

# **St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church**

**1242 W. Queen Street**

**Hampton, Virginia 23669**

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**The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

**10 a.m.**

***YouTube Live***



**The Very Reverend Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey**  
**Rector**

**Parish Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs.**  
**9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**10 a.m.**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN (AAHH # 106)**

*~ "In the Beauty of Holiness"*

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**BCP p. 355**

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 ~ (All Standing)**

**BCP p. 356**

**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.**

**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. *Amen.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:*** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## **THE COLLECT**

**BCP p. 234**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

## **THE LESSONS**

### **THE FIRST LESSON: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. (NRSV)

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

*People:           Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 124**

*Nisi quia Dominus*

**BCP p. 781**

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## THE EPISTLE: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (NRSV)

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:**         *Thanks be to God.*

## THE GRADUAL HYMN (HYMNAL # 602)

~“*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*”

[**Refrain:**]

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (**Refrain**)

Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. (**Refrain**)

These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you. (**Refrain**)

Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves;  
this is the way we should live with you. (*Refrain*)

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## **A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to **Mark 9:38-50**

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” (*NRSV*)

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **THE SERMON**

## **THE RECTOR**

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

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.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Susan**, our Bishop; for **Ronald**, our Rector; and **Earl**, our Deacon; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially **President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Vice-President Kamala D. Harris**;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially **James Bembry**, brother-in-law of William (“Billy”) Walls, Jr.;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*



We pray for those who are sick and those who may be suffering, especially John Watkins, Sr., Eleanor Pritchett, Brenda Vinson, Wayne Walden, Shane Otey, Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Jean Boyd, Gene Harden, Cornelius Taylor, Tinea Savage-Otey, Minnie Stiff, Olive Ezell, Jeannette Lovett, Wilbert Lovett, Gwendolyn Newsome, Crystal Diggs, Ron Minor, Will Canty IV, Vernell Walden, Adrienne Combs, Deacon Earl Christian, Jodie Ansel James, Alex Strawn, Barbara Savage, Bernice Wilson, Jerome Sheppard, Ardelle B. Anderson, Jeffery Corbin, Sandra Corbin, Keri Corbin, Joyce Harden, Regal DuBose, and Henry P. Russell, Jr.;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

*Silence*

We pray for all those affected by the coronavirus outbreak in our country and around the world,

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Silence may be kept.*

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**BCP p. 394**

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**BCP p. 360**

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.*

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (LEVAS # 105)

~ "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me  
Singing glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound Jesus lifted me  
Satan had me bound Jesus lifted me  
Satan hand me bound Jesus lifted me  
Singing glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me

When I was in sin Jesus lifted me  
When I was in sin Jesus lifted me  
When I was in sin Jesus lifted me  
Singing glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me.

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST~ *Eucharistic Prayer A* BCP p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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)*

**BCP p. 362**

**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.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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,*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP p. 364**

**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**

**BCP p. 364**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant and People*

*“O 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.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(All baptized Christians are invited to receive the bread and wine. To receive, please come forward observing six feet of social distance, as appropriate.)*

**COMMUNION HYMN (LEVAS # 149)**

*~ “In Remembrance of Me”*

## PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP p. 366**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.***

**THE BLESSING**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN (*LEVAS # 12*)

~ “*We’re Marching to Zion*”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

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**CHORAL BENEDICTION** ~ “*Let the Church Say Amen*”

### THE DISMISSAL

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

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

### THE POSTLUDE

## ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

### *A St. Cyprian's Invitation*

*St. Cyprian's welcomes all visitors. If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to consider joining St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. It would be our delight and pleasure to share with you our life of fellowship, worship and prayer. To join us, simply contact the Rector about making St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church your parish as well.*

### **IN OUR CYCLES OF PRAYER:**

**We Pray for Our Bishop:** Susan B. Haynes

### **We Pray for Parishioners:**

John Watkins, Sr., Eleanor Pritchett, Brenda Vinson, Wayne Walden, Shane Otey, Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Jean Boyd, Gene Harden, Cornelius Taylor, Tinea Savage-Otey, Minnie Stiff, Olive Ezell, Jeannette Lovett, Wilbert Lovett, Gwendolyn Newsome, Crystal Diggs, Ron Minor, Will Canty IV, Vernell Walden, Adrienne Combs, Deacon Earl Christian, Jodie Ansel James, Alex Strawn, Barbara Savage, Bernice Wilson, Jerome Sheppard, Ardelle B. Anderson, Jeffery Corbin, Sandra Corbin, Keri Corbin, Joyce Harden, Regal DuBose, and Henry P. Russell, Jr.

