



Meet Christ.
Be Christ.

Hello, St. Christopher's Community!

NO Highway 36 closures are scheduled as of this publication. Hooray! If something changes over night into Friday, we'll send an extra email.



The Song of the Earth *by Fr. Randy+*

- 1** *Praise the Lord!*
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- 2** *Praise him, all his angels;*
praise him, all his host!
- 3** *Praise him, sun and moon;*
praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4** *Praise him, you highest heavens*
and you waters above the heavens!
- 5** *Let them praise the name of the Lord,*
for he commanded and they were created.
- 6** *He established them forever and ever;*
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- 7** *Praise the Lord from the earth,*
you sea monsters and all deeps,

8 *fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!*

9 *Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!*

10 *Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!*

11 *Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!*

12 *Young men and women alike,
old and young together!*

13 *Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.*

14 *He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.*

Praise the Lord! (Psalm 148:1-14)

Next week I trek to Breezy Point, near Brainerd, for the annual state emergency managers training conference. It always provides me with a break of sorts from my usual daily activities—a time to see and hear and smell and feel the rapidly changing seasons. A rare opportunity to “*just be.*” A time to rest and refresh and renew in God’s full glory.

This glorious Psalm 148 calls on the whole of creation to offer praise to God. There is joy, honor, and exaltation in every stanza of this song. But this is not simply a poet’s over-the-top expression of worship. It is a recognition of the ways in which creation sings God’s praises every day.

As the sun comes up and warms the earth, as the rain falls and renews life, as the winter covers the earth in quiet calm, as the spring arrives to remind us of the victory of life over death, all of creation does tell the story of God.

The joy of the Lord is all around us on God’s great earth. When we care for the earth, when we notice God’s hand in its cycles and seasons, we are praising the Creator. *Randy+*

Music Notes

Would you like to do a little singing, but not make a big commitment? The choir is inviting you to join them for the 75th anniversary service at 10am on October 6th. The music is really lovely, you'll get to sing with a chamber orchestra, and enjoy the service just that much more. Curious? Email me.

karla@stchristophers-mn.org

-Karla

Fall Schedule Changes

This week, September 15, we are back to two services, at 8:00 and 10:30 AM!

September Adult Forum

Beginning on Sunday, September 15, and for the two following weeks, we will open our Fall Adult Formation with “Anglican 101: What It Means To Be Anglican/Episcopalian.” It will be informal, over coffee, and questions are welcomed. Note that we’ll start at **9 am** in the Parish Hall for this series. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Hayride and Bonfire Potluck

Saturday, October 26th – 4 pm at Bunker Park Stables in Andover. All are welcome – bring your friends! Cost is \$12/person or \$50/family (up to 6). Contact Marion for scholarship information. Register [here](#). You can also sign up with Marion in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. Register by Friday, October 11th so we know how many wagons we need.

Hearts & Hands September 19

The Hearts and Hands group will meet on Thursday, September 19th, in the Parish Hall at 10:30 AM. We will be helping to finish a 75th Anniversary project. We'll need a lot of help, so I'm encouraging folks to make a special effort to join us. All are welcome!! We'll also have coffee and conversation. Questions? Call Sally Brown 651-483-8232.

We're Proud to Announce St. Christopher's 2nd Annual Event Fair!

WE NEED YOU!

The time has come to dream up fellowship opportunities you would like to host!

Help us build and strengthen our St. Christopher's Community through Fellowship and Fun! Raise \$\$ for the Mission Opportunities Fund which helps support ministries in the parish and important outreach!

Please consider donating a fun event to the St. Christopher's 2nd Annual Event Fair. Think outside the box! What are your favorite hobbies, foods, and past times? Offer a karaoke night, lead a hike or bird watching outing, take a group golfing, share a meal with others, teach a cooking class, lead a knitting lesson, offer game night or a day on a lake, or throw a dance party! The options are endless!

Fill out [this linked donation form](#) (go to bottom of linked page) and send it to Ann (mnrappers@gmail.com) or Kim (kimmersue58@hotmail.com), or leave it in Ann's mailbox by the office. Event donations are due by **October 20th**.

The St. Christopher's Event Fair will occur **December 8th through December**

29th with specific event sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall...and if you are a snowbird, we will provide instructions to sign up from afar. The actual events will occur in 2025!

Questions? Contact Kim (651-210-7077) or Ann (651-325-8801)

Book Group

Greetings and Blessings, Beloved Community,
We started the book group here at St. Christopher's. We met in the parish hall on 24-Jul-24 to discuss the [The Book of Longings](#) by [Sue Monk Kidd](#).

The discussion followed the Book Group guide provided by the author. As we discussed the title of the novel, and Ana's character being defined by her longings and aspirations, we also talked about how passionate she is about the power of writing, of narratives, and of having a voice, as well as lifting up the voices of other women. We went on to talk about how the novel's theme of finding and expressing one's authentic voice unfolded in the story. We got lively around, "What forces work to silence contemporary women, and what emboldens them? We also explored Ana's aunt, Yaltha, and how she most profoundly influenced Ana. The discussion did wander, but we did manage to allow the guide questions to shape and frame our conversation.

We would like to try a [hybrid meeting at the Roseville Library in the Board Room on Tuesday, 08-Oct -24 at 5:30.](#)

Are you interested in joining us? You will need to contact Angela Robinson, angela.robinson.elohim@gmail.com, or Rev. Marilyn, so we can send the details of the book we are reading and the meeting information for those who wish to join online.

Also, we look forward to hearing from you about any suggestions you may have as to specific books or genres.

--Angela

Prayer List Requests

Have you noticed a "Prayer Requests" button on our website? This is a very short form to add a name to our prayer list! Requests will be monitored Monday through Friday and added to the list published on Fridays. You may, of course, still call the office to add or remove a name from the list. AND, you can use this QR Code to go right to the website!



Upcoming Lectionary Readings

September 15: 17th Pentecost, Proper 19

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-8; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.

September 22: 18th Pentecost, Proper 20

Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

Sunday Ministries September 8

8:00 AM

Lectors: Tom M, Joan M
Intercessor: Don S
LEM: Mike S
Altar Guild: Ann T
Usher: Don S
Coffee: Julie & Don S

10:30 AM

Nursery: Rich P, Jane S
Lectors - Katherine J, Pat A
Intercessor - Josh K
LEM - Marion H, Ella S
Ushers - Ross A, Carol K
Altar Guild - Kathy A
Crucifer - Marion H
Acolytes - Roland K, Ellery B
Coffee Hosts: Kathy & Ross A

Are you receiving this email forwarded by a friend?

You can now sign up to receive the weekly Parish Mail and monthly *e-Traveler* in your own inbox. A sign-up form is now on the main page at our website. Just go to www.stchristophers-mn.org.

www.stchristophers-mn.org



Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church | 2300 Hamline Ave N | Roseville, MN 55113 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!