returning the enclosed card and leaflet section so we can get to know you.

Altar Flowers today were given to the glory of God by Eleanor Pritchett and Audrey Cobb in memory of loved ones.

Loyalty Sunday – Today - Fun, Food and Fellowship

Sunday School – Sunday School classes will resume today from 10:45am to 11:45am. Classes will be held each 2nd and 3rd Sunday. There will be fun and informative classes for our youth as they learn about the way of Christ.

The NAACP – has begun its Annual Membership Drive. Membership applications may be found on the table in front of the Parish Office or in the Parish Hall. Please support the NAACP by renewing your membership or by joining this pioneering organization.

The Margaret Phillips Davis Dinner Concert – will be held on November 18th at the Queen Street North Worship Center. Doors open @6pm. Sterling Elliot is the performing artist this year. Tickets can be purchased from Circle #2 members. Thank You. Brenda Vinson

ECW – Our regular meeting scheduled for today, Nov.12th, has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 3rd. To those women of the church who are not members of a Circle, if you have not already done so for this year, PLEASE submit your \$10 in annual dues to the ECW Treasurer, Brenda Vinson, by November 30th. The assessment checks from our Circles are also due to the ECW Treasurer by November 30th. ECW President

The Finance Committee is working on our Budget for 2018. All groups, committees and ministries are asked to submit budget requests to the Finance Committee. The Vestry will approve the Budget for 2018 at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 14th.

The Men's Club will be meeting on Friday, November 17th in the Vestry Room. We look forward to seeing all MC members as we fast approach the Christmas Holiday season. Thank you. Henry

Calendars- for 2018 are in the Parish Office. Please come by to pick up your calendar.

Parish Administrator- We are currently seeking a new Parish Administrator. This position is part-time (18hrs. per week). Please see the Diocesan website or Newsletter for more detail. Applicants must demonstrate competence with Microsoft Word. Experience with Publisher and Power Point preferred. Ability to work with Social Media

platforms desired. Resume should be mailed to:
office@stcyprianshamptonva.org. The Rector

Bible Study- we will continue our exploration of the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. Wednesdays @11:00am. All are welcome.

Living Your Baptismal Covenant

Baptism sets us out on a lifelong journey that is characterized by our relationship to God, our relationship to our faith community, and the wider world. Living our baptismal covenant means living a life of growth in our faith. Let's talk about it. **Beginning October 8th at 9:45AM** in Howard Chapel we will gather for 8 weeks to begin our journey. If you have any questions please call or text Darlene Jackson at 757-268-1626.

Hey-(Hampton Episcopal Youth)!

Please see this space for monthly fun activities for all Hampton Episcopal (and other) youth. Contact Juanita Alexander or Deacon Earl Christian for more information.

Acolytes Needed: (Youth and Adult)- If there is anyone interested in becoming an Acolyte please see or contact Lucretia Clayton or Michael Daniels at 757-851-8901

Electronic Giving:

On-Line giving is now available on our Church website!

1. Click the green Online Giving icon on the Home page.
2. You will be directed to TITHE.LY which is a **secure website** for all of our giving transactions.
3. Create an account.
4. Find a church: Type in St. Cyprian's at the top of the page and be sure to click the arrow at the right of the church name.
5. Enter your information and follow the prompts to make a contribution.
6. You will receive an e-mail and receipt almost immediately.
7. You can also download the free tithe.ly app on your smart phones!

If anyone needs help during the process, you can open a new tab/window and go to <http://get.tithe.ly/contact/>. There you will find a Support tab, a HELP button and a FAQ tab.

We hope this new opportunity will increase your options for making contributions to the important work of the life of our parish.

December Newsletter – Please submit any announcements and/or information that you would like included in the newsletter by **November 19, 2017. Any information submitted after the deadline will be published in the January newsletter.** *Early monthly submissions are always welcome.*

Calendar for the Coming Week

Sun. Nov. 12 th	8:30 AM & 11 AM	-H.E., Rite II
Wed. Nov. 15 th	11 AM	-Bible Study
Fri. Nov. 17 th	11AM	-Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Nov. 19 th	8:30 AM & 11AM	- H.E., Rite II

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 8:30 – Deborah Davis
11:00 – Stephanie Kendall

LECTOR: Laura L. Manigault

ACOLYTES: 8:30 – DeLaine Headen
11:00 – Lucretia Clayton, Simone Griffin

ALTAR GUILD: Lucretia Clayton, Lora Ham, *Eleanor Pritchett,
Delores Minor

USHERS: 8:30- Henry Russell, L. C. Wyatt, Alberta Reid,
Barbara Ward
11:00- Connie McCullough, Regal Dubose

GREETER: Maria Watkins

FYI 11/05/2017	Present	65
Pledges collected 11/05/17		\$ 4,670.00
Weekly Pledge Goal		\$ 3,173.00

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Saint Cyprian’s Church is named after Cyprian, the first Bishop of Carthage, North Africa (248-258). He spoke for reconciliation of the Church with those who had denied their faith.

Cyprian was beheaded for refusing to worship pagan gods and deny Christianity.

Thus, he became a martyr of Christ’s Church universal.