# ST. JAMES THE FISHERMAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

## MORNING PRAYER

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

