

10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday

October 25, 2026

Entering God’s Presence

Scipio

George Frideric Handel

Music from The Royal Fireworks

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Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 321

The Church’s One Foundation

AURELIA

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: *O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*
People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Leader: *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.*
People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
Leader: *Honor and majesty are before him;*
People: Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. (Congregation seated.)

Introit

Suite for Saxophone Quartet, Op. 11 (Movement 1)

Lawson Lunde

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God’s Forgiveness (unison)
God of all forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear your promise amid our own self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Instrumental

Sarabande

Johann Sebastian Bach

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Children’s Message

Sacrament of Baptism

Scottie Josephine Smith

*The Apostle’s Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Instrumental

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Traditional

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 691 in the pew Bible.]

Instrumental

Danse Macabre Op. 40

Camille Saint-Saëns

I John 4:7-12 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 226 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation

Imagine!

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

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Offertory

Summertime

George Gershwin

*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 836

Abide With Me

EVENTIDE

*Benediction

*Going Out into the World

Suite for Saxophone Quartet, Op. 11 (Finale)

Lawson Lunde

*Those that are able, please stand.

The musicians of the quartet: Frederic Davis, soprano; Richard Cavallo, alto; Ryan Westberry, tenor; Melvin Benjamin, baritone represent a wide swath of experience in classical, jazz and pop. Individually, they have played such venues as Julliard School of Music and Symphony Space in New York City, the Louisville Saxophone Institute, Savannah Winds, Charleston Wind Symphony, Mount Pleasant Symphony, Summerville Orchestra, The Gatsby Orchestra, South Carolina Philharmonic and The Forte Big Band.

Imagine!

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

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¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” (Mark 1:14-15)

The True Kindred of Jesus

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” ³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”
(Mark 3:31-35)

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. (I John 4:7-12)

A New Covenant

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