

# St. Christopher's News Summary

## October 2018

“Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.” – Matthew 11:28



### A Message from Canon Jeremy

I don't intend to comment on the political angst of our nation except to say this: like most of you, I hope (in vain?) for the day when our nation becomes a place of equal opportunity and decency for women and men of all races; and I hope (in vain?) that our politicians will grow in their commitment to just and ordered governance rather than in their pursuit of power. Why don't I say more? For a number of reasons, but most importantly because my job is to proclaim the Christian's citizenship in the Kingdom of God, which supersedes any earthly claims the world may press upon us; and which in turn colors all our political actions. Earthly politics does indeed matter, but the politics of the Kingdom is a big enough job for this priest, and happens to be the only one I'm charged with proclaiming! For those who would push back against my reticence to speak a political word, I would only respond with a challenge of like kind: how much of your own energies of late have been spent in making peace and working towards reconciliation with others through proclaiming the blood of Jesus shed upon his Cross for your sins and for mine? If you find this impractical and out of touch, please make an appointment with me and we'll discuss the ramifications of his sacrifice for the life and peace and salvation of this suffering, broken, and sinful world. And I'll share several stories and introduce you to people who are changing earthly political realities with the Gospel of Jesus.

In the meantime, let's do turn our attention to our nation's well-being and pray this old prayer composed by Episcopalians many generations ago:

*Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### St. Christopher's Serves Up Chili and Fun

Whether you like your chili spicy or mild, with beans or without, there will be something for everyone at our annual Chili Cook-off and Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 13. The festivities will get under way at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Prizes will be awarded for:

- Best Chili
- Best Chili Presentation
- Best Costume.

*Something new for the kids* this year will be a pumpkin decorating contest.

We're still looking for volunteers to help with some of the activities and to provide some of the food and drink items. There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway for those who want to assist. Thanks to all those who have already signed up!

Also, please remember to sign up to attend and participate in the Chili Cook-off Contest and Kids Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Of course, there is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway for this activity or just email Kim Mitchell or Bill Maddox and let us know if you'll also be participating with your own great chili recipe.

The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (kids under 3 are free). There will be lots of food and plenty of fun. Bring your family and friends.

### **Join Us for The Gathering**

St. Christopher's will be joining to worship with The Gathering on Sunday, Oct 21, at 1 p.m. in Thanksgiving Square in downtown Dallas. The Gathering is always a wonderful service, and a meaningful outreach project for everyone.

We will meet directly in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. service to assemble lunches which we will serve to a number of Dallas' homeless population after a brief worship service at Thanksgiving Square. We will need donations of food, bottles of water, bags, and other items. A complete list of needed items and a sign-up sheet will be emailed soon.

You can help out by bringing items to donate, assembling lunches, transporting items in coolers, and/or passing out lunches at the service. Please see Susan Norman or Holly Wheeler with questions.

Plan to join us, and watch for the sign-up sheet and other details coming soon!

### **Children's Chapel Teaches Our Youngest Members**

A group of volunteers to include Madalyn Wells, Jackie Bergstrom, Holly Wheeler, Susan Norman, Susan Sorrells, Sharon McGlothlin and Bill Maddox rotate their services to teach Children's Chapel during the initial parts of 10:00 am Sunday services. At these activities, our young parishioners are read bible stories followed by interactive discussions so that the underlying lessons can be better understood.

Following the lessons, the kids participate in arts and crafts segments related to that week's bible story. The young ones then return to the main service so they can rejoin

their families and celebrate the Eucharist with them. The kids really seem to enjoy Children's Chapel!

## Dates and Activities to Remember

Saturday, Oct. 13                      Chili Cook-off and Halloween Party  
5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21                      The Gathering,  
1 p.m.                                  Thanksgiving Square

Sunday, Nov. 4                      Daylight Saving Time ends

Sunday, Nov. 18                      Thanks+Giving Celebration  
After the 10 a.m. service

## Schedule of Services

### *Sundays*

8 a.m.              Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9 a.m.              Sunday School Lessons and Discussion

10 a.m.             Holy Eucharist: Rite II – Rite I on fourth Sunday

10 a.m.             Children's Chapel – Ages 3 through 10

### *Wednesdays*

10 a.m.             Holy Eucharist: Rite I - with discussion afterwards

## Weekly Readings

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
7-Oct	Genesis 2:18-24	8	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
14-Oct	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
21-Oct	Isaiah 53:4-12	91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
28-Oct	Jeremiah 31:7-9	126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52