### **We Pray for Friends and Family:**

Derrick Edmonds, Lois Martin, Margaret Comegys, Bridget Canty, Clay Cane, Alexa Munoz, Leonard Alexander, Cheryl Maxson, Doris Harris, Marcus Reid, Jeannie & Paul Saunders, Beverly Amaya, Lily Holloman, Allison Jordan, Greg & Patrina Newton, Kenneth Bullock, Peggy Winston, Dominique Jordan, Helena Hawthorne, Tony Leroy Duncan, Edith & Sana Harris, Jasen Fykes (*grandson of Eleanor Pritchett*), Ron Durrah, Theodosia Peacock (*sister of Connie Daniels*), Sylvester Babb (*sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff*), Sophia McCloud (*sister of Lucretia Clayton*), Shawna Mathias (*sister of Crystal Diggs*), Joy Staton, Atlena West (*sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff*), Christine Calhoun, Joyce Steadman (*resident,*

*Hampton Sentara Life Care*) and family, Marc Miller (*father of Tamika Miller Benson*), Rev. Jerome R. Watson (*brother of Laura L. Manigault*), Jeffrey Peele, Oliver Christian (*brother of The Rev. Earl R. Christian*), Howard Moore (*brother of Lucretia Clayton*), Philip Whitaker (*brother of Crystal Diggs*), Tyrone Comegys, Russell Rhorer (*brother-in-law of Samuel Ewell, Jr.*), Evelyn Tricarico (*mother-in-law of Erica Robinson Tricarico*), Keaton Williams (*granddaughter of John and Renee Escoffery-Torres*); Evita Ogden (*niece of Alberta Reid*), and Gigi Fykes (*sister of Lora Ham*)

**We Pray for Those Serving in the Military:**

LaToya Artis (*niece of Dr. Minnie Stiff*); Capt. Luke Carpenter, III (*grandson of Bill and Fannie Walls*), U.S. Marine Corps; John “Holland” Watkins (*son of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Navy; and LT. JG Joy Maria Watkins (*daughter of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Coast Guard – Stationed in Baltimore, MD

**We Pray for The Departed:**

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of **James Bembry**, *brother-in-law of William (“Billy”) Walls, Jr.* The funeral was held on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**. May God grant *James* the blessing of eternal rest and may light perpetual shine upon him. Please pray for Michelle and Billy and their family during this difficult time of bereavement.

**Altar Flowers** were given today, to the glory of God, *in celebration of birthday blessings for Jenise Blount*, granddaughter of **Lucretia Clayton**. ~ **Lucretia Clayton**

**Regathering for In-Person Worship Service at 10 a.m.** – The following safety protocols have been put in place as we gather for in-person Sunday worship.

- Parishioners will be asked to register for the in-person service for Contact-Tracing purposes. The link for registration can be found on the church’s website. Simply click on the *Contact Us* tab on the home page and follow the prompts to register.



- Temperature checks will be done at all public gatherings.
- Parishioners will still be required to sign the Entrance Log as well.
- Masking and physical-distancing measures continue to be in effect indoors.
- Enter the church through the narthex and exit from the door in front of the Parish Office.\*
- Please keep the hallway clear for parishioners who are leaving the building.
- Hand Sanitation Stations are located at the front and back of the nave. Parishioners may bring their own personal bottles of hand sanitizer and /or wipes and tissues.
- Wear a mask during the entire service.
- Sit within your family; **seating patterns are marked in Green on each pew.**
- Prayer books are allowed in the pew racks.
- You are encouraged to go to the parish website and print the Sunday service bulletin at home and bring it with you. Or you may use your cell phone/tablet to download the service bulletin.
- Pledge and Contribution Collection Stations will be placed near the entrances to the nave.
- Used communion cups should be placed in the baskets near the entrances to the nave.

\*Wheelchairs and walkers will exit first as directed by the ushers.

**We are OPEN! All are welcome.** – We invite you to join us on Sundays at 10 a.m. for our in-person worship service. If you are not ready to gather in-person for worship, please continue to worship with us on *YouTube*. The *YouTube* broadcast will be available for you to enjoy the service in real time with our congregation.

Everyone who wishes to attend an in-person service must register ahead of time. Whether or not you have attended previously or plan to attend again soon, anyone can sign up for the in-person worship service. The link for registration can be found on our home page by

visiting: <http://www.stcyprianshamptonva.org/>. Simply click on the *Contact Us* tab on the home page. The link will take you to another web page where you have two selections.

