



SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JULY 20, 2025 • HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II • 10:30 A.M.
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • PROPER II



WELCOME!

**We celebrate God's love by welcoming all people
into a life with Jesus Christ and each other.**

Your presence blesses us, and we pray that your worship and time with us will be a blessing to you. Whether you are a first-time guest, a longtime member, or somewhere in between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world.

Please add your voice to our worship as we pray together the prayers printed in bold and sing the hymns found in this bulletin or in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.

Our liturgy comes from *The Book of Common Prayer*. You will find the accompanying page numbers in this bulletin. It includes the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Table. All baptized Christians – no matter your age or denomination – are welcome to receive communion. Guests who are not baptized Christians are welcome to come forward during Communion to receive a blessing. Children are a welcome blessing here at St. Mark's. Many depart after the beginning of the service for Children's Chapel.

PRELUDE “Sarabande for Organ”

David Ashley White (b. 1941)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*

OPENING HYMN “Immortal, invisible, God only wise!” (*Please stand and join in singing.*)

Hymnal 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

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.*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People may be seated. The Children are invited to depart for Chapel.

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 18:1-10A

READER A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15 DOMINE, QUIS HABITABIT? *(Read responsively by full verse.)*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *

who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; *

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *

and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *

shall never be overthrown.

THE EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

READER A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right-eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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THE GOSPEL: LUKE 10:38-42 (*Please remain standing.*)

GOSPELER The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

GOSPELER The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*

THE NICENE CREED (*The People stand and join in reciting the Creed together.*)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 358

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 I) *(The People may stand or kneel.)*
The Leader and People pray responsively

The Book of Common Prayer p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Mark and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O God Unseen"

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Based on "Detroit" from *The Sacred Harp*

O God, unseen yet ever near,
thy presence may we feel;
and, thus inspired with holy fear,
before thine altar kneel.

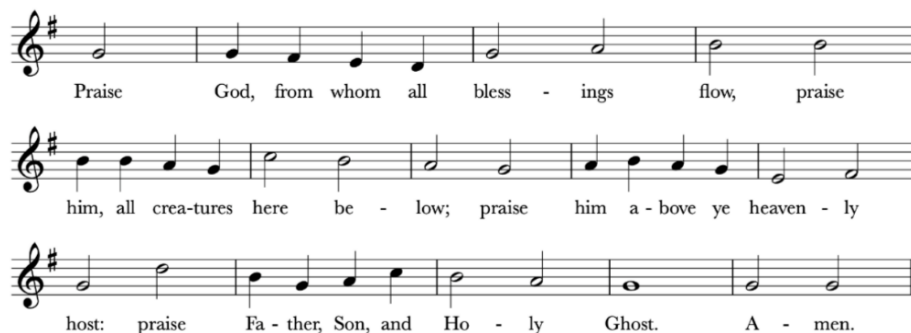
Here may thy faithful people know
the blessings of thy love,
the streams that through the desert flow,
the manna from above.

We come, obedient to thy word,
to feast on heav'nly food;
our meat the body of the Lord,
our drink his precious blood.

Thus may we all thy word obey,
for we, O God, are thine;
and go rejoicing on our way,
renewed with strength divine.

AT THE PRESENTATION *(The People stand and join in singing.)*

Hymnal #380, Stanza 3



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A *(The People remain standing.)*

The Book of Common Prayer p. 361

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. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD: SANCTUS *(Sung by all.)*

Hymnal S 125

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

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The People stand or kneel. 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: **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.*

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

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

CELEBRANT Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

PEOPLE **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

All join in singing Hymn 382.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken by all, standing.)*

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.

COMMENDATION OF THOSE TAKING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND *(As needed.)*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

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MUSIC NOTES

This summer, our full parish choir is enjoying a well-deserved break, and we are fortunate to be enjoying beautiful music from members of our music ministry. The full choir returns for Rally Day, August 17.

