

Christ Church Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 2011 Worship at 9:30 and 11:15 am

Order of Worship

9:30 a.m. – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

Prelude	Adag	io from Symphony r	10. 5	C.M. Widor	
Ringing of	the Church I	Bell			
Hymn #2	63 Immo	rtal, Invisible, God O	nly Wise	ST DENIO	
Call to Worship Eunice Couselo					
Leader: Faithful people of every color, gender, class, sexual ori- entation, age and ability, are gathered to serve God.					
People:	People: We are part of the church universal.				
Leader: Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day.					
People: We are an Open and Affirming church.					
Leader:	der: There is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Straight.				
People:	There is a p Christ's tab	place in God's heart. ple.	There is a	a place at	
Leader:	Christ who glove and just	gathers us, bids us to f stice.	follow in th	e ways of	
All:		arts be open to Chris d our living, this day		•	
Prayer of I	nvocation		Eur	nice Couselo	
Scripture F	Reading	1 Samuel 18:1-5	Li	nda Gleason	
A Story fo	r Children		Kath	ryn Weidner	
(The 2 and 3-year-olds may leave for Sunday school at this time. Church Mice Choir for children pre-K through 1st grade may leave at this time.)					

Baptism

Allison Hamilton-Rohe

Litany of Intention

Rev. Charles Rush

Rev. Charles Rush:

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, to resist oppression, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able?

Candidate for Baptism: I do.

Rev. Rush:

And do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of our church, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all of the world?

Candidate for Baptism: I do.

Rev. Rush: (Would the congregation please stand.)

And do you members and friends of this community, promise to share your journey of faith with Allison, walking together in ways that are known, and yet to be made known as members of the body of Christ?

Congregational Response: We do.

Service of Baptism		Rev. Rush
Hymn # 391	Take My Life	HENDON
Open and Affirming Reflections		Ann Marie Remus Brantley Dean

Passing of the Peace

(Children Pre-K through 7th grade may leave for Sunday school at this time.)

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Rev. Caroline Dean

Silence & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our debts As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Invitation to Sharing

Offertory Anthem The Cloud of Witnesses Mark Mille		ses Mark Miller	
Doxology OLD 100TH Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Sing praise, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.			
Scripture Reading	Ruth 1:7-12 & 14-18	Allison Hamilton-Rohe	
Open and Affirming Reflection Scott Nelson			
Homily A Bl	essing from the Future	Rev. Charles Rush	
Hymn	Draw the Circle Wide (see insert)		
Benediction		Rev. Rush	
Postlude Acolyte for 9:30 am: Greeters: The Semp Ushers for 9:30 am:	•	Eugene Gigout Santo Families	

Welcome! Visiting today? Please complete a Visitor Card and drop into the offering plate and join us for fellowship after today's service.

The <u>third white candle</u> on the altar is lit in hope of world peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is today's <u>Sunday school</u> schedule:				
2-3 year olds	Room B-202			
Pre-K & K	Room B-205			
1st graders	Creation Corner (Art Room)			
2nd graders	The Welcome Table (Kitchen,			
	B-119)			
3rd graders	Biblical Bytes (Computer Room)			
4th graders	Good News Games (Barnwell			
	Hall)			
5th graders	Prophet's Playhouse (Media			
	Room)			
6th and 7th graders	Conference Room			
8th thru 12th graders	Stay in Worship			

Allison Hamilton-Rohe's Statement of Baptism:

"Today, I celebrate this place and I thank you for welcoming me into it.

This ceremony represents for me a new beginning -- not just with our move and trying a new way of life -- but for my self. I want to trust in God. I want to leave behind the illusion of control and step into a more heart-centered life. I am afraid, but I am hopeful, as well."

Allison, her husband Jeff, and children Adelia and Jake, are moving to the Netherlands in January for two years. We pray for God's blessing upon them in this time of transition.

<u>Today we welcome Diane Riley</u> from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey to speak to us about Hunger in America.

<u>Camp Bernie Youth Retreat:</u> Our youth are invited to retreat to Camp Bernie on February 3rd-5th. A \$50 deposit is due to Caroline Dean by Tuesday, November 15th.

