



# Light of Christ Anglican Church

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Let your light so shine before men  
that they may see your good deeds  
and praise your Father in heaven.

## Mike's Message



**Psalm 39:4-8**

*"O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!*

*<sup>5</sup> Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Selah <sup>6</sup> Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather! <sup>7</sup> "And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you. <sup>8</sup> Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!"*

**Psalm 39:12-13**

*"Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers. <sup>13</sup> Look away from me, that I may smile again, before I depart and am no more!"*

I love the Psalms and make it my habit of focusing on a few every day. If like me, you use the "Daily Office" in our prayer book, then you are always treated to several Psalms daily. I find them comforting because they are written by those who have come to God crying out for help and comfort, or in some they are offering thanksgiving and praise, or rejoicing in God their comforter, or provider, or helper, or defender and a myriad of other reasons to run to the only one who can meet each and every need. I have written before that I love the Psalms of Lament which are at the opposite end of the emotional spectrum from Hymns or praise. In a lament, the Psalmist pours out his heart in honesty, unveiling before God the deepest confidences of his heart. Often it is a heart filled with anguish, fear, bitterness or even anger. Common petitions in laments include asking God to provide, save or to bring vengeance against an enemy. In some they are a confession of guilt or recognition that God alone can be trusted and a request for Him to bring back his familiar presence and sense of hope. Psalm 39 is a song of lament. It was written by King David likely regarding an illness. He is remembering the brevity of life, which may suggest that it was written towards the end of his life. In the first 3 verses he vows to avoid sin in his life and instead to focus on drawing near to God. He remembers how his transgressions have brought anguish into his life and vows to not return to former foolishness. He laments that life is short and "each man's life is but a breath." (v.5). He regrets striving to heap up wealth that in the end

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will go to someone else, that he might not even know. As if finally coming to his senses, he remembers that his hope is only to be found in God, and God alone. He laments that he feels alone and alienated from God and his people because he has lost his focus on God alone. This recognition leads him to appeal to God to deliver him from such foolish transgressions and to focus on the importance of knowing God intimately while there is still time left for him.

I've been thinking about the importance of focusing on God above all things as I have come to the realization that he is not only our source of life, but is of first importance in all things. *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures..." 1 Cor. 15:3*

As most of you know, I will be going on medical leave for an indeterminate amount of time. As I have shared with many of you, I have never been really sick before. I've had injuries and the normal childhood diseases, plus a few colds and flu. Don't misunderstand me, even now my illness is mostly irritating and inconvenient, but it has reminded me that our time on this earth is short.

I'm bringing my lament before the Lord, inviting him to help me focus on him and his glory above all else. I ask God to use this time to transform me into the man of God that he wants me to be. If you are inclined to pray for me during this season of our lives, please pray for that first and foremost.

Blessings!

## The New Book of Common Prayer 2019

You have heard about it. Many of you have purchased a copy. If you have perused or begun to use the book for private or family worship, you may have noticed differences from the services in the BCP 1979 and the BCP 1928. Many have noticed that the wording of the Creed and the name of the Holy Communion service used at Light of Christ have changed during the past year. The Psalms probably seem both familiar and unfamiliar: familiar if you use, or grew up using, the 1928 or earlier original Miles Coverdale version; unfamiliar if you are used to the 1979 Episcopal Church's major revision of Coverdale. The New Coverdale Psalter begins on p. 267 of the new prayer book. Check it out!

Why did the Anglican Church in North America think it necessary to publish a new prayer book?

In the Preface (Archbishop Foley Beach and Archbishop Emeritus Robert Duncan state that *the 2019*

*BCP is part of the 21st century's "global reassessment of the Book of Common Prayer of 1662 as 'standard for doctrine, discipline, and worship'" (p.4). They also place the new book within the historic tradition of Reformation Anglicanism which drew on the Church's catholic, or universal, liturgical tradition. Its consummate expression was in the English Book of Common Prayer of 1662, which remained the standard worldwide until the revisions of the Episcopal Church USA in the 1970's.*

Ever since its birth in June 2009, the ACNA has had the goals of developing a new Book of Common Prayer, one that is closer to the tradition of the 1662 BCP than some other recent BCP's in use throughout the global Anglican Communion. This then is part a global effort within the context of GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference).

