



Christ Church Worship Committee

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Committee Members --Bonnie Collins, Jonathan A. Poe, Cynthia Knapp, Nan Solomon Harper, Steve Ayers, Virginia Everett Rozier, Zac Neubauer, Duncan Walker

Ad Hoc -- Blair Sumrall

Vestry Shepard – Julie Groce

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP Prayers for the Parish Page 817

As with all our ministries, this has been a year like no other. The focus of the Worship Committee has always been to provide the most meaningful worship services possible, whether it is a weekly Sunday Service, wedding, baptism, confirmation, or a funeral. In that respect, things have not changed.

Early in 2020 we were forced to rethink Liturgy at Christ Church. How can we continue to provide a worship service when we can no longer worship as we always have? Thanks to the talent and dedication of Jonathan Poe we were able to quickly begin recording our services and posting them on-line so they can be viewed wherever we are. Parishioners quickly volunteered to record readings and prayers from their own home. For High Holy days, we were able to record inside the church to allow us all to feel at home. Jonathan, with the support of the Christ Church Choir and Lay Readers, provided us a spectacular Lessons and Carols.

Through the course of the year, we have been able to return to limited in person services in the Memorial Garden. Blair Sumrall has performed a masterful job managing our safety officers and positioning seating pods so that families can be together, while maintaining a safe healthy distance from others. We are truly thankful for her support.

We realize that even when the doors are reopened, there may be some who are not capable or are just not comfortable gathering in a large space immediately. Because of this, the Vestry has authorized funds allowing us to upgrade our existing Audio/Video equipment so that we can create state of the art broadcasts from within the nave of our church. These will continue to be made available on-line for an “almost like being there” experience. I would like to thank Phil Groce for his expert project management in this endeavor.

We are blessed at Christ Church to have so many who have stepped up to help during these extraordinary times. We all hope we will all be able to come together as full family of worship whenever the numbers and the Diocese of Atlanta allows. Until then, we will continue to bring you meaningful, inspirational, and safe worship opportunities at Christ Church.

Gods' Peace to you all!