Our theme this year is "My Space Unplugged: Carving Out Sanctuary." We will join other UCC Youth from across the

state to explore themes of Sabbath and renewal together. Activities will include low ropes, climbing walls, archery, snow tubing, critter time, and candle making (weather permitting). Please email cdean@ccsnj.org for more information.

<u>The Evening Quest Group</u> will meet at Laurie Rufolo's house on Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30pm. Feel free to invite a friend!

<u>The Morning Quest Group</u> will meet on Monday, November 14th at 9:30am in the Media Room.

<u>Pastoral Prayer Group</u>: Do you need prayer for yourself, a friend, or family member? Join the prayer group in Lile Hall at 10 am on November 3rd, November 17th, December 1st and December 15th. Email cdean@ccsnj.org for more information.

Join PeaceWorks Trip to Nicaragua: Deadline is extended to Oct.31 to join the January, 2012 annual PeaceWorks educational trip to Nicaragua. If you're curious, please consider this bargain opportunity to explore Nicaragua, the beautiful, intriguing country with which Christ Church maintains close ties. Per-person cost for the 12-day trip will be \$1200-\$1400: air and ground transportation, lodging, and all meals included. Trip suitable for adults and teens. Finalizing plans early locks in advantageous air fare, so please act ASAP. Contact PeaceWorks director Jim Burchell: 973-885-7327, jburchell@peaceworks.org

<u>Summit Free Market</u> – an initiative by Summit High School students. REDUCE • RE-USE • RECYCLE! Taking place Saturday, November 5 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the City of Summit Transfer Station on New Providence Ave. Bring your unwanted reusable items to share, take whatever you like. *It's convenient and completely free*. See Christ Church member Hope Trisler (one of the students involved in this green initiative) for more information or visit www.SummitFreeMarket.org. <u>Christ Church Food Drive - November 1st - November</u> <u>13th:</u> In conjunction with the UCC's Mission:1 hunger awareness campaign, we will be collecting canned and boxed goods for local food banks. Our goal is to collect 1,111 items by November 13th. Please bring your food items to the atrium. Thank you for your support!

<u>Summit Helping It's People – SHIP Annual Dinner November 16th at 7 pm:</u> All are invited! SHIP, an outreach program for the homeless and the at risk homeless not served by other programs is having it's annual fund raiser. It will take place at St. Teresa's Memorial Hall on Morris Ave. on Wednesday, November 16th at 7 p.m. at the cost of \$50 per person. The annual dinner is SHIP's only fund raising activity. For dinner tickets, call June Wessel at 908-273-3317. If you would like to learn more about volunteering to serve those most at risk in our community, please email shipofsummit@gmail.com or call 908-829-0515.

<u>MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS:</u> The Summit Playhouse at 10 New England Ave. (just across the street from the church) will be presenting the musical, "Meet Me In St. Louis." It is an adaption from the Judy Garland musical of 1944 and it will run for three weekends from November 4 through November 19. This is a great family show about the Smith Family during the early 1900's when things were simpler, or so it seemed! For tickets call 908 .273.2192 or go online to www.summitplayhouse.org

<u>Christ Church November 2011 Art Show- Artists Recep-</u> <u>tion on November 13:</u> Please come to an artists' reception for the opening of the exhibit in Barnwell Hall during coffee hour. This is a special opportunity to meet the exhibitors and discuss their interpretation of our themes – Peace and Renaissance. Exhibit will continue through the first Sunday in December.

Sunday	Choir Practice – Sanctuary	8:45 am
October 30, 2011	First Worship Service	9:30 am
	Church Mice – Barnwell Hall	9:45 am
	Coffee Hour – Barnwell Hall	10:30 am
	Genesis Choir - Sanctuary	10:45 am
	Canticle Singers – Lile Hall	11:00 am
	High School Youth Choir	11:15 am
Thirty-first Sunday	Second Worship Service	11:15 am
on Ordinary Time	Youth – Large Group	5:00 pm

Ministers – All Members of Christ Church Senior Minister – The Rev. Dr. Charles T. Rush Associate Minister – The Rev. Julie Yarborough Associate Minister – The Rev. Caroline Dean Minister of Music – Mark Miller Children's Choirs Director – Alison Vidal Caravano Second Service Pianist – Daniel Rufolo Organ Scholar & Music Intern - Nicholas Mitchell Garcia Office Manager – Cheryl Levy Housekeeping – Juan and Rocio Restrepo

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