Archbishops Foley and Robert conclude their Preface with the following: *The Book of Common Prayer (2019) is indisputably true to Cranmer's originating vision of a form of prayers and praises that is thoroughly Biblical, catholic in the manner of the early centuries, highly participatory in delivery, peculiarly Anglican and English in its roots, culturally adaptive and missional in a most remarkable way, utterly accessible to the people, and whose repetitions are intended to for the faithful catechetically and to give them doxological voice.*

As we continue this series on our new Prayer Book, it is appropriate to talk about the Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion service. This is the service most familiar to frequenters of Light of Christ of a Sunday morning. To quote from the Introduction, p. 104: *Holy Communion is normally the principal service of Christian worship on the Lord's Day, and on other appointed Feasts and Holy Days.* There are two forms of this service in our new prayer book. The first (pp. 105-122) is called the *Anglican Standard Text*. It comes directly from the service of 1662. It can be found in successive American prayer books through 1928. It was continued slightly altered in BCP 1979, Rite One.

The second service, which is used at Light of Christ, is called the *Renewed Ancient Text* (pp. 123-138). It is a similar to the Anglican Standard Text, but draws on ancient texts not yet discovered at the time of the Reformation. Whichever version is used, the Eucharist is "a chief means of grace for a sustained and nurtured life in Christ." (BCP 2019, p. 7)

For an excellent exposition of *Our Worship, Our Liturgy, Our New Prayer Book* please visit Bishop John Guernsey's presentation to LOC, Saturday morning,

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August 17, 2019, which can be found at ([http://lightofchristva.org/Videos\\_2019/Bishop\\_Guernsey\\_08-16-19.html](http://lightofchristva.org/Videos_2019/Bishop_Guernsey_08-16-19.html)).

Parishioners have asked, “What’s up with the Peace?” Admittedly liturgy can be a bit of a moving target at LOC as we attempt to adapt to local conditions, eumenical sensibilities, and evangelistic objectives. As you can see in the new prayer book, it is located on p. 114 & p. 131. The rubric (“stage directions”) simply says: *Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.* What is not spelled out is the extent and depth of this greeting process. In pre-Reformation times, this was an exchange of the kiss of peace among the clergy on the altar. In modern times it was extended to the congregation with the understanding that only those in one’s immediate vicinity were to be greeted in the Lord’s Name. Being worshippers filled with the love of Christ, this process was naturally extended to as many as one could conveniently reach in a “reasonable” amount of time. Nevertheless, the abbreviated practice is preferred to the “Seventh Inning Stretch” event.

In recent years at LOC, the peace was moved to the beginning of the service, with Bishop John’s permission, to avoid a break in the flow of the service between the Comfortable Words and the Offertory. However, Prayers for Birthdays and a Prayer for the Offertory were introduced in the original position of the Peace, also creating in an interruption in the flow of the service. The Peace has been reinstated to its proper liturgical position as of August 25.

Fr. Ed Moore



### Northern Neck Christian School (NNKCS) Update

[www.northernneckchristian.org](http://www.northernneckchristian.org)

Thank you for the overwhelming support for Northern Neck Christian School. Starting a new school is a huge step of faith, and we trust that God will provide all that is needed for what He is calling us to do.

We held an Open House on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Zion Church for the parents and students of the NNKCS. The parents were introduced to the teaching and administrative staff, they received an overview of the Montessori Methodology and Philosophy from Ms. Joan Marie Parasine and we reviewed the Parent Handbook.

Our first day of school is September 3, at Zion Church, the 8 students are evenly divided, 4 boys and 4 girls. They children enjoyed seeing their new class and the parents were pleased at how interested they were in the Montessori materials. One little girl cried and said she didn’t want to leave when the parents told her it was time to go.

Please continue to pray for the school, the families and the NNKCS staff.

### Northumberland WyldLife Update



Summer has flown by and the school year is coming quickly in just one week! WyldLife is gearing up for a jam-packed semester of fun, fellowship, and adventure! Our vision for this year is to double our reach in our middle school ministry and to begin laying the foundation for outreach ministry with high school students. One huge way that we have been working towards our goal is by securing a regular, neutral location to have our WyldLife events. Smithland Baptist Church has graciously offered us the use of their parsonage for our ministry! We have been getting the parsonage, nicknamed “The Brick House”, ready for this school year by painting and decorating the new space and are so excited to see what the Lord is going to do in this house in the months to come.



