



The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Confirmation with the Holy Eucharist
June 7, 2026



Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the house of God.
Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service (and during the peace) speak to one another.

"Justice, Mercy, Humility:" & Welcome Bishop Jose'

Today is a very special day in the life of our parish. We welcome the Bishop of our diocese, The Rt. Rev. Jose' A. McLoughlin as he confirms and receives the newest members of the Episcopal Church. For those being confirmed today, Bishop Jose' will pray the following prayer: "Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of their life." I love those key words: strengthen...empower...service. For me, they echo the voice of the Prophet Micah from the Hebrew Scriptures. What does God want, Micah asks. God wants us to literally 'do' justice in this world. God wants us to be a voice for the oppressed, the poor, the stranger, and every person treated as less than a beloved child. God wants us to love mercy by offering kindness and forgiveness to all we encounter in this life. And God wants us to love and serve others with a spirit of humility, listening for the divine voice wherever it may be found. Those are the promises of both Baptism and Confirmation.

So let's welcome Bishop Jose' at his final visit as our diocesan, and give thanks for those being confirmed and received. There will be a luncheon following the 10:30am service today in Furr Hall, and I hope that you will stay and enjoy some great food, fellowship, and some time with our beloved Bishop.

Faithfully,

Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* – arr. Dan Marvin **Troy Keeney, Trumpet**

Opening Hymn: *"Lift High the Cross"* **Hymnal 473**

GENERAL ACCLAMATION **BCP 413**

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

People: **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: One Lord, one faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson **Genesis 12:1-9**

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:1-8



- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

The Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Reader: A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

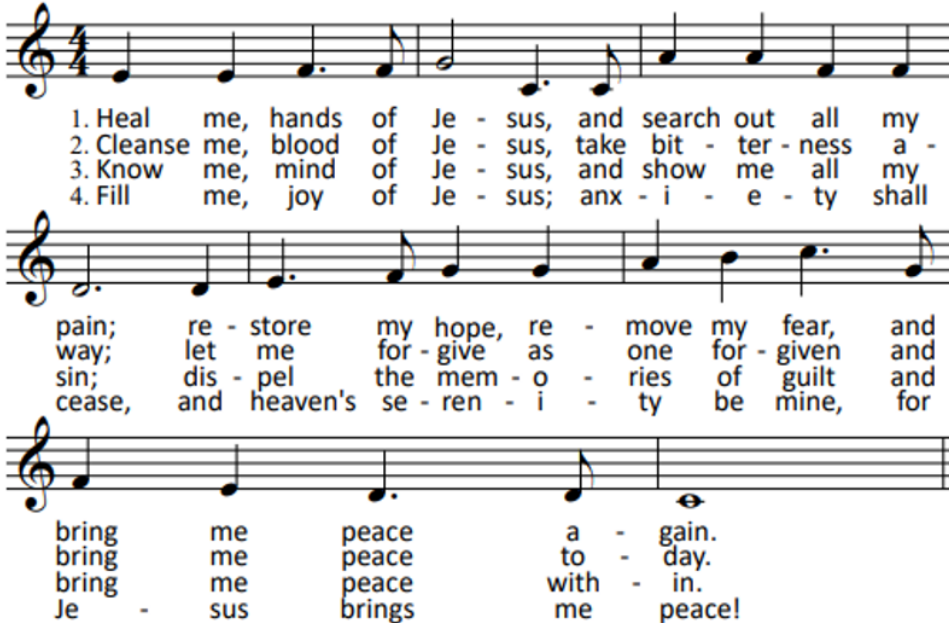
Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn:

Heal me hands of Jesus



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a -
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall

pain; re - store my hope, re - move my fear, and
way; let me for - give as one for - given and
sin; dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and
cease, and heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for

bring me peace a - gain.
bring me peace to - day.
bring me peace with - in.
Je - sus brings me peace!

