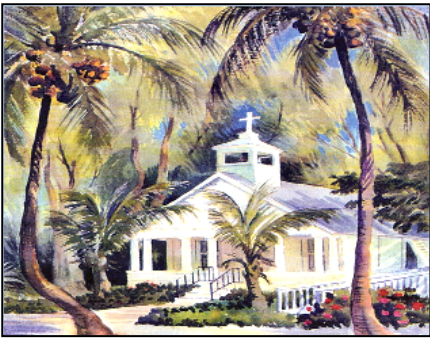




St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande ☩ Florida

"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"

Sunday Worship

Jan-April 8:00A.M. & 9:30A.M.
May - Dec. 9:30A.M.

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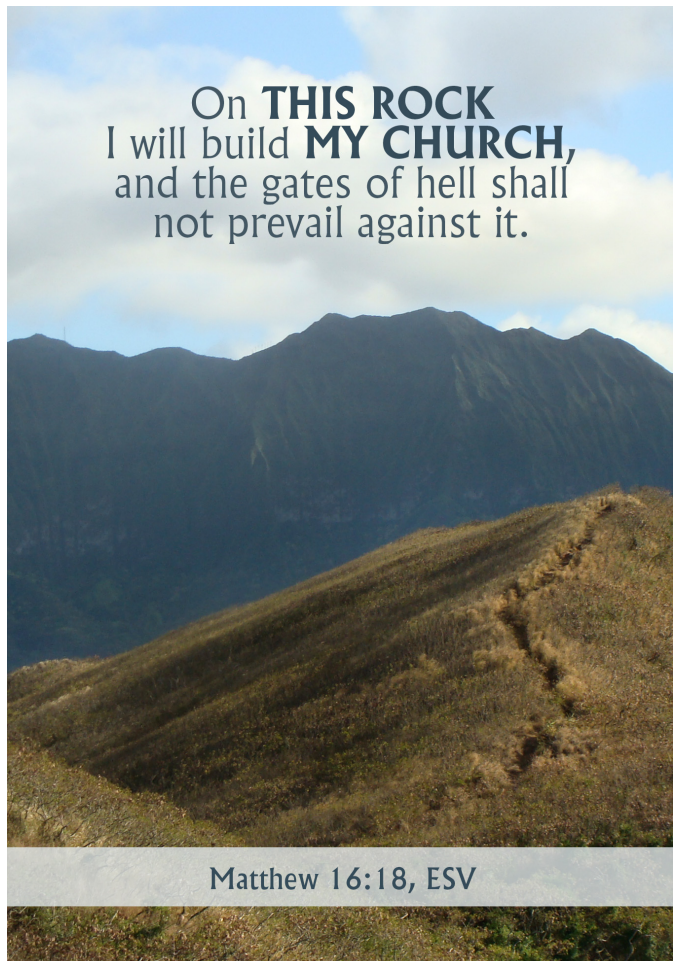
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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 16, Year A

August 23, 2026



Good Morning ...

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you find a connection between your desire to come and what you experience. We are a community drawn together by faith in God's love made known in Jesus Christ, expressed by forgiveness and acceptance rather than getting it right. However you identify, you belong here. We connect with each other by knowing and accepting each other as we are, and together serve others here in Boca Grande and in the wider community. Visitor cards are in the pew to help us get to know you better. They can be returned in the offering plate at the back of the church or handed to an usher.

Restrooms are located next door in the Chapter House.

Altar Flowers

The flowers placed on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God
by Judy Ikenberry in remembrance of many happy years with Stan.

Serving Today

Ushers

Jay and Susan Spurgeon

Lector

Mike Courts

Chalice Bearer

Ellen Manetti

Serving Next Sunday

Usher

Lector

Chalice Bearer

Alice Pollard

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Prelude on NETTLETON

Gordon Young

THE PROCESSIONAL

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal, 304 (v. 1-2)



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.





1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Lector

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124

Lector

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 124. Let us read responsively by half verse.

Congregation please read the bold print.

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Chris Gray

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us offer prayers to God who builds the church of Christ on the rock of faith and shares with us the keys of the kingdom.

Please find your position of prayer, whether that is standing, kneeling, or sitting.

Lector For this holy gathering, for our parish clergy, for Doug our bishop, for Sean our Presiding Bishop for the people of God in every place, and for all who seek the Lord.

People **O Christ, hear us.**

Lector For those in authority, for our President, for our Governor, for the Courts, for Congress and all legislatures, for the light of justice among all peoples.

People **O Christ, hear us.**

Lector In thanksgiving for the ministry of children, youth, and college students, for the opportunities we have for formation and fellowship together. For those who are new to our community and those who are visiting. *(Please pause in brief silence to add personal thanksgivings.)*

People **O Christ, hear us.**

Lector For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms.

People **O Christ, hear us.**

Lector For the sick and the suffering, travelers, and those on vacation, prisoners, captives, and their families, companions, and all those we love. *(Please pause in silence to lift to God the names of those who need God's help.)*

People **O Christ, hear us.**

Lector For our island and those who live on it, for our surrounding communities, for our Mayor and City Council, and for our families, companions, and all whose we love.

People **O Christ, hear us.**

Lector For those who rest in Christ, especially the recently departed *Connie Wallace*, and for all the dead.

People **O Christ, hear us.**

Celebrant O God who restores and makes whole, hear the prayers we offer today and make the wilderness of this world a garden of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant And now let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

(A moment of silence is observed so that we may make our silent confession before God).