Another exciting announcement--we are adding another member to our team! I am thrilled to introduce you to Kristi, our new part-time staff associate. Kristi is a native of the Northern Neck! She graduated from Northumberland High School and then moved to Lynchburg to pursue her bachelor’s degree at Liberty University. Following her graduation, she stayed in Lynchburg and continued to grow deep roots in the area through involvement with her local church. Through much discernment, she felt a strong call from the Lord to move back to her hometown and reach the kids of her community. She moved back to the area in May and has been jumping right into our ministry. She will be focusing on continuing to grow our WyldLife ministry and learning the ropes of all things WyldLife. We are so lucky to have her on our team!!

Thank you for all of your support! We are grateful to continue to step into the lives of kids!

Laura Raciborski

## Light of Christ Women's Retreat – Living Ordinary Lives for God's Glory!



The Women of LOC, joined by several women from other churches, gathered on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for our annual retreat. We met at RWC in the auditorium for a continental breakfast and then began our day with a get acquainted mixer led by Melinda Floom. Mary Swann introduced our program entitled, "Living Ordinary Lives for God's Glory", which was based on the book, *There Are No Ordinary People*, written by Jeff Lucas, a renowned English author, speaker, and broadcaster. We watched his DVD which was presented in four segments, and we concluded each viewing with table discussions around specific questions to consider. Each segment was based on the life of Barnabas and provided scripture readings about his ministry. We learned that he was a good man because he had an open heart and an open mind. He saw God's grace in others and was a great encourager by coming alongside people and upholding them in their journey. He led many to Christ. The life of a good person always points to God, and we learned how we can live very ordinary lives and at the same time leave a legacy for others by the way we lived. We were blessed to have Mary guide us through the day and conclude it with a summary and communion service to end our time together. The fellowship and discussions around the tables were quite lively with spiritual blessing and brought laughter and in some cases tears.

Suzy Norman helped in preparing the materials for registration, and Leslye Morrison produced a beautiful notebook for us to use during our study. Mary Swann, Anna Brennan, Doris Myers and Courtney Ludeman served as facilitators at each table. Throughout the day we had wonderful times of worship led by Anne Gray Fuller on the piano with Leslye Morrison and Melinda Floom leading us in the singing of beautiful hymns of praise and thanksgiving to God. Joy Gwaltney circulated around the tables, taking wonderful pictures of our women experiencing the content of the teaching. You may go on the website and see the results of her photographic skill. A great big thank you goes to all of them from the bottom of my heart for their dedication in assisting with the retreat. They all demonstrated what it means to have a Barnabas spirit in coming alongside to help me put together a special day for the women who attended.



I think we all discovered that there are no ordinary people in this world, and we were inspired to live out the scripture verse our retreat was based on: "And whatever you do, whether in work or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

In Christ's love,

Donna Soule



## News from Uganda

Our friend, Bishop Stephen Kaziimba is asking for sponsors for Rev. Timothy Bitimpa Kiryoowa to attend Uganda Christian University for law school. Stephen says he thought of Light of Christ because of the connection with law and Christian service and that he was reminded of Jeff's connection to both. The cost will be \$800 for each eight semesters, for a total of \$6,400.

Lynne Cerar

## Donna Soule's White Chili

3-16 oz. cans Great Northern white beans  
4 cups chopped, cooked chicken breasts  
1 tbs. olive oil  
2 medium onions chopped  
4 garlic cloves, minced  
2-4 ounce cans chopped mild green chilies  
2 tsp. ground cumin  
1 ½ tsp. dried oregano, crumbled  
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper  
6 cups chicken stock or canned broth  
3 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese (about 12 ozs.)  
Sour cream



Place chicken in heavy large saucepan. Add cold water to cover and bring to simmer. Cook until just tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and cool. Remove skin. Cut chicken into cubes.

Heat oil in same pot over medium-high heat. Add onions and sauté until translucent, about 10 minutes. Stir in garlic, then chilies, cumin, oregano, and cayenne and sauté for 2 minutes. Add undrained beans and stock and bring to boil. Reduce heat and add chicken and cheese to chili and stir until cheese melts. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Ladle chili into bowls. Garnish with sour cream, if desired. Makes approximately 8-10 servings.



## NEW DMV LAW!



Virginia driver's licenses are changing, effective October 1, 2020. This will effect you if you plan to fly or visit a military base. You can find more information is posted in Parish Hall or check with the local DMV.

### Difference Between the Two Cards

**Standard credential:** Your **standard driver's license**, like the one you may have in your wallet right now, can be used to drive. In addition, a driver's license or identification card can be used as ID to vote, cash a check, apply for or receive government benefits, or conduct everyday local business.



