



Christ Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church in Eastport, Maine

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Stained Glass

Historic Stained Glass Windows at Christ Episcopal Church in Eastport, Maine

Explore over 150 years of regional heritage through the **historic stained glass windows** at Christ Episcopal Church in Eastport, Maine. The late Reverend John E. Phelps, a former Vicar, once beautifully described the profound experience of watching the morning sun illuminate these sacred pieces.

“Those of us,” Phelps wrote, “who have sat and watched the morning sun stream through bright cobalt blue, deep crimson, and rich gold stained glass have, without doubt, reflected on early Episcopalians. These faithful pioneers once sat in our hard, wooden, straight-backed pews. They were former members of the parish for whom the windows were given.”

The Story Behind Our Three Memorial Windows

Our historic sanctuary houses three distinct, treasured memorial masterpieces. Each artwork beautifully reflects the deep history of early Washington County settlers and parishioners.

1. The Odell Window (Post-1885)

- **The Design:** This striking window frames a central, seated male figure holding a heavy cross. The scene features a vivid backdrop of deep blue and crimson glass. Furthermore, intricate Masonic symbols border the entire scene. The bottom of the glass features the comforting biblical inscription: *"Peace I leave with you."*
- **The Family History:** Daniel Ingalls Odell and Hannah Peavey Odell donated this piece to the parish. They chose to honor their beloved daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, who passed away in 1875 at just 36 years old.
- **The Church Context:** The family installed the window shortly after June 1885. This date marks a major milestone when the Diocesan Convention officially reorganized the parish, revitalizing our historic 1858 sanctuary.



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF HIS SERVANT FRANK R. HAZARD
WHO ENTERED INTO REST FEB. 14, 1885 AGED 52 YEARS

2. The Leavitt Window (Circa 1888)



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JOHN P. HILL 1871-1901
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- **The Design:** This window relies on subtle, elegant imagery rather than human figures. It features a gleaming gold cross entwined with pure white lilies set against a warm tan background.
- **The Family History:** The window honors three local family members: Harriet L., Benjamin B., and Samuel D. Leavitt.
- **The Pioneer Connection:** The Leavitt name carries immense historical weight in Washington County. Their ancestor, Jonathan Leavitt, was one of the original pioneer settlers who established “Plantation 8” on Moose Island back in 1798—helping to build the very foundation of Eastport.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HARRIET L
BENJAMIN B
SAMUEL D

The Pike Window (1959)

- **The Design:** This brilliant window beautifully depicts the biblical scene of the Nativity of our Lord. The lower section bears the inscription: *"To the glory of God and in loving memory of John J. and Mary Alice Pike."*
- **The Renowned Artisan:** Lucy Pike commissioned Charles J. Connick Associates of Boston to design and install the window. Notably, Charles J. Connick was one of the most famous stained-glass artists in American history. His studio used a signature, vibrant "Connick-blue" glass inspired by 12th-century French cathedrals



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Plan Your Visit to See the Glass

ecades ago, Phelps wrote, “Ours is a parish rich in history.” Today, it remains a history that our people deeply cherish every Sunday as they worship.

As one of the oldest Episcopal outposts in Maine, these windows remind us of our past during our continuing worship. Art lovers, history buffs, coastal explorers, and spiritual seekers are all welcome here. Come see the beauty in person by checking out our [map and directions page](#). If you have any questions before visiting, please feel free to reach out on our [contact us page](#).

As a welcoming community of faith, we invite you to join us exactly as you are. **All are welcome.**

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Worship Services

Join us in person each Sunday at 9:30am, or via livestream [here](#).

