# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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# Second Sunday after Pentecost June 11, 2023



#### **Mission Statement**

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

#### **Welcoming Statement**

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

#### The Entrance Rite

Prelude Chuck Sheaffer

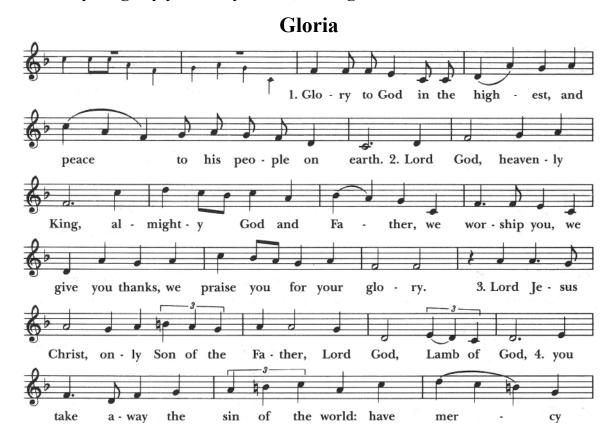
## Processional Hymn #687 A mighty fortress is our God

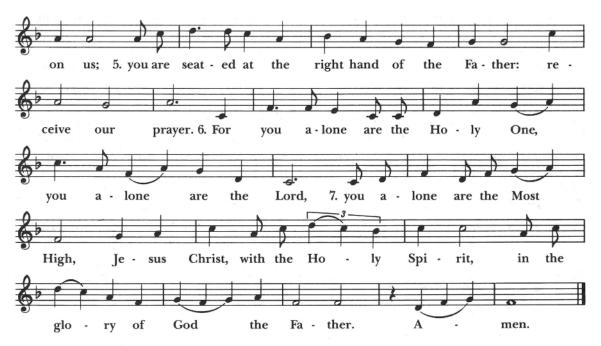
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.





Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

All: Amen

# The First Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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."

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### The Psalm

Psalm 33:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \* it is good for the just to sing praises. <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the harp; \* play to him upon the psaltery and lyre. Sing for him a new song; \* sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. <sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is right, \* and all his works are sure. <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice; \* the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth. <sup>6</sup> By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \* by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts. <sup>7</sup> He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \* and stores up the depths of the sea. <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the Lord; \* let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him. <sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to pass; \* he commanded, and it stood fast.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \*

he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

<sup>11</sup> But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, \* and the designs of his heart from age to age. <sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \* happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

# The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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." 19He 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. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

<sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

# The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>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." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# Homily

Rev. Lyn Morlan

#### The Nicene Creed

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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 worshipped 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

# Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

#### The Confession of Sin

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

All: 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.

All: Amen.

#### The Rite of Peace

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

All: And also with you.

# **Blessings and Celebrations**

#### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **Wedding Anniversary Prayer**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

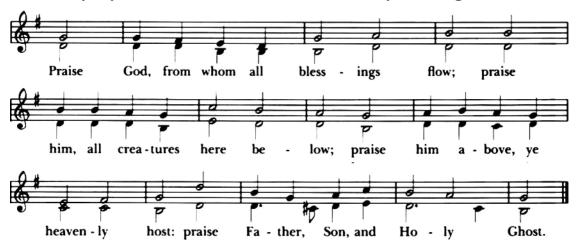
#### **Prayer for the Sick**

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N*., that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### For the Election of a Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Offertory Hymn #686 Come thou fount of every blessing



# The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 Enriching our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

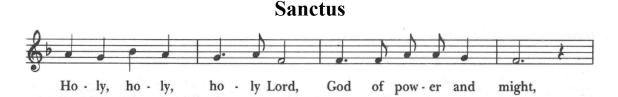
**People: And also with you.** Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

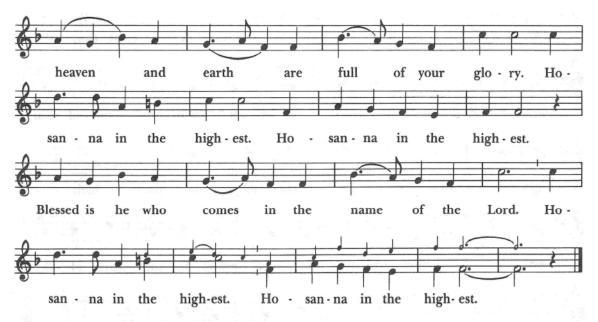
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.** 

It is truly right, and good and joyful thing, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:





Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the

remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

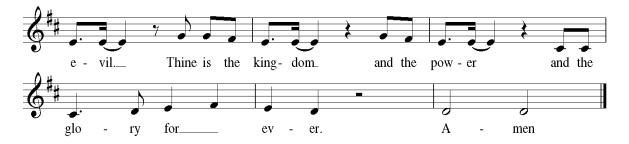
## All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen** 

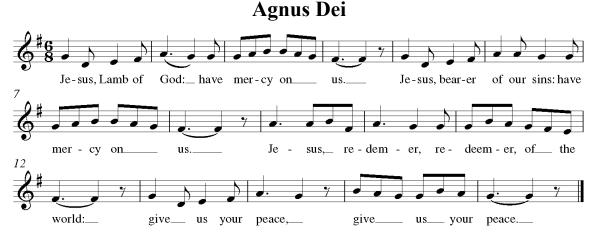
Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing





We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

#### Communion Hymn Levas #154 Taste and see

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your

redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior Amen.