The next time you renew your standard credential and choose not to upgrade to a REAL ID, it will display "**Federal Limits Apply**" in the top right corner in order to distinguish it from a REAL ID compliant credential. Because of a federal law change, **beginning October 1, 2020**, you will not be able to use this style of Virginia credential to board a domestic flight or to access secure federal facilities. If you have a U.S. Passport or another form of approved identification, you can use that instead. **Effective immediately**, some military bases may no longer accept non-REAL ID compliant credentials which display "Federal Limits Apply." Please verify identification requirements prior to your visit.

**REAL ID compliant credential:** The **new REAL ID compliant driver's license and identification card** can also be used for all of the same purposes as a standard credential.

However, **beginning October 1, 2020**, the federal government will require you to present this upgraded REAL ID compliant credential or another form of approved identification in order to board a domestic flight or to access secure federal facilities. **Effective immediately**, some military bases may no longer accept non-REAL ID compliant credentials which display "Federal Limits Apply."

Please verify identification requirements prior to your visit.



REAL ID compliant credentials display a **small star** in the upper right corner to indicate they meet federal requirements. Choose which documents you'll need to bring to DMV to get a REAL ID with DMV's interactive Document Guide.

### Important Things to Remember:

- You will not need this credential for domestic air travel until October 1, 2020. Until then, you can use your current Virginia driver's license or identification card to board a plane. However, **effective immediately**, some military bases may no longer accept non-REAL ID compliant credentials which display "Federal Limits Apply." Please verify identification requirements prior to your visit.
- Virginia will offer this credential in order to comply with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.
- The credential is completely optional. If you won't need it, you don't need to get it.

Use this guide to determine which documents to bring to DMV when you apply for a Virginia driver's license, learner's permit, commercial driver's license (CDL) or ID card, or upgrade your current credential to REAL ID. Enter correct information to obtain an accurate list.

Beginning October 1, 2020, the federal government will require you to present a REAL ID compliant credential or another approved form of identification in order to board a domestic flight or to access some secure federal facilities. Effective immediately, some military bases may no longer accept non-REAL ID compliant credentials which display "Federal Limits Apply." Please verify identification requirements prior to your visit.

Upgrade your Virginia credential to an optional REAL ID compliant driver's license or ID today! Learn more at [dmvNOW.com/REALID](http://dmvNOW.com/REALID).

You will need original documents that prove the following:

- Identity
- Legal presence in the United States
- Social security number, if you have been issued one

### Virginia residency

All documents are subject to verification.

**Special Note:** Verifying your documents can be a lengthy process. Don't wait to the last minute or expect to make a quick trip to the DMV. One person recently said it took 90 minutes.

More information is on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

## News from New Hampshire

Dear Light of Christ Friends,

Time flies! It's been a while that we have not written to you! But you are very often in our prayers, those of you we know and those we do not know (yet!). So, I may repeat a few things we have already written about, and this will remind you of the context of our ministry here in New Hampshire.

As you know we started our church planting with a small group, St. Michael's Church. It became very quickly evident to us that our group was not a real church planting team, a core group, but at least we had the "context" of a few people around us. Then, through old age, illness, moves, and deaths our group became too small to be called a church. The remaining participants preferred joining existing churches rather than being in an even more clear church planting context. So, our Bishop, the last members, and we decided to discontinue this group.

We were then, in March 2016, in church planting ministry without a team. When I planted a church in Paris, years ago, it was with a team, and this time we were determined to move on and try without one. Anyway, none was available in the whole New Hampshire since we had no real church in the state.

Interestingly, within a 50-mile radius, we were three plants. One in Portland (ME), another in Biddeford (ME), and us. Although already holding services, these two posts closed in 2017! This is the unfortunate illustration of what the statistics tell us: New Hampshire (and the area around it) is, in sociological data, the least religious state in the USA.

I was able to switch the pastoral time I was giving to our group to connecting with people. I must confess that this was rather successful, I have never been so involved in a community. Vice-president of our HOA, secretary of the Friends of the local library, trustee of the same library, organizer of a social group, member of several social groups... I am invited to give conferences (I love to do so with slide shows!). All this gave us the occasion to meet many people. But we did not find anybody who could be part of that essential ingredient of church planting that is the Core Group.

Now, last April, our Bishop retired and our new Bishop, the Right Rev. Andrew Williams, was consecrated in Amesbury, MA. He is, for the time being, and little by little, individually meeting with all the diocesan clergy. He knows our situation because I have already submitted a report to him, as I was doing with our previous Bishop. We are waiting to meet with him.