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The Gospel (*standing*)

Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came

up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

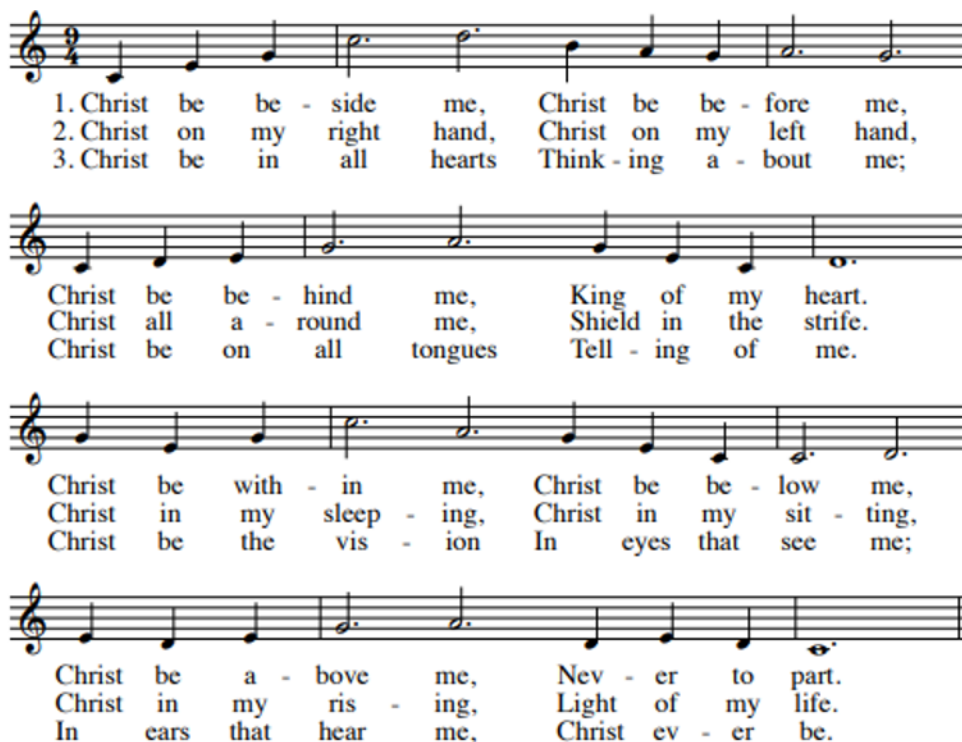
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

**The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin,
Bishop of Western North Carolina**

Confirmation Hymn *"Christ Be Beside Me"*



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first two columns of lyrics corresponding to the first two staves, and the third column corresponding to the last two staves.

1. Christ be be - side me, Christ be be - fore me,
 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
 3. Christ be in all hearts Think - ing a - bout me;

Christ be be - hind me, King of my heart.
 Christ all a - round me, Shield in the strife.
 Christ be on all tongues Tell - ing of me.

Christ be with - in me, Christ be be - low me,
 Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
 Christ be the vis - ion In eyes that see me;

Christ be a - bove me, Nev - er to part.
 Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 In ears that hear me, Christ ev - er be.

CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: The candidates will now be presented.
Presenters: **I present ‘these persons’ for Confirmation.**
Or: **I present ‘these persons’ to be received into this Communion.**
Or: **I present ‘these persons’ who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.**

The Bishop then asks the candidates

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates: **I do.**
Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates: **I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop address the congregation, saying

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People: **We will.**
Bishop: Then let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

For Confirmation: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. **Amen.**

For Reception: N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The bishop concludes with this prayer

Bishop: Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them I in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory *Is He Worthy?* – arr. Daniel Semsen

Greta Gustis, soloist

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)
But do you know that all the dark won't
Stop the light from getting through? (We do.)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.)
Is a new creation coming? (It is.)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is.)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He was David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? (He is)

Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? (He does.)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.)

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is!

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At the Presentation

Doxology

Hymnal 380, stanza 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Bidding Prayer

Celebrant: This is the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is made ready for all.
So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here
often and you who have not been here long, You who have tried to follow and those who
struggle to find the path. Come, because it is God who invites you. It is God's will that
those who desire to do so should meet God here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

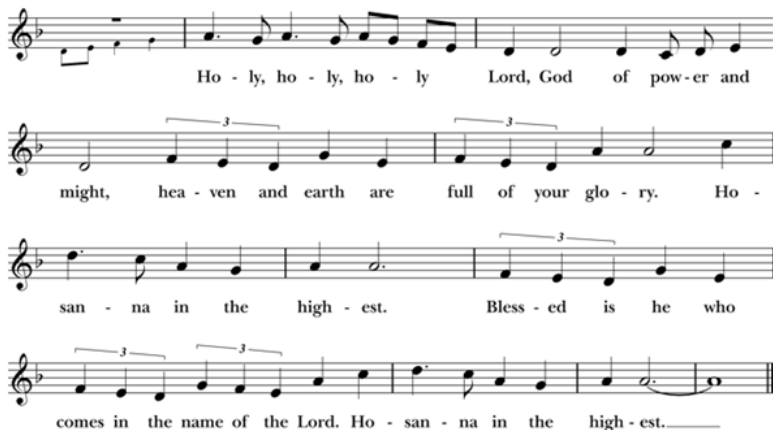
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him 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. (Preface of the day.) 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

