



Summer | 2026 | Late Show

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Welcome to St. Christopher's

Thank you for being here this morning! We hope that this will be a meaningful time of worship for you. We'd love to get to know you better. Please stay after church to enjoy some refreshments.

About the Service

Everything you need for the service can be found in this booklet and large print copies are also available. Music lyrics are printed on a separate insert each week. Please leave the booklet so we can use it again next week.

Children & Families

Please enjoy being together throughout the service. Should you require assistance at any time during the service, please let one of the greeters know and they will be happy to assist you.

Audio Loop

If you use a hearing aid with a "T" setting, you can take advantage of our audio loop in the main section (Nave) of the church.

"Collection"

We don't pass the collection plate at St. Christopher's. Instead, if you wish to make a financial contribution to support our ministries, there are donation boxes just inside the door into the worship space.

Communion

All are invited to share in the Holy Eucharist.

General Protocols in Post Pandemic Times

We encourage you to sanitize your hands frequently and there is sanitizer in many places throughout the church.

You may signal your preference to share the Peace in a distanced manner by crossing your arms over your chest, or by raising your hands, palms together.

Blessings

None of us comes to church by accident and each of us brings the rest of our lives with us. No matter what joys, burdens or dilemmas you bring with you today, we pray that this time will be a gift to you; that God's grace will touch you with hope and energy to live your life with greater depth, integrity, compassion, and courage.

Canon Penny Anderson



Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday through Friday from 9am -12noon. You may also contact us by phone at 905.634.1809 or by email to staff@stcb.ca.

If you have experienced a pastoral emergency such as a death, sudden illness or personal crisis, our clergy may be reached at 289.427.0623.

Summer Worship Services

Summer Sunday worship services are at 9 and 11 am. Thursday morning Worship and Study are paused for the summer. Our usual Sunday worship times of 8, 9.30, and 11.30am will resume on Sunday, September 13. The Thursday morning 10.30am bible study and 11.30am worship will begin again on Thursday, October 1.

Dates to Save

- Jazz Vespers - Sunday, September 20
- Golf Tournament - Friday, October 2

Fun-in-the-Sun

This year marks our 28th year of Fun in the Sun (FITS)! We will be offering a science-themed program July 20-24 from 9am-3.30pm! This year's theme is *Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God*. We will welcome campers aged 4-11 years. Registration/application forms are on a table in the Atrium and available on our website, stcb.ca. Monetary contributions are welcome to ensure no child misses camp because of a tight family budget. Please contact Carrie at carrie@stcb.ca or call the church office (905.634.1809) for further details.

Open Doors

Find up to date information for all programs through the Open Doors tab on our website (stcb.ca) or at opendoorscommunity.ca

Summer Garden Tours

The Climate Justice Committee is hosting tours of our Open Doors Community Garden on the first Sunday of each month through the summer. Join us between the 9 am and 11 am services on July 5th, August 2nd, and September 6th. All are welcome.

Backpack Program

Donations to the Backpack Program will be gratefully received up to July 24 and distribution will be in early August. Watch your weekly eblast for more information.

Summer 2026

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

We live and work and worship on the territory of the Anishinaabeg, and the Haudenosaunee peoples. I invite you to hold space in your hearts for the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island who have always cared for this land.

Silence is kept.

We hold up our hands to the resistance, resilience and strength of Indigenous peoples in the face of ongoing dispossession and colonial violence. We recommit ourselves to the heart-work of listening to Indigenous voices, acknowledging all the ways we have benefitted from the racism of colonial institutions, and opening ourselves to reconciliation. May we bring this same spirit of openness and truth-seeking to our gathering today.

Collect of the Day

Opening Song

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

June 28	Pentecost 5	Matthew 10.5-14, 40-42
July 5	Pentecost 6	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30
July 12	Pentecost 7	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
July 19	Pentecost 8	Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
July 26	Pentecost 9	Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52
Aug. 2	Pentecost 10	Matthew 14.13-21
Aug. 9	Pentecost 11	Matthew 14.22-33
Aug. 16	Pentecost 12	Matthew 15.21-28
Aug. 23	Pentecost 13	Matthew 16.13-20
Aug. 30	Pentecost 14	Matthew 16.21-28
Sep. 6	Pentecost 15	Matthew 18.10-14

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

Reader Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Silence for Reflection

Musical Reflection

The Prayers of the People

Please add your own prayers, ending with,

One God is good,
All **Thanks be to God.**

or

One God of love,
All **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Communion Song

Prayer over the Bread and Wine

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the living God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the God of the universe.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The eucharistic prayer is spoken in the moment.

All **Holy, holy, holy,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The eucharistic prayer continues.

All **Amen.**

Presider

We pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Sending Prayer

Closing Song

The Flowers placed in the Sanctuary during the summer months are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

June 28 **Margory & Murray Naismith**, parents of Barb Baker and Marilyn Burnell.

Kevin C. Pearce, remembered with love and always missed by Stan, Jan, Kyle and Craig.

July 5 **Richard Jenkins**, beloved son of Frances and Jerry Jenkins.

David Michael Page, remembered with love by his sister Susan & her family.

Marley Yott, remembered with love by their family.

July 12 **Jim Thomson**, always remembered with love, by his wife Joy.

Joan Page, remembered with much love and very much missed by her daughter Susan and her family.

July 26 **Delmar and Dorothy Gilmour**, parents of Deborah Portelli.

Vincenzina Portelli, mother of Arthur Portelli.
Remembered with love by Deborah and Arthur Portelli,
grandchildren Lisa, Matthew, Jenna and Matt and great
grandchildren Wesley and Everly.

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Aug 2 **Marian Brayshaw**, always remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

James (Jim) Bentley remembered with love by his wife Margaret.

Tricia Reid Jelusich, daughter of Linda Holland, niece of Julie Kehoe, loved and missed by all of the family.

Bruce Roy Hurst, lovingly remembered by his wife, Sharron and family.

Ron Tamaki, cousin of Mike and Amanda Shiomi.

Aug 9 **Ann & Reg Hewitt**, much loved parents of Carol Henley.

Aug 16 **John, Compton, Leah Agatha, Franklin, Raymond, and Pamela**, lovingly remembered by sisters Desiree and Jean, and brother Winston.

Ken Roberts, remembered always by his wife, Barb, his sons, Greg, Jeff, Scott and their families.

Jeff Scowen, deeply missed and lovingly remembered on the anniversary of his passing by his mother, Mary Scowen, siblings Heather McLaughlin and Brent Scowen, his children Brittany, Nolan and Aiden and their families and friends.

Aug 30 **Elaine Harper**, much loved wife of Brian, mother of Christine, Mark, David, and Paul.

Sept 6 **H. Lloyd Wood**, remembered with love by his wife Gayner and his children Geoff and Christine.

Robert (Bob) Crew, husband of the late Shirley Crew, father of Diana, Bill, and Bob. Remembered with love by all the family.

Margaret Warren, remembered with love by Charles and family.

Thought for the Summer Months

Prayer is not like interacting with a divine vending machine. Prayer isn't about getting stuff from God. The reason we pray is so we'll become the sort of people who pray. Becoming people who pray, people who keep on turning to God, enables us to recognize where God is at work in the world, and gives us the courage to join that work of raising up God's new society.

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rooted in the life-giving, life-affirming, life-changing love of God
reaching beyond ourselves
caring for creation
making a difference with others.

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