Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 29, 2023



"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:39, NRSV

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 #680 O God, our help in ages past

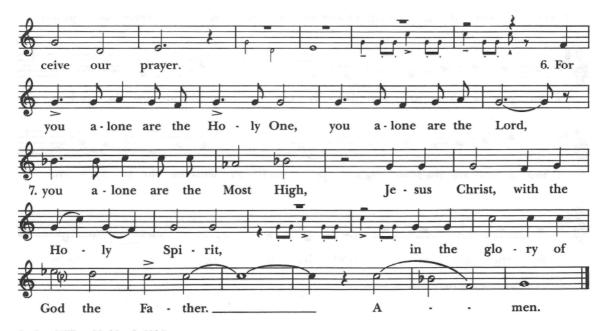
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. ⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

¹ Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another

.² Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

³ You turn us back to the dust and say, *

"Go back, O child of earth."

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

⁶ In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴ Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

¹⁵ Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

¹⁶ Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷ May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,

⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #74 Jesu, Jesu

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 King-

dom 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

The response to "We are generous with our gifts" is Because we are rooted in abundance

Celebrant/Deacon: Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayer, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community. We are generous with our gifts

Because we are Rooted in Abundance

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need.

Amen

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.

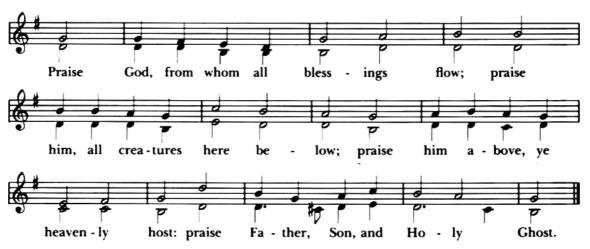
Prayer for the Sick

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 #581 Where charity and love prevail



The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP page 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

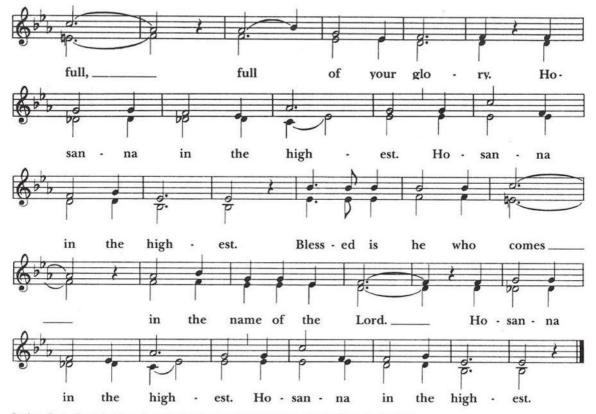
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give God 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 S130





Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: 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 us 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 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.

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.

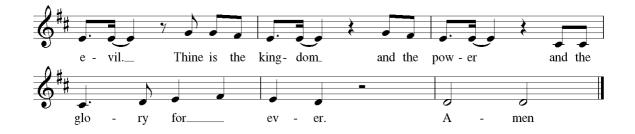
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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.

All: Amen

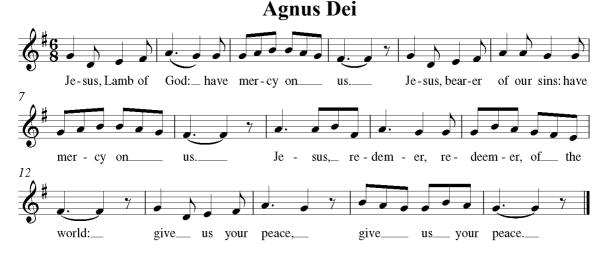
Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing





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

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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 #152 Let us break bread together

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is given.

Recessional Hymn #450 All hail the power of Jesus name

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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 Linda Lowe in celebration of David's birthday.

We Have Gluten-free Wafers

Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request. Please let one of the ushers know if you'd like to receive gluten-free bread.

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

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

If you are not receiving email messages from St. Paul's, please contact Jeni in the church office so we can add you to our list.

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November Ministry Schedule

	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
Clergy	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg
Homily	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie	
Acolytes	Judy T	Judy T	Nancy S	Jim P
	Nancy S	Nancy S	Jim P	Annamary
Lectors	Barbara V	Sarah H	Ann M	Linda L
	Steph G	Judy T	Steph HW	Christine J
Intercessor	Vickie W	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H
Greeters	Ishmael H	Christine J	Phil M	Claudine R
	Susan S	Claudine R	Sarah H	Christine J
Ushers	Ishmael H	David L	Phil M	Claudine R
	Phil M	Claudine M	Sarah H	David L
Vestry Rep	Vickie W	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H

Recycling at St. Paul's

CREATION CARE

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects like our vegetable garden.



Nov 4th before going to bed.



