



ST. BARNABAS'  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
*A welcoming community of faith*

*We are called by God to see Christ in all persons, grow in faith and live in joyful fellowship with one another.*

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### LIFE IN CHRIST - REFLECTIONS FROM OUR RESOURCE PRIEST, THE REV. SARAH NELSON

#### *Walking by Faith*

I once gave a friend a plaque for the wall. It reads: "In the end everything will be okay. If it's not okay, it's not the end."

And that for me is the crux of our faith -- as we live in the between-time with hope and assurance that in the end it will be okay.

As an avid Duke basketball fan, if there is a game being played, I most often am watching or at least checking in on the score. There are those occasions though when I simply cannot watch the game. Luckily, technology is my friend and I can record the game. When later I go back to watch the game, I notice that I can watch with a calmness and assurance that live games do not provide. I know that it will all end well. I can enjoy those baskets, even the missed ones, because I know that Duke will prevail. In the end, it will be okay. By the way, in case you are wondering, if by some occasion of fate Duke does not win, well, why would I watch that! .... [Read More](#)

## THIS SUNDAY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

# AFTER PENTECOST

## Public Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday, September 6, 2020

**NOTE TIME CHANGE: 11:00 a.m.**

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### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- When we are indoors in the Sanctuary, masks must be worn. We will provide masks for anyone who needs them.
- You will be seated by one of the ushers when you arrive.
- Physical distancing must be adhered to while waiting to be seated. Members of the same family may sit together.
- The Order of Service for that day, along with the readings and notices, will have been placed on the pews. Please use this during the service and take it with you when you leave.
- Restrooms are closed except for emergencies.
- The Lounge, Office and Great Hall will be closed.
- There will be music but we will be unable to sing.
- Offerings can be left in the collection plate.
- Communion will be in one kind only. Communicants will line up before the altar to receive the host in the palm of their hand. The sacrament can be consumed once you are back in your seat.
- In this warmer weather, members may wish to bring bottled water to the service.
- Hand sanitizers will be available.
- **A "virtual" coffee hour via Zoom will begin at 12:30 a.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE - see below for more details)**

All are invited, but we ask that all members, especially those with underlying health conditions, carefully assess the risk to themselves before attending.

If you aren't sure if this is the right time for you to return to church, then don't worry. We will continue to offer online services as before. (See below for more information.)

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### Blessing of the Host on Sundays

My, oh my, how our world is changing! Nothing makes that more clear than our regathering as the Body of Christ. Certainly we are learning each and every day about first, how important it is to regather and worship our God and second, how to regather in safety. We know that no matter how meticulous our efforts, we cannot provide 100%

the ciborium and place it under the veil. When we come to the Great Thanksgiving, only the priest host is in the paten. This is the large host which I alone consume. All other wafers remain in the closed ciborium. When the time comes for distribution of the bread, I place the contents of the ciborium on the paten and, wearing a mask, place

safety. That does not mean, however, that we do not continue to do our very best. I am appreciative of the feedback about our worship. Liturgy, of course, means the work of the people, so it takes all of us working together to make this happen.

I want you to know of a few things that I am doing in order to safely gather for worship. Of course, we are maintaining proper social distancing. The Church and leaflets are sanitized. Masks are worn. Even our peace is shared in new and innovative ways. Perhaps the consecration and sharing of the body and blood of Christ is the time when we come closest together. This provides additional awareness.

After consultation with the Diocesan task force and conversation with other priests in our Diocese, I am following these procedures:

When I arrive at Saint Barnabas on Sunday morning, I go to the altar, place the wafers in the ciborium with a gloved hand. I then consecrate the bread while wearing a mask. Finally, I place the top on

the wafer into each person's hand. There have been reports about a phishing scam happening on a daily basis. If you receive **what appears to be an email from either Rev. Sarah Nelson or Sr. Cassandra, please do not open!** Their email accounts may have been hacked! (Note that the emails from "Sarah" are asking for gift cards.) It's worth mentioning that one's friends are unlikely to request gift cards to help them out of a bind! The remaining wafers that have been on the paten are consumed or placed on the ground. Only wafers that were not on the paten are reserved.

Of course, then we receive in one kind only. No wine is distributed at this time.

I am certain that we will continue to learn. That learning will inform our worship. We want to do everything that is possible to keep all of us safe.

I hope that this is helpful. Please feel free to let me know of your observations, concerns and where things are going well.

Worship, sharing our burdens and celebrating our joys -- we have learned in these past months just how important, how vital, these are. I am grateful for the opportunity to regather with the Saint Barnabas community.

Faithfully,  
Sarah Nelson

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## Online Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

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### HOLY EUCHARIST on YOUTUBE

Sunday, September 6, 2020  
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 518 - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation; an Offertory Hymn: 602 - Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love; and a Closing Hymn: 376 - Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, played by Dr. Michael Larkin, aided by Lisa Bowe, with lessons read by Ed Rowles and Lisa, and the Prayers of the People led by Ed. The service will include a sermon by The Rev. Sarah Nelson.

