



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



The Feast Day of St. Peter & St. Paul (transferred)

June 28, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30AM Holy Eucharist

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.

The Feast Day of St. Peter & St. Paul

They are an unlikely duo, Peter and Paul; their paths often separate one from the other and their opinions more than once divided themselves and the church. One of the things that Peter and Paul held in common, however, was the difficulty of their ministry. I do not mean the darkness of their times, the oppression that occasioned their struggles, but a greater difficulty: the battle of competing lights. This is what Paul tried to convey to Timothy and Jesus to Peter.

Paul's ministry was conducted in a world of dazzling brilliance. The Roman Empire was near its apex. Learning was alive and exciting. World trade and communication brought people into vibrant contact. The religion of Athens and Rome was long and well founded. Set against all this, Christianity was a small potato. How could a gospel of self-denial and service to others survive in a world of military might and creature comforts? Christianity was in danger of being eclipsed by the overwhelming vigor of its competition.

That, at least in part, seems to be Jesus' message to Peter as well. Their interchange about feeding sheep as an expression of love and service is set within the context of Jesus and Peter having just eaten breakfast. Jesus instructs Peter to feed the sheep when both of them had just satisfied their own appetites. Is Jesus reminding Peter, and us, that ministry is always more difficult when we are satisfied?

A single star hovering above Bethlehem does not stand a chance in the galaxy of twinkling competitors; the hardest work of ministry is not in that obvious place of deepest, darkest contrast, but in that dazzling arena of power that threatens to charm us out of our convictions. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it, but lost among the many other lights, the star can be hard to see. Those who follow must look with care, or be lost. (Sam Portaro – 'Brightest and Best')



Faithfully, Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE May God bless you during this time of quiet reflection and personal prayer.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Andante* – Felix Mendelssohn

ENTRANCE *By all your saints still striving*

Hymnal 232

1. By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
2. We praise you for Saint Peter; we praise you for Saint Paul.
3. Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus for ev - er - more be blessed.
They taught both Jew and Gen - tile that Christ is all in all.
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,
You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear a crown
To cross and sword they yield - ed and saw the king - dom come:
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne
and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
O God, your two a - pos - tles, won life through mar - try - dom.
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - bove.

GENERAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

8:30 am: *Celebrant:* Lord have mercy

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People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Gloria (10:30 am)

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Reader: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 87

- 1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; *
the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things are spoken of you, *
O city of our God.
- 3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; *
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.
- 4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, *
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."
- 5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, *
"These also were born there."
- 6 The singers and the dancers will say, *
"All my fresh springs are in you."

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:4-10

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner",
and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn:

My song is love unknown – (1,2,7)

Hymnal 458

The Gospel (*standing*)

John 21:15-19

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

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

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

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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 Form IV

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(said responsively by celebrant and congregation)

Deacon or other leader: *Let us pray for the Church and for the world.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all indigenous people, especially the Cherokee and Catawba nations, that in bonds of kinship and strength we may be good stewards of God's creation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all young people, growing in the faith of Christ, and passing it on to generations yet to come.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

O How I Love Jesus

Songbook 77

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

S - 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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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 (10:30) 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Fraction Anthem

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 *Rock of Ages* – James Ward



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy
4. While I draw my fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids

self in thee. Let the wa - ter and the blood,
law's de-mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress,
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy wound - ed side that flowed, be of sin, the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
help - less, look to thee judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges
see thee on thy

dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foun - tain fly; wash me Sav - ior, or I die.
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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.

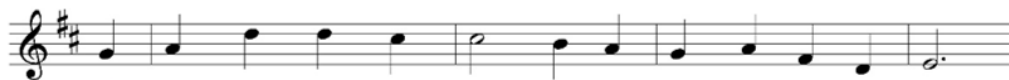
The Blessing

Sending Hymn:

Upon the Rock of Peter



1. Up - on the rock of Pe - ter, a hum - ble fish - er man,
2. The faith of faith - ful wit - ness from Pe - ter to our day
3. We cel - e - brate this mys - tery, this gift of Pe - ter's chair,



The Church, O Lord you found - ed to preach to ev - ery land.
Calls us the Church to fol - low, to run the nar - row way.
The teach - ing and tra - di - tion, the u - ni - ty we share.



The King - dom's keys you gave him, the keys to bind and loose,
In ap - os - tol - ic un - ion, with all the saints a - bove,
One with the Ho - ly Fa - ther, we praise your maj - es - ty:



That freed from sin and bond - age we might be joined to you.
Let us re - vere and cher - ish one faith, one hope, one love.
O Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it, most ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

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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: *Prelude in A minor* - Bach

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Helen Lungwitz
In loving memory of her parents on their anniversary.*

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 During the summer months, we will assemble a Gathering Choir each Sunday at 9:45AM to learn an easy-to-sing anthem for that same Sunday. Think of it as a Flash Mob Choir! Children and Youth are welcome too! Questions – Contact David at music@spbtl.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS —- Please check your calendars in advance so we don't have missing servants. We will see these Special Servants next week, 7/5/26:

8:30 AM

Chalice Bearer—Sherree Brady

Ushers - Mike & Angela Matousek

Acolytes - ??