**1. Church Attendance Request Form**

**2. Contact Us Form**

Click on the **Church Attendance Request Form** to begin the registration process for attending the in-person worship service. If you have any trouble signing up, please email the Parish Office ([Office@stcyprianshamptonva.org](mailto:Office@stcyprianshamptonva.org).) for assistance.

**A Word About Contact Tracing** – Our intention is to keep everyone as safe as possible. We have re-opened for in-person worship but Covid-19 is still a part of our daily lives. In view of this fact, please sign in as you enter the Narthex. If you forget to sign in before the service, please do so after the service. If you are exposed to a person who later tests positive for Covid-19, or if you test positive for Covid-19, please notify the Rector or Senior Warden as soon as possible. As always, we hope for the best, but we must plan for other possibilities. ~ *The Rector*

**Holy Communion** – We are excited to be able to offer Holy Communion to our parishioners while participating in our virtual online worship service. Parishioners are invited to come to St. Cyprian’s weekly on **Wednesdays between 12 noon and 1 p.m.** or **Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** to pick up their consecrated communion packets in Howard Chapel. You will enter through the Parish Office door and exit through the front door of the church. Those who cannot come to the church during these hours may pick up their consecrated communion packet on **Sundays between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.** **Masks are required when entering the building.** For additional questions, please call the Parish Office.

**Vestry Nominees Needed** – We are looking for two parishioners to serve for **two unexpired terms (2021-22)**. If you are interested and willing to serve, please speak to one of our Vestry members.

**New Trustee** – We are pleased to announce that **Gail B. Jones** was elected to serve as a Trustee for St. Cyprian’s Church at our last Vestry Meeting. We congratulate her on this election and offer our prayers for her as she begins this new ministry. ~ **Fr. Ramsey**

**Recorded Videos** – Our mid-week Bible Study and Noonday Prayer Services are pre-recorded and posted on **YouTube** for viewing by our parishioners and community friends. We hope these opportunities to hear the spoken word will provide you with the spiritual resources you need to stay grounded in God’s peace and strength during this pandemic. Please visit our website for the link for viewing and share it with your family and friends also.

**School Supplies Available** – Please feel free to take any of the supplies from the basket on the front hallway table that your children may need for the upcoming school year. This is our way of helping our youth get off to a good start this school year. ~ **Juanita Alexander, Youth Facilitator**

**Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions** – The **HELP** Pantry Drive ends **today, September 26, 2021**. Thank you for your donations and support to serve the impoverished in our community. For more information about this program, contact Alberta Reid, St. Cyprian’s **HELP** Coordinator. ~ **Alberta Reid**

**Thank You for Your Support** – Thanks to all who made a contribution or submitted their pledge. If you have not done so, we are still accepting your pledge or gift by **mail** or **electronic giving**.

- **Giving By Mail** – You may mail your financial contribution to the church address-**1242 West Queen Street, Hampton, VA 23669** or **P. O. Box 65, Hampton, VA 23669**.
- **Electronic Giving** – Please visit our website to make electronic contributions to St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church.
- **Donations/Contributions** – If you are not a member of St. Cyprian’s but would like to make a **contribution** to the

church, please know how grateful we are. You can also make a contribution online. Visit our home page and click on the green *GIVE* button. Create your account and log in to enter your information. Whether you choose to make a recurring contribution or a one-time gift, we thank you for your generosity and faithful support of this parish.

**Blessing of Animals** – It has been a tradition that every year around the *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi* to celebrate the blessing of the animals. This year we invite you to join us on **Sunday, October 3, 2021** for a special service that will be held on Zoom at 12 noon. We invite you to send an email to the Parish Office by Tuesday, September 28, 2021 if you plan to attend the Zoom blessing. We hope to see you with your pet or a picture of your pet for a blessing. For those companions who have died, we are happy to say a symbolic blessing over a photo or other remembrance. All are welcome.

**St. Cyprian's Birthday** – We will celebrate **116** years of service to this community next **Sunday, October 3, 2021**. We hope you will join us for this special day.

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BayPort Foundation Crawl'n' Crab Half Marathon, 5K, and Kids Kilometer** will take place on **October 2-3, 2021**. The weekend festivities will once again showcase all that Hampton has to offer and provide an economic boost to the local community. Road closure information is posted on the hall bulletin board. For information about this event, please contact Heather Pearl at 757-802-3157 or [HeatherP@jandaracing.com](mailto:HeatherP@jandaracing.com).