People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

God is love, and where true love is (577)

A. Gregory Murray

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, 380 (v. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS



Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

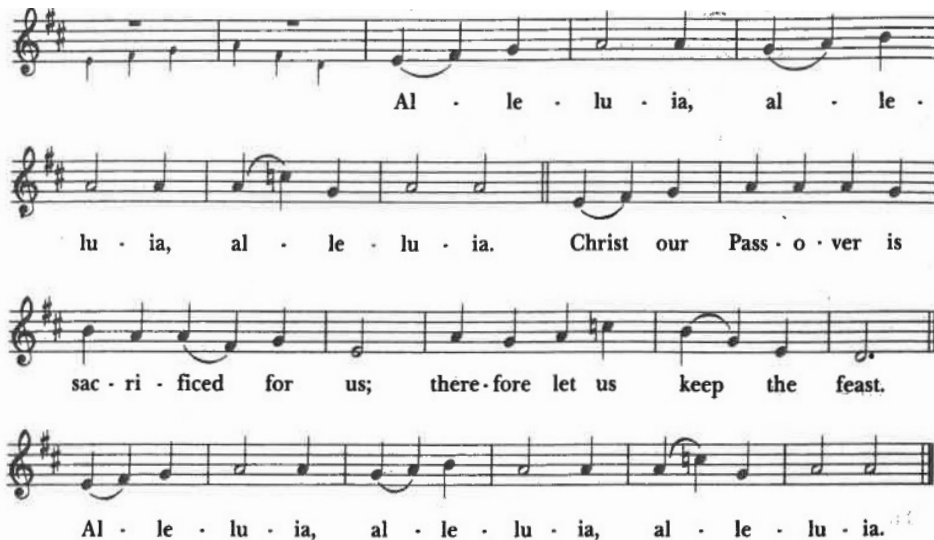
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



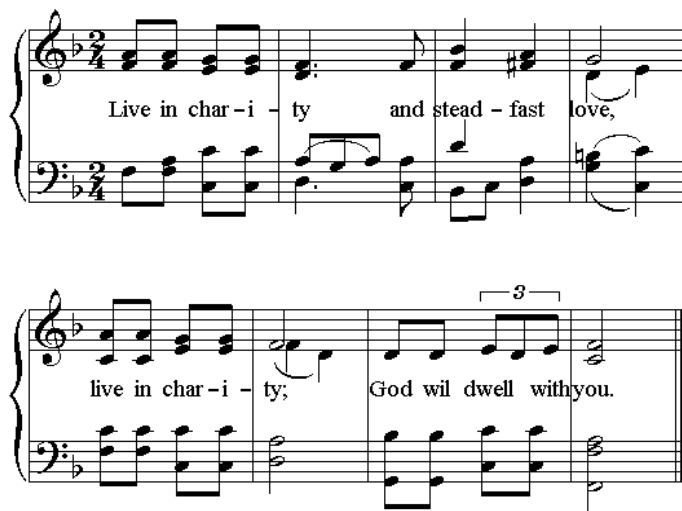
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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*(All baptized persons regardless of denominational affiliation are invited to receive Holy Communion.
If it is not in your conscience to receive, please consider coming forward for a simple blessing.)*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



THE PROCESSIONAL

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal, 304 (v. 3-5)



3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on AUSTRIA



Wednesday Morning Prayer

Join us Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the church for informal Morning Prayer led by Alice Pollard. Afterward, stay for coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House. Come as you are—we'd love to see you!

Summer Bible Studies

Our Men's & Women's Bible Studies continue on Zoom! **Whether you join us every week or just when your schedule allows, you're always welcome.** Come for one session or all of them—we'd love to have you!

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
Tuesdays @ 8:30_{A.M.} - Zoom

Women's Bible Study & Fellowship
Fridays @ 10:00_{A.M.} - Zoom

For Zoom links and more information visit
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A Look at the Week Ahead ...

Sunday, August 23

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 a.m.

Monday, August 24

Men's A.A. 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 25

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
A.A. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.

Friday, August 28

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 30

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 a.m.

Pastoral Prayer List

Bobbie Allardyce	Donna Hecker
Mary Bainbridge	Logan Hoffman
Dennis Berry	Mary Anne Hooker
Shawn Peterson Cain	Terrilynn Hulmutch
Elena Cameron	Audrey Knapp
Vera Chelnokov	Jenna Larson
Emily Clegg	Hillary Lupo
Bob Corl	Sarah McDonald
Declan Cox	Mary Mulvania
Hadley Cox	Mary Jean Meyer
John Farrar	Bobby Parker
Bob Fletcher	George Everett Powell IV
Jeffrey Fletcher	Jean Rowe
Tom & Bette Floyd	Pat Ryan
Edie Gardner	Pete Schock
Dawson Gladding	Strazzulla Family
Kathy Gregg	Peter Strong
Grace Haly	Ed Vick
David Hatzung	Donna Welsh

Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess	Anthony Kopp
Ben Constantinides	Alexander Lovo
John Life Ikenberry	Michael Manetti
Colin Jackson	Nikolas Milona
Karl Jackson	Jonathan Prince
Thais Jackson	Renier van Breen

Mark Your Calendars!!

Welcome Back Taco Dinner Night
November 5 at 5:30 pm

Women's Breakfast at the Gasparilla Inn
January 19 from 8:30am - 10:30am

"Get to Know" Dinners
February 2 at 6:00 p.m.

At St. Andrew's We Aspire ...

- † *to be a welcoming, inviting and caring parish*
- † *to provide meaningful worship services*
- † *to provide pastoral care and guidance in times of need and celebration*
- † *to respond to human needs locally, nationally, and globally*
- † *to grow as Christians through education and discipleship*
- † *to be active in the community and ecumenical relationships*
- † *to be generous stewards of our time, talent, and treasure*

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Rick Granger
Renee Farnham
Jay Spurgeon

Class of 2028

Bill Durkin
Roger Lewis
Melissa Loughlin
Michael Courts **

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