# **Final Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is given.

## Recessional Hymn #522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Celebrant: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord and others. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Chuck Sheaffer



The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Mike & Pam Cox In celebration of their 50th anniversary.

A Celebration of Life Service for Rj Moriconi will be at St. Paul's on June 24th at 11:00 a.m.

# **Vacation Time**

Jeni, our Parish Administrator, will be on vacation from June 7th to the 19th. Have a wonderful, relaxing time Jeni!

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the church office.



# Meetings, News and Needs

- ≫ Rj's Celebration of Life service will be on June 24th at 11 a.m.
- Shower Shuttle, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade ra-

zors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.

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- → If you are interested in joining our choir, please contact Chuck Sheaffer. Contact info on page 19.
- → If you are interested in playing hand bells, please contact Judy Teter. Contact info on page 19.
- Solution The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Also, watch for upcoming events we will be sponsoring and consider attending to show our love.
- If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy.
- The Rainbow Prom was a great success.
- There are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.



# **Prayer and Praise** as of 6-5-2023

- Please pray for continued healing and comfort for Vickie Winchester as she recovers from emergency surgery
- Praise that Jeni Statzer is improving but please continue to pray for healing and comfort.
- Please continue to pray for Tony Alonzo for peace, love and endurance during this difficult time.
- Please pray for guidance, strength and comfort for Aunt Shirley and Friend Beatriz as they have transitioned to eternal life. Keep Courtney Smith and family in prayer.
- Please pray for a new residential placement for Darla and peace, comfort and guidance.
- Please pray for all the people and families that were effected by the train derailment in India.
- Safe travel to and from Hawaii for Deacon Greg & Linda. May they have a wonderful holiday and the Deacon's work goes well.
- Safe return travel from Hawaii for Jim and Annamary Peck.
- Safe travel for Rachel Dondi, pharmacist, off to England for work. Rachel is the beloved niece of Fr. Dondi and Elizabeth. Rachel will be with her Aunt and Uncle another week. Sending prayers, blessings and love with Rachel.
- Please continue your prayers for the search committee.
- Praise that Rev. Deacon Nancy Key is doing well, please continue prayers for healing.
- **Praise** that Leslie Littlefield (St. Francis's parishioner) is home, please continue to pray for healing.
- Joan Miller (St. Francis's parishioner) healing, comfort, strength, courage and peace as she goes through her cancer treatment.
- Christine Judd is now awaiting a decision from USCF, Neurology, as to the next course of action. Please pray for her healing and comfort.

- **Update**, James Hines (Christine Jaynes's Son) has an optic nerve blood clot, treatment has begun. Please pray that the treatment is swift and successful.
- Praise that Charles Palmer has gotten the job he wanted and will begin on July 20th.
- Please pray for Bonnie Palmer's brother Sam, for healing and recovery from his heart surgery.
- Please pray for Zach Statzer (Jeni's son) that his treatment will be successful.
- Please pray for healing, comfort, strength and guidance for Susan Sell as she faces medical challenges.
- Praise that Michael Thorington's surgery was successful. Please pray for continued healing
- Please continue to pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law. Pray for strength to endure what is ahead and for her complete recovery. Also, for peace for her family and friends.
- Praise that Rebecca got the treatment that she needed and is doing well. She even got a new job.
- Please pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law as she awaits a transplant. Pray for healing, comfort, guidance and strength
- Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis.
- Praise that the Munroe's health is improving. Please continue to pray for healing and comfort.
- Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in someway.
- Please pray for our Vestry.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.



On July 13th Zach Statzer will be traveling to Johannesburg, South Africa to spread the gospel to student athletes. He has partnered with Athletes In Action, a Christian organization, to make

disciples in South Africa. Join us in prayer for safe travels and that people would have their hearts and minds open to hearing the gospel in Johannesburg. If you would like to donate to the mission you can do so by writing a check to "Athletes in Action" or by giving at <a href="mailto:give.cru.org/1194266">give.cru.org/1194266</a>. All donations go directly the cost of the mission and are tax deductible. Please keep Zach and all the other missionaries in your prayers.

The Rainbow Prom was a huge success. We had 87 kids, a DJ, photo booth, food and dancing. The kids had a great time.

# June Ministry Schedule

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary	Judy T	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Sarah H Joyce B	Judy T Steph HW	Barbara V Judy T	Ann M Christine J
Intercessor	Vickie W	Carolyn L	Sarah H	Nancy S
Greeters	Carolyn L Phil M	Ishmael H Sarah H	Phil M Christine J	Claudine R David L
Vestry Rep	Vickie W	Carolyn L	Sarah H	Nancy S

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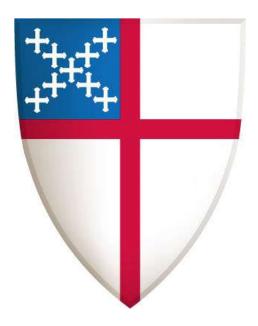
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Junior Wardens: Carolyn List & Vickie Winchester

Brandi Anderson, Roberta Bearden, Sarah Hartmann, Carolyn List, Linda Lowe, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Vickie Winchester

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List





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