At present, Katrina and I happily continue our ministry, meeting people and seize the opportunity to be witnesses of Christ. This happens, from time to time, but as yet we have not seen a possibility to go farther. No occasion of contact with people is completely lost, even if we do not see immediately a result! But evidently, we are wondering (and you may too!) how long we should persevere in this type of ministry here. So, we keep forging ahead, for now, asking the Lord whether a different season of ministry is awaiting us. Thank you for your prayers.

still a school nurse at the local Middle School. My various involvements take a lot of my time, and we like meeting new people. Ironically, we still have many occasions to think of the Northern Neck because we still have our house in Lancaster, rented and under the care of a property manager. If ever we sold it, this could be an opportunity to see you all. We read the bulletin and the newsletter, and just today we remarked that many of our friends from St. Stephen's are still there.

The summer is always hot here and this one is no exception. The AC is happily humming along, and everything is growing in our garden.

We always appreciate when we get more individual news from you! You are all in our prayers and especially, the Rev. Moffitt..

The photo was taken in our Cathedral in Amesbury after the service of consecration of our Bishop, two of our contacts came with us.



With love,

Daniel and Katrina Mochamps  
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We are on Facebook.



**Now is a good time to start collecting things for our Samaritan's Purse boxes, which will be filled in November!**

# IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

## Acolytes

Sep 1	Jane Wrightson
Sep 8	Marie Carstensen
Sep 15	Constance McDearmon
Sep 22	Jane Wrightson
Sep 29	Ed Feddeman

## Lesson Readers

Sep 1	Charlaine Andrulot (L)
Sep 8	Sandi Ward
Sep 15	Bill Tracey (L)
Sep 22	Susan Read (L)
Sep 29	Lyn Conley (L)

## Eucharist Ministers

Sep 1	Tony Blackstone, Lucy Logan
Sep 8	Constance McDearmon, Suzy Norman
Sep 15	Tony Blackstone, Lucy Logan
Sep 22	Constance McDearmon, Suzy Norman
Sep 29	Tony Blackstone, Lucy Logan

## Ushers

Sep 1	George Beckett, Phyllis TeStrake
Sep 8	Jim Logan, Pam Smith
Sep 15	Dave Peresluha, Marie Carstensen
Sep 22	Chris Cralle, Howard York
Sep 29	Jim Logan, Bill Tracey
Oct 6	Anna Brennan, Constance McDearmon

## Greeters

Sep 1	Marie Carstensen
Sep 8	Donna Soule
Sep 15	Cheryl Swann
Sep 22	Phyllis TeStrake
Sep 29	Fred Wimberly
Oct 6	Howard and Lynn York

## Altar Guild

September	Donna Soule, Suzy Norman
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## Nursery will be closed until further notice

## Counters

September	Betty Dillingham
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## Coffee Hour

### Altar Rail Ministers

Sep 1	Jim and Lyn Conley
Sep 8	Walt and Phyllis TeStrake
Sep 15	Ernie Proctor, Mary Swann
Sep 22	Steve Proctor, Mary Swann
Sep 29	Ernie Proctor, Donna Soule

### Vestry Person on Duty

Sep 1	Dave Peresluha
Sep 8	Alison Kimmitt
Sep 15	Barbara Seed
Sep 22	Ernie Proctor
Sep 29	Randy Smith

### Happy August Birthdays!

Sep 1	Lucy Logan
Sep 2	Charlaine Andrulot
Sep 7	Peggy Lassanske
Sep 15	Pam Smith Fife
Sep 20	Alison Kimmitt
Sep 23	Dick Seed
Sep 25	Henry Fife
Sep 29	Dan Hickey

### Happy August Anniversaries!

Sep 1	Sharon Baldacci and Randy Smith
Sep 8	Jane and Charles Wrightson
Sep 15	Irene and Allen Haley
Sep 18	Dixie and Jim Sanderlin
Sep 25	Wendy and Carl Smith
Sep 29	Jan and George Beckett

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A LITTLE MORE  
*kindness.*  
A LITTLE LESS  
*judgement.*

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### CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **Calendar of Upcoming Events Mark your calendars**

- September 2 Office closed for Labor Day**
- September 10 2:30 p.m. - Burgess Home Group**
- September 22 Tad de Bordenave will be guest priest**
- September 27 6 - 8p.m. - WyldLife Club**

Check out our wonderful webpage regularly!

[www.lightofchristva.org](http://www.lightofchristva.org)