Prayer and Praise as of 10-21-2023

Solution Praise that Louisa Bryant has arrived safely in in Texas. Prayers for the start of a new chapter for her.

Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Theresa Grieshaber

Craig Persons

Pam, Mike and John Cox

Christine Judd

Suzy Cano

Elaine Paradis

Carol Collier

David West

Susan Sell

Linda's Aunt Mudge

Deacon George

Robin Magenot

Sarah Manfredoni

Winchester's daughter Suzanne

Ann Mootz's sister-in-law

The Munroes

Bonnie Palmer

Michael Thorington

Barbara Weeden

Leslie Littlefield

Al Spina, Hospice

Sheri, the Bearden's daughter

Claudia Miller's daughter, Hospice

Darla Davisson

- Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.
- Please pray for the country of Ukraine and all the residents for peace and healing.
- Please pray for the people of Hawaii, especially the victims of the wildfires on Maui.
- Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

Please see Jeni's weekly email for the entire list.



- FOR YOUR INFORMATION
- Sunday School has started and is held in the room at the back of the church during the Readings and the Homily.
- Sometimes Tuesday Noon Day Prayer in the Guadalupe Chapel at 12 noon, every Tuesday. To be followed by **Jump Start** Bible study.
- If you are interested in joining the Altar **Guild** please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.
- Solution Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- Choir is still on a break.
- If you are interested in playing **hand bells**, contact Judy Teter.
- Solution Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11 (NOTE THE NEW TIME). If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.
- The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box on the altar rail for **Interfaith Ministries** (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- So 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.
- Solution If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- So If you are interested in joining **Knit One, Pray Two**, please contact Gayle Ivy. They will be meeting the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 pm in the youth room of the Parish Hall. This years charity is the Seaman's Institute. They are making scarfs, hats, socks etc.
- Something There are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.
- So If you are interested in joining a Wednesday Morning Prayer service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson ithork2404@aol.com
- There will be a basket in the narthex for **the Shower Shuttle**, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.



Cookie Walk 2023

It's time to think about the **Cookie Walk** for this year. Dates for this year are Saturday and Sunday December 9 and 10.

The **Cookie Walk** has been St. Paul's consistent fund-raising activity over the last decade.

Ticket purchasers "walk" along the cookie tables and choose their cookies. We will continue our basic walk for cookies but will offer other baked and prepared items, like cinnamon rolls, pies, and fruit jams. We will advertise on our sign so we should expect walk-ins.

We need **Cookie Bakers**, **Cookie Walkers**, **Backstage Arrangers**, and **Ticket takers**. But also, volunteers for set up, take down, and decorating. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex by early November.

<u>Cookie Bakers</u> are key. Our goal is 6,000 cookies. This is 200 batches of about 30 cookies each. We have actually exceeded this goal every year. If you can bake but are unable to sign up on the volunteer sheet, please call/text Carolyn List 209 604 2398 or Claudine Romegialli at 209 489 8722.

The price per baker's dozen of cookies will again be \$10 / box and prices for other items will be a multiple of \$5.00 so cookie tickets may be used to purchase other items. Please consider selling or buying at least 5 Cookie Walk tickets. Think about giving a paid ticket to family members or neighbors. When they come to pick up their cookies, they often purchase additional boxes. Boxed cookies also make great gifts.

Nov 4 Soup 12-1 & BINGO 1-4 St. John's Lodi

Nov 4 Set your clocks back before bed

Nov 5 Salvation Army Dinner

Nov 18 Ukraine Christmas card day

Nov 19 Knit 1 Pray 2 during Coffee Hour

Dec 9-10 Cookie Walk



Knit 1 Pray 2

Winter is coming and now is the time to learn how to Knit or Crochet.

Come join us during the Coffee Hour after the Sunday Service, on Nov 19th to learn how to make a bookmark. We have yarn, needles and an excellent teacher.

Come and have fun and join our group at Coffee Hour Nov 19th Gayle Ivy

Christmas Cards for Ukraine

Knit one Pray too

On Saturday morning, November 18, from 10 AM-12 noon we will have an activity in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's to prepare Ukrainian made Christmas Cards to send to members of the US Congress. These beautiful cards will have a hand written message thanking each member for their support of Ukraine with humanitarian aid in 2023 and asking for continued aid in 2024, as well as a Christmas blessing for each congressional member. It is easy to forget those in need who are so far away, but the aid from the US has been pivotal in maintaining the Ukrainian economy and providing critical emergency services during the war.

The activity is free to participate and cards will be provided. People can also bring their own Christmas cards to prepare and send should they choose. Children are welcome to come and draw their own cards to send as well. We will have some light treats to eat and coffee.

There will be a basket available for a free-will donation to be collected to cover the cost of postage for the cards in Ukraine, for those that are interested.

The activity is planned by Rex Adamson, 209-595-4935. All are welcome.

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Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Vickie Winchester

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Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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