Our beloved Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ (Opus 1391) is "away" undergoing a complete restoration. We expect it to return in late 2025 or early 2026. We are happy to report it's presently on time, and on budget!

We are grateful to the St. Mark's Foundation, our parishioners, community members, and SETX foundations who have come forward to graciously support our preservation of this historic instrument. As you can see, we are still fundraising to close the gap and fully fund this project. Donations may be made online by selecting "Organ Fund" or by check, noting "Organ Fund" in the memo line.



CLOSING HYMN “How firm a foundation” *(Please join in singing.)*

Hymnal 637

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 “When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 “The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I’ll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I’ll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake.”

Words: K. in John Rippon’s *Selection*, 1787, alt. | Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)**DISMISSAL**

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Rigaudon”

André Campra (1660-1744)

Youth SUMMER OF FUN 2025

July

4: July 4th Celebration at SMEC. 7PM

11: Best of Beaumont: Papa John's at SMEC. Bring \$10 and wear clothes that can get MESSY. 6PM

25: Best of Beaumont: Mellow Mushroom at SMEC. Bring \$10 for dinner. *Christmas in July*, dress accordingly!! 6PM

August

1: Best of Beaumont: Sam's Club at SMEC. Bring a bathing suit and \$10 for dinner. 6PM

17: Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks. 10:30AM

Additional info:
We will meet for formation on Sundays at 9:15 through June 29. Events are for middle + high school. Questions for Lauren? Text 409-791-7740 or email ljohnsen@stmarksbeaumont.org

QUARTERLY MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 27
JOIN US 9:15AM

PAYNE HALL




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SUMMER BOOK DRIVE
DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

BACKYARD BIBLE STUDY

JOIN US!

JULY 16
JULY 30

JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR BACKYARD BIBLE STUDY!
WE WILL SWIM AND PLAY GAMES, HEAR A BIBLE STORY, AND SHARE A MEAL. ALL AGES WELCOME-TEENS ARE INVITED TO ASSIST AND SWIM! BRING A TOWEL!

JULY 16 AT 10:30 AM AT THE
MCGRADE'S HOME: 185 RIDGELAND
QUESTIONS: LAUREN @ 409-791-7740

Join us for Holy Eucharist, Dinner, and Fellowship

TRAVELING EUCHARIST

August 6 | 6PM
The Matheny's Home
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Please RSVP to the office at 409-832-3405 or email mjones@stmarksbeaumont.org





THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (*Spoken*)
 10:30 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*With Music*)

Monday, July 21

12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, July 22

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
 12:00 p.m. Healing Service
 12:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, July 23

12:00 p.m. AA

Thursday, July 24

10:00 a.m. Al-Anon
 12:00 p.m. AA

Friday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Youth: Best of Beaumont

SAVE THE DATE

July 27 Quarterly Parish Meeting at 9:15 a.m.
 July 30 Backyard Bible Study (Vitanza Home)
 August 6 Traveling Eucharist
 August 17 Rally Day: *Blessing of the Backpacks*,
Formation Resumes, Choir Returns,
Father James Returns!

CLERGY AND PROGRAM STAFF

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*
 The Rev. Dr. James M. Pevehouse, *Rector*
 The Rev. Keith Giblin, *Priest Associate*
 The Rev. Tracie Middleton, *Deacon*
 Jordan Williams, *Organist-Choirmaster*
 Genevieve Brassard, *Assistant Director of Music*
 Jerome Wells, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
 Lauren Johnsen, *Director of Family Ministry*
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Vestry

Josh Allen, *Senior Warden*
 Ryan Schiesler, *Junior Warden*
 Jan Blessing, *Treasurer*
 James Black, *Chancellor*

2026

Josh Allen
 Rebecca Boone
 Scootie Clark
 Ryan Schiesler
 Becky Underhill

2027

Gail Davis
 Floyd McSpadden
 Pat Sherwood
 Ed Stedman
 Charles Teel

2028

Bob Birdwell
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 Laurel Shrontz



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