

We welcome you this morning!

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

Officiant Rev John Keller **Sept 18, 2022**

Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #390

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria S280

Collect Inserted

(Please be seated for the readings)

First Reading *Book of Amos [8:4–7]*

Psalm 113

Second Reading *First Letter of Paul to Timothy [2:1–7]*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel *Luke [16:1–13]*

Sermon Rev John Keller

Intercessions BCP. p. 359

Parish prayer requests.....

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
- For the Diocese, as we engage in the search for our next Bishop
- For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good

•For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing

•For the people of Ukraine, Syria, Yemen

Prayers for St Stephens Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. For Rev. John Burruss and the church families. Praying to end gun violence

• For all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Suzanne, Jeannette, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae, Nancy, Karmen, Grace, Kenny, Cathy, Jim, Lindsay, Wendy, Bob, Roger, Mark, David, Peggy, Karen...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud

• For the Faithful Departed:

The Peace

Offertory Hymn *Let us break bread together* #325

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine

People: All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p 361

Sanctus S130

Lord's Prayer S149

Fraction Sentence

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

Second Reading

First Letter of Paul to Timothy [2:1–7]

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel

Luke [16:1–13]

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’

Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Metro Food Bank Project

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Oct 15, 2022**. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.

Community Meal to resume.

Our first autumn community meal will take place on October 9 following worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the landing going to the undercroft for those who wish to volunteer to cook, set up or clean up. For those who wish to cook, convenient foil trays both small and large are available for use. they may be found in the pantry across from the kitchen. We will be distributing personal care items left over from last Christmas. Please plan to join in on this important expression of friendship and outreach to our community by planning to attend.

Adult Forum
C.S. Lewis on Christianity

Fr Chris is inviting you to a discussion on Sunday mornings, beginning on **October 9, at 9:10 am** on the Hillsdale College course, ***C.S. Lewis On Christianity***. A second class will meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 am, which will be especially good for those who can not come to church early on Sundays.

Format of classes: The format requires independent learning: You will enroll in the course and either before or after viewing the lecture for each week, read the suggested material. We will not view the lectures during Sunday Morning or Wednesday so you need to come, having done some work at home. Sundays and Wednesdays will be reserved for discussions on the lecture and the readings.

How to start: First, you need to register through Hillsdale and at no cost to you by entering into the browser the following link

<https://online.hillsdale.edu/landing/c-s-lewis-on-christianity>

Or, you may find it easier to do a search using your browser for, *Hillsdale College online Courses*, and look for the online course tab at the top of the page. At the bottom of that page you will find a box to enter your email. Once you have done that, select 'Enroll Now.' From there follow the directions to register and please remember to make note of your user name and password when you first enroll.

We will be reading widely among Lewis's classics through the autumn. **Copies of the first week readings are available on the foyer table next to the entrance.** C.S. Lewis can be dense, but you will find that the lectures are helpful in understanding the material we are considering.

Many thanks to Hillsdale College for making this tremendous resource available to the church.