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The people kneel or sit.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

People: **AMEN. (Danish 3-fold)**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

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

Administration of the Sacrament

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn *May we come to know you* – Katie Wills

Refrain:

May we come to know you in the break - ing of the bread.
May this sac - ri - fice of love re - veal your pre - sence.
Bro - ken you've be - come, so all the world is
fed and comes to know you in the break - ing of the bread.

You walk with us in joy and sorrow.
Your loving hand provides our good.
Yet in our flesh we fail to see you,
so you yourself become our food and satisfy our hunger. (Refrain)

Your word proclaimed breaks through our darkness,
dispelling doubt and disbelief.
With burning hearts, we sense you with us:
the word made flesh, our God unseen, who satisfies our hunger. (Refrain)

Through eyes of faith we see, in this pure offering,
your precious body and your blood.
Transform our hearts anew to live our lives for you,
one Church, united in your love. (Refrain)

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Post Communion Prayer (Celebrant and People)

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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 Episcopal Blessing

Recessional Hymn:

“Here I am, Lord “

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The Dismissal

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Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary: *Celtic Suite: Postlude* – Charles Callahan

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Fr. Ron and Karen Taylor in honor of our children, Matthew and Caitlin, in thanksgiving for our marriage, and in thanksgiving for the ministry of Bishop José.

SPBTL NEWS AND EVENTS

CENTERING PRAYER 10AM, Meets downstairs every Wed. Please join us!

COFFEE HOUR Sign up in Fotinos Hall or call the office.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir rehearsals are taking a break for the summer.

SUMMER CHOIR SUMMER MUSIC NOTES

Our annual Summer Gathering Choir welcomes singers of all ages, even if you have never sung in a choir before. We will “gather” each Sunday at 9:45 AM June 14 - August 30 to learn an easy-to-sing anthem for that same Sunday. Summer choir is simple (one anthem, no robes, informal) ...Think of it as a Flash Mob Choir! There is no long-term commitment; there is no need to sign up in advance. Come any Sunday and try it! Bring your whole family and join your voices with a friendly, welcoming group of singers! Questions? Email music@spbtl.com.

SPBTL Theater Group The Green Room Theater 2026 Season

Sundays at 3:00 p.m. w/lunch \$16.00/ticket \$10.00/person lunch at 12:15 p.m. in Furr Hall

- Four Old Broads 6/14/26

All are welcomed. If you have not participated in the past, please join us for good food, fellowship, & entertainment. Contact Cathy Littlejohn @ 704-650-4947 with any questions.

East Lincoln Community Chorus and Orchestra

June 25 & 26 | 7:00 PM and June 28 | 3:00 PM Unity Presbyterian Church

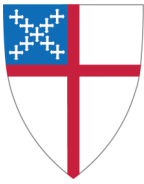
Honoring the 250th Anniversary (Semiquincentennial) of independence on July 4, 2026, marking 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.

<u>April YTD</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance YTD</u>
Revenue	\$152,156	\$159,943	-\$7,787
Expenses	\$165,812	\$159,943	-\$5,869
Net Total	-\$13,656	\$0	-\$13,656

Notes: Contributions given for support clergy are excluded from Revenue since non-budgeted
- Paid in full annual pledge contributions received are pro-rated for YTD Revenue

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Christian Formation Director: Ginia Edwards

Director of Music: David Wilcox

Director of Music Emeritus: Leigh Ann Johnston

Licensed Lay Reader: Jim Bowden

Ushers: Frances Smith, Mark White, Dick Lunney

Chalice Bearers: Hope Paasch, Elaine Jacobs

Acolytes: Michelle Stewart, Ethan Graham

Readers: Hope Paasch

Altar Guild Team 1 — Ann & Jim Bowden, Sherree Brady, Priscilla Foley, Vickie Jordan, Lara Readling, Gloria Reid, Frances Smith, Katie Hamby

Livestream Tech: Bill Reid, Beth Lunney

Coffee Hour: 10:30am— Confirmation Luncheon

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden — Stephanie Heil

Junior Warden — Mary Sansbury

Tracey Engel, Pat Higbie, Steve Hiney,
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Moss, John Stewart

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