









CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sundays: 11:00 am Holy Eucharist—Rite II		1 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	2	3 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	4 Independence Day Joel Mills Birthday 	5 9 am Gordonsville Independence Day Parade 
6 4 Pentecost Proper 9 Christen Reinhold Birthday	7 	8 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	9 Benjamin Armistead, Ann Schwind Birthdays	10 Alana Full Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	11	12
13 5 Pentecost Proper 10	14	15 Lorrie Pollard Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	16 India Hill Birthday	17 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	18	19
20 6 Pentecost Proper 11 Vestry Meeting	21 10 am Free Children's Book Fair 	22 Saint Mary Magdalene Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	23 Emmett Knapp Birthday 	24 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	25 James the Apostle 	26
27 7 Pentecost Proper 12	28	29 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm	30 Sara Chiles, Liz Shifflett Birthdays	31 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm		Eucharistic Lectionary Year C Office Lectionary Year 1

July 2025 Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Gale Martin, Claudia Shiflett
Counters: Greta Shaw, Penn Bowers

July 6 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9

LEM/Lector 1: Penn Bowers
Lector 2: Millie Travis
Usher: Floyd Hill
Coffee Host: Pauline Vismer

July 13 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 10

LEM/Lector 1: Pauline Vismer
Lector 2: Ben Armistead
Usher: Millie Travis
Coffee Host: Carolyn Smith & Michael Silberman

July 20 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

LEM/Lector 1: Penn Bowers
Lector 2: Pauline Vismer
Usher: Kevin Cordray
Coffee Host:

July 27 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

LEM/Lector 1: Pauline Vismer
Lector 2: Penn Bowers
Usher: Carolyn Smith
Coffee Host:



Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, July 5, 9 am Gordonsville Independence Day Parade
Monday, July 21, 10 am Free Children's Book Fair
(for Gordon-Barbour Elementary Summer Child Care Program)

Please plan to participate in these events!



Sign-Up Sheets: Altar Flowers list is available in the church narthex. Coffee Hour and Church Lawn Mowing sign-up sheets are available on the counter in the parish hall. Please sign up to help! Thank you!



The Messenger

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Newcomers welcome, visitors expected!

A Rite for the Blessing of a Garden

Blessed be the God of all creation:
For in your goodness you make all things new.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open wide your hand and give of your goodness to all things living: Renew the face of the earth and increase the sustainable harvests of the world, that the land may bring forth enough for all, and your people may share justly and give honor to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lover of all you have made: Protect and sustain the creatures of our local habitat. Increase their well-being, watch over them with love, and give us wisdom to honor our kinship with them; through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation. *Amen.*

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water. Bless the waters on the ground and under the ground, and the waters that fall from the sky, that this garden may flourish and bear good fruit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

God, who alone provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, you have taught us to ask of you our daily bread: Bless the sowing of the seed this year, grant fertility to the soil, and strengthen the hands of the gardeners who till it, that through their labor your people may be nourished; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. *Amen.*

Holy God, you have blessed our plowing and preparing of the ground: Protect what we plant in your name, and grant that working late and early, we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy God, you have blessed our plowing and preparing of the ground: Protect what we plant and bring it to maturity, that we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Sustainer. *Amen.*

Holy One: Bless and protect this garden and all who keep it. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice; in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

~~from The Book of Occasional Services