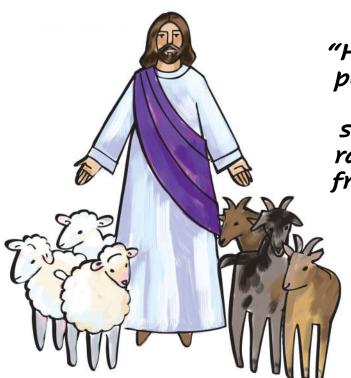
Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1528 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA 95355 - 209-522-3267 www.saintpaulsmodesto.org

Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King Sunday November 26, 2023



"He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the SHEEP from the GOATS.

Matthew 25:32

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 #466 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

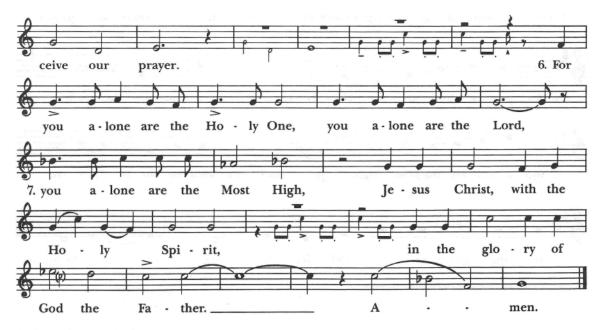
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³I 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 inhabit-

ed parts of the land. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I 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. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 100

¹ Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

² Know this: The Lord himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

⁴ For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #184 Blessed assurance

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and

gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Deacon Greg Masztal

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.

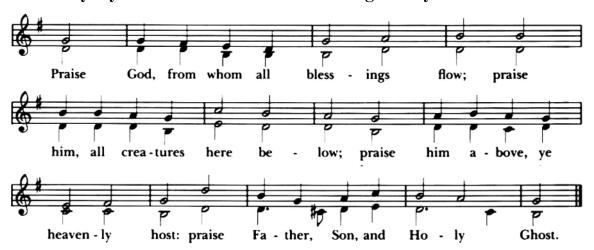
Prayer for the Sick

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 #484 Praise the Lord through every nation



The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

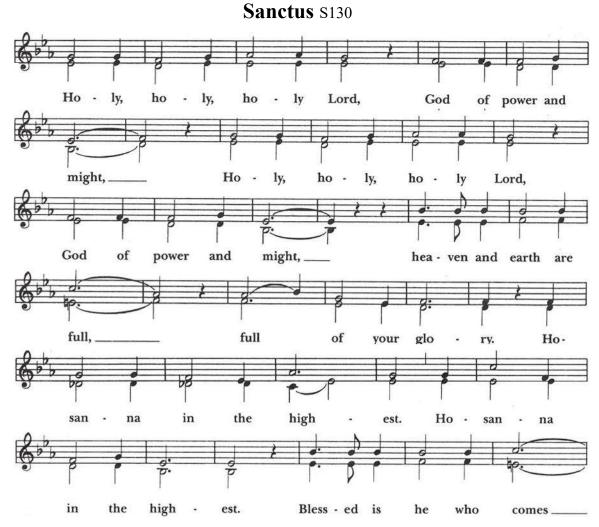
People: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

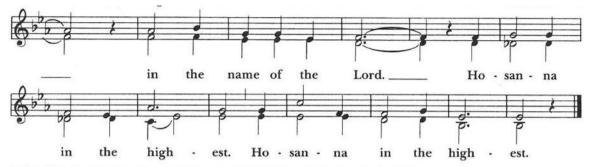
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give 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:





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

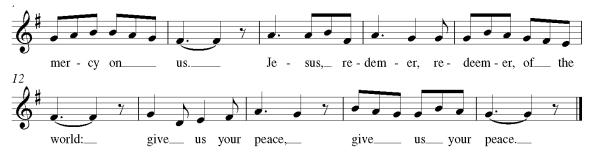


Celebrant: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

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

Agnus Dei





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 #555 Lead on, O King eternal

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 Jim & Annamary Peck in celebration of Jim's birthday.

2023 Pledge Update - November 20, 2023

Budgeted Pledges for 2023: \$147,528.00

Outstanding Amount: \$ 21,676.95

Thank you for all you do for our Beloved Church Community.

Please, consider helping the church meet the 2023 pledges. The church's fiscal health is relative to securing a Priest.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Stephanie Gilmer, Treasurer

Recycling at St. Paul's

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.

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

Jeni Statzer: 209-522-3267 jstatzer@saintpaulsmodesto.org

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	Nancy S	Sarah H	Linda L	Roberta B
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	Nancy S	Sarah H	Linda L	Roberta B

December Ministry Schedule

	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24 Morning Prayer	Dec 24 5pm family	Dec 31
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie	Den. Greg	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie
Acolytes	Annamary Jim P	Judy T Nancy S	Judy T Nancy S		Judy T Nancy S	Judy T Nancy S
Lectors	Ann M Christine J	Barbara V Steph HW	Nancy S Ann M	Steph G Judy T	Joyce B Sarah H	Steph G Christine J
Intercessor	Judy T	Linda L	Caroline L		Nancy S	Sarah H
Greeters	William S Phil M	Ishmael H Claudine R	Christine J Phil M	William S Sarah H	Claudine R Carolyn L	Phil M Christine J
Ushers			David L			David L
Vestry Rep	Judy T	Linda L	Carolyn L	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H



Prayer and Praise as of 11-20-2023

- Praise that Deacon George is feeling stronger.
- Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Rex Adamson
Theresa Grieshaber
Craig Persons
Pam, Mike and John Cox
Christine Judd
Suzy Cano
Elaine Paradis
Carol Collier
Susan Sell
Linda's Aunt Mudge
Deacon George (he is doing better)

Robin Magenot

Sarah Manfredoni
Winchester's daughter Suzanne
Ann Mootz's sister-in-law
The Munroes
Bonnie Palmer & Colby
Michael Thorington
Barbara Weeden
Leslie Littlefield
Sheri, the Bearden's daughter
Darla Davisson
Sharon Andrew's daughter-in-law

- Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.
- Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere; Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.
- 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.

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



- Sunday School has started and is held in the room at the back of the church during the Readings and the Homily.
- Solution Tuesday Noon Day Prayer in the Guadalupe Chapel at 12 noon, every Tuesday. To be followed by **Jump Start** Bible study.

Solution Series Ser

- So 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.
- Second Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter. If you have grocery bags to donate, please bring on Sunday.
- So The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box on the altar rail for **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.
- → If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
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- If you are interested in joining a Wednesday Morning Prayer service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson jthork2404@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 are in the narthex.

<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 per 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.

News about Diocesan events and weekly spiritual encouragement are available at the Diocese of San Joaquin website, https://www.diosanjoaquin.org. The "Friday Reflection" is available through the "News and Resources" link. To receive the Friday Reflection directly to your in-box, sign up via the link at the top of the Home page.

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Nancy Silva and Judy Teter

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

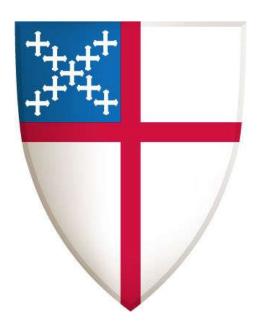
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