**Episcopal Church Calendar** – Place your order for the Episcopal Church 2022 Calendar by email or sign-up sheet. The cost is \$2.50 each. The sign-up sheet is posted on the front hallway table at church. Deadline is **Tuesday, October 19, 2021**.

**ECW News** – The Fall 2021 edition of the *Grapevine* is available now on the Diocesan website. Included in this edition is registration information for the Annual Fall Meeting that will be held on

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**, and a listing of open positions on the Diocesan ECW Board for which nominations are being accepted. For additional information, please visit the Diocesan website.

**Grief Counseling Resource** – The Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC) is a nonprofit organization that offers professional counseling and consultation in a faith context. Trained to integrate the gifts of behavioral science and of faith, PPCC cares for people who are struggling with marriage or family tensions, anxiety, depression, spiritual distress, and workplace issues. PPCC treats adults, adolescents, and children. They also work within the financial means of their clients. Their goal is to help people find peace in difficult hours. PPCC can be a helpful resource as you navigate grief and any other challenge during this pandemic. Contact them by phone at 757-873-2273 or email [office@peninsulapastoral.org](mailto:office@peninsulapastoral.org). ~ *The Rector*

**Sexton Needed** – St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church-Hampton has opened a search for a Sexton. This is a part-time position (15 hours per/week). Applicants should have experience in building maintenance or the ability to learn important skills on the job. An understanding of building maintenance duties is preferred. Interested persons should contact The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald Ramsey at [st.cyprianshamptonva@gmail.com](mailto:st.cyprianshamptonva@gmail.com). ~ *The Rector*

**Absentee and Early Voting Information** – In Virginia, the deadline to register to vote or update an existing registration is **Tuesday, October 12, 2021**. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is **Friday, October 22, 2021 by 5 p.m.** The last day of in-person early voting at your local voter registration office is **Saturday, October 30, 2021**. **Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021**. For more information, visit <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/calendars-schedules/upcoming-elections.html>.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE (10 a.m.)      SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

Present	26
Communion	25

## CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun.	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun.	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>		H.E.L.P. Sunday
Sun.	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Free Coffee Ministry – Suspended*
Sun.	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Packet Pick-Up
Wed.	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Bible Study – <i>YouTube Recording</i>
Wed.	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Packet Pick-Up
Thurs.	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	12 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – <i>YouTube Recording</i>
Thurs.	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Packet Pick-Up
Fri.	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – <i>YouTube Live</i>
Sun.	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 a.m.	St. Cyprian’s Birthday Celebration
Sun.	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Five Dollar Sunday
Sun.	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Free Coffee Ministry – Suspended*
Sun.	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Consecrated Communion Packet Pick-Up
Sun.	Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals-Zoom

\*Suspended until further notice due to COVID-19

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

*YOUTUBE LIVE*

10 a.m.

**Eucharistic Minister** – Gloria Whittico

**Acolyte** – Lucretia Clayton

**Altar Guild** – Barbara Ward; Brenda K. Vinson

**Ushers** – Earl Hester; Stacey Hester; Mark Farquharson

**Contact Tracers** – Lucretia Clayton; Alberta Reid

**Webmaster & Audio Visual Technician** – Mark Farquharson

**Trustees** – Stanley Carnegie; Gail B. Jones; Lucius Wyatt

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

9/9	Rufus Burney, Jr.
9/12	Doris Wyatt
9/15	Whitney Headen
9/17	Marshal Jackson
9/18	Lucius Wyatt
9/21	Terrance Milo
9/22	Wilbert Lovett, Sr.
9/24	Bertram Stiff
9/26	Tinea Savage-Otey
9/27	Joy Robinson Strawn
9/27	DeLaine Headen
9/30	Dwain Jenkins, Sr.
9/30	Arielle Simone Russell
9/30	Jenise Blount

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

9/6	Phyllis & Jodie James
9/18	Rufus & Samantha Burney
9/22	John & Maria Watkins
9/24	Barbara & Ricky Ward

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know by calling the Church Office, (757)723-8253.

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The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey, Rector  
The Rev. Earl R. Christian, Deacon-in-Residence*

**Worship Services and Times**  
Sundays/10 a.m.

**The Staff**

*Phyllis Holland-James, Director of Music Ministries  
TBA, Sexton  
Bettie J. Swain, Parish Administrator*

**The Vestry**

***(Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7 p.m.)***

*Fannie J. Walls (2022), Senior Warden  
Juanita Alexander (2022), Junior Warden  
Mark Farquharson (2021)  
Henry P. Russell (2021)  
Brenda K. Vinson (2021)  
Maria Watkins (2021), Register  
Clayton Winston (2023)*

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