Reader - Jennifer Baker

10:30 AM

Chalice Bearers— Diane Davis, Scott Major

Ushers - Mary Sansbury, Mark White

Acolytes - Michelle Stewart, Isabelle Dalton

Reader—Bonnie Grant

LLR — Matt Gustis

Livestream - Beth Lunney, Bill Reid

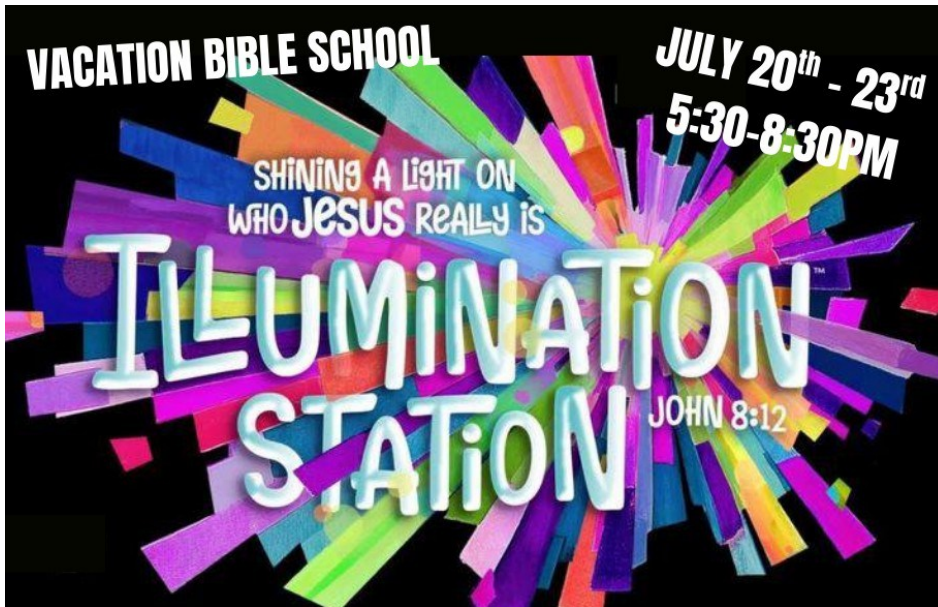
We need more ANGELS! Kitchen Angels (aka cleaners) are still needed for October, November, and December. All that is required is 90 minutes and a willing spirit!! Cathy Maslow has volunteered to assist anyone who is interested but has not done it before and would like to have someone show them the ropes. Sign up in the Kitchen, call Kate at the office and she'll sign you up, or call Cathy at 704-806-7804 if you'd like to have her help.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Check out the July & August Special Servant Schedule and compare to your vacation schedule.

The sooner we know to find a sub, the easier that will be! Or better yet, swap with another servant for an available week!!

THANK YOU!!



Scan code to register on line or use the form on the next page and turn into the CF office!



Scan the QR Code with your phone — this will take you directly to St. Peter's gift entry screen.



Please use the "NOTE" field to indicate where the gift is to be directed (pledge, tithe, flowers, etc.)

<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

ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ILLUMINATION VBS 2026

SIGN UP FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Email Address :

Phone Number :

Date of Birth : / /

Address :

City :

ZIP/Postal Code :

State/Province :

Pick up Person :

REGISTRATION OPTION

☐ Small Blessing Newborn-4yrs	☐ Pre-k-2nd grade	☐ 3rd-5th grade
☐ 6th-8th grade	☐ 9th-12th grade	☐ Adult

VBS T-SHIRT (\$15)

Optional

☐ SIZE

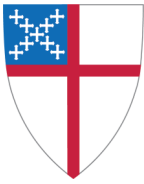
ALLERGIES?

FOOD RESTRICTIONS?

☐ Gluten Free	☐ Vegan	☐ Peanut/ Nuts	☐ None	☐ Other
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Director of Music Emeritus: Leigh Ann Johnston

Licensed Lay Reader: Libby Motto

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Acolytes: Cathy Melesh, John Stewart

Readers: Karen Horne, John Stewart

Altar Guild Team 4 – Beckye Smith, Karen Horne, Pamela Weed, Jenny Hunter, Chuck Hunter, Scott Major, Emily Gentry, Kathryn Graham, Patsy Roosa

Livestream Tech: Bill Reid, Beth Lunney

Coffee Hour: Mike and Vickie Levi, Mike and Christine Scaglione

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Stephanie Heil

Junior Warden – Mary Sansbury

Tracey Engel, Pat Higbie, Steve Hiney,
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