A link to the service will be sent to members **by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning**, or you will be able to access the service (on Sunday) through our YouTube account by clicking on the Online Worship link below (where you may also view any of our previous online services as well):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgYeLP1pWrJvz-JV9gEjoqA>

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### Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

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### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

This Sunday, September 6  
12:30 a.m. (Note Time Change)

Join Senior Warden Ed Rowles for **Coffee and Conversation** following the Sunday In-Person Eucharist. **Note that beginning this Sunday, Coffee Hour will begin at 12:30, since our in-sanctuary worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. until further notice.** Entry by Zoom app. A link will be sent to members **by 7:00 AM on Sunday morning**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ed at [erowles@comcast.net](mailto:erowles@comcast.net) or 302-562-4580.

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Effective Monday, September 7th,  
we will resume our regular  
schedule of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday

*However, note the office will be closed on  
Monday, September 7th  
for the Labor Day Holiday.*

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### E V E N T S

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Listening Circle



**Saturday, September 5th  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.'ish  
(we will not meet if raining)**

**This Saturday, we will again be meeting for our Listening Circle.** Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and meet under the oak trees at St Barnabas where we will open our hearts/minds and listen to shared stories, feelings, experiences from among those who show up. This is an informal, but intentional, session focused on the sacred act of listening.

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**Online Bible Study  
Tuesday, September 9th at 11:00 a.m.**

This week we look at chapter 23 of the First Book of Samuel, led by The Rev. Sarah Nelson. Bible study is conducted online via Zoom. Regular attendees will be sent a link on the day. If you are interested in joining, or for further information, please contact the office at 302-994-6607 or [stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net](mailto:stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net).

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**NOTICES**

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**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**

My dear friends in Christ,

Our **beautiful new organ** has arrived! As I write this on Tuesday evening (9/1), the organ will be installed over the next few days. It still will not be ready to play. Next week a technician from Walker Organ Co. will be here, and over several days, he and I will be adjusting any necessary tuning and voicing for our specific acoustical space. As I have previously mentioned, it is ironic that the congregation and choirs will not be able to sing with it for a while because of corona virus restrictions.

As promised, a few more thoughts about beauty. From the earliest days of recorded history, and most certainly before that, human beings have considered and discussed beauty. Indeed, it could be argued that one of our greatest pleasures is discussing beauty, attempting to define it, to figure out where it comes from, if it can be pursued and judged or evaluated and is it objective or subjective, or both.

Beauty ever present in our lives is not easy to define. I think the best academic, dictionary definition for beauty comes from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary: "the quality, or qualities in a person or thing that gives pleasure to the senses, or pleasurably exalts the mind or spirit." Not bad – however, there is so much more. The study of beauty and taste is considered a branch of philosophy and is referred to as the study of aesthetics.

There is an age-old philosophical dispute that asks, does beauty reside in the

object itself (objective) or does it lie in the mind and eye of the beholder (subjective), or is there a balance and interaction between the two opposing points of view? Beauty is both subjective and objective. There is an object, whether visual or aural, that our senses consider beautiful. Subjective thought, or “beauty is in the eye of the beholder,” means that what one person considers to be beautiful, another person may not. This most certainly can lead to interesting discussions. Hopefully, this difference of opinion is a matter of informed taste and not an uninformed value judgement. It does seem almost impossible to strictly adhere to either the objective or subjective point of view. There most certainly is a balance and inter-connection.

At times I feel an almost overwhelming sense of how our souls, our very essence, always hungers for beauty, and how we seek it everywhere. And, when beauty finds us, whether in landscape, art, music, in the garden, in companionship, religion or perhaps, most importantly, within ourselves, how important it is to invite the beauty in, to nurture, to caress, to love and value it in our lives. For beauty, even in times of trial, helps to warm the heart, uplift the soul, and helps us to find compassion, understanding, and truth in our world around us. I invite you to always be on the search for beauty in your lives.

I also invite you to click or copy this link which will take you to a most beautiful arrangement of “America the Beautiful” as only sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra with its usual striking video accompaniment. The arrangement is by the choir’s wonderful music director, Dr. Mack Wilberg.

<https://youtu.be/euH0ucM6RN0>

May our gracious God always hold you in the palm of his **loving, beautiful** hand.

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin  
Director of Music Ministry



### **New Organ - Update!** **September 2nd**

The new organ installation was completed today (Sept. 2). It looks and sounds great!

The Cornell Zimmer team did a great job removing the old organ and the 20 speakers and 8 amps from the church and installing the new organ, 20 new speakers

including new antiphonal speakers at the entryway to the church.

The last components for the organ arrived last week and the organ console was quickly finished. Luckily, we had done all the pre-wiring and organ space preparation (removing choir pews, modifying the choir risers, enlarging the

organ space, running a new electrical outlet, and installing the new flooring under the organ) was completed, and we were ready to receive the organ this week and get the installation completed.

To my non-musical ear, the organ sounds great, but the next step is to get the organ tuned or 'voiced.' This will be done by a Voicing expert, with the accompaniment of Michael, the week of September 14th. It is expected that it will take about 3 days to tune the organ to be optimized for our Sanctuary at St Barnabas.

The new organ has a lot more capability than the older organ (lots of knobs and switches to the novice like me) and we should expect to hear great music from it for a very long time to come.

The first service with the new organ will be September 20th.

If you have any questions, please contact me ([brian.r.engler@gmail.com](mailto:brian.r.engler@gmail.com)).

Thanks,

Brian Engler

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### **From Episcopal Relief & Development**

Hurricane Laura slammed into the Gulf Coast last week, which was the same week that marked the 15-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Episcopal Relief & Development is in constant communication with the impacted dioceses working to reach vulnerable populations devastated by the storm. [Donate today](#) to support these efforts.

<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>

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## **O U T R E A C H**

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### **Community Church Outreach**

Currently, the Community Church can use more donations of canned vegetables, regular size boxes of cereal (not family size), canned tuna, and pasta sauce. They will also accept produce from home gardens.

You may drop off your donation in the lobby of St. Barnabas Monday through Thursday from 9am - 2pm. Thank you. If you should have any questions, please contact Amy Quillen, [302-533-5768](tel:302-533-5768).

The Community Church Outreach is affiliated with Friendship House. The terminal goal of the Outreach is to one day become an empowerment center just like the empowerment center on Main Street in Newark.

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for September. Please contact the church office of [stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net](mailto:stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net) to let us know if you're not listed or the date is incorrect.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Mano Fernando  
2 - Debbie Fink  
2 - Martha Precht  
7 - Elizabeth Walsh  
8 - Jerry Connell  
13 - Terry Sloman  
17 - Charles Griffin  
17 - Joan Irwin  
18 - Nancy Clapp  
18 - Emilie Vitalo  
19 - Alfreda Clinton  
20 - Andres de Cos  
21 - Paul Venti  
22 - Victoria de Cos  
24 - Carol Broadabent  
30 - Catherine Scarborough  
30 - Ryanne Jackson

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 - Greg & Penny Taylor  
15 - Doug & Sarah Jane Page  
17 - Andres de Cos & Claudia Rodriguez  
17 - Kirk & Celeste Witting  
17 - Dick & Jackie Leaning  
24 - Alan & Joan Irwin  
27 - John & Sharon Warrington

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### **A Prayer for all those affected by the Coronavirus**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

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### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING AND COMFORT:**

Arlene & Dave Carpenter, John Materis, Gail Calhoun, Leon Slocomb, Nancy Clapp, Anne Priebe, Bruce Clinton, Sr. Rosie, Lilly Walker, Thomas Boyle, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, The Weir Family, Jean White and The Jackson Family, Dell Ludwig, Kathleen Frees-Kroboth, Jim Clarke. Fran O'Sullivan and Family, Barbara Connell.



Those serving in the Armed Forces. Those who are homebound.

Those who have died, especially Janet Moore.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the First Responders, EMS, Paramedics, Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Aides, Respiratory Therapists, Medical Technicians, and Medical Assistants; for Environmental Services, Social Workers, Phlebotomists, Security Services, and Food Services; for Policemen, Firemen, and Ambulance Drivers. Pray also for all those we cannot see but are hard at work providing care for the sick.

May God walk with them every step of their day and guide them. Open their hearts to see you at work in the world around them, including especially Leslie, Lydia, Kathi, Stephen, Mike, Ali, Caroline and Magdy.

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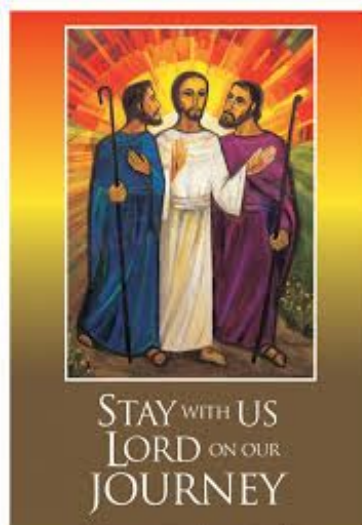
#### [DELAWARE COMMUNION](#)

Summer 2020 issue

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August 26, 2020 issue

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### VESTRY MEMBERS

**Sr. Warden:** Ed Rowles (2021)  
**Jr. Warden:** Joanne Figliola (2022)

Jeff Bowersox (2023)  
Bob Haushalter (2023)  
Alan Irwin (2021)  
Valerie Jackson (2022)  
Bob Jefferson (2022)  
Pat McDonald (2023)  
Sarah Smith (2023)  
John Warrington (2022)  
Marian Weir (2021)  
Lydia York (2021), Vestry Clerk  
Recording Secretary: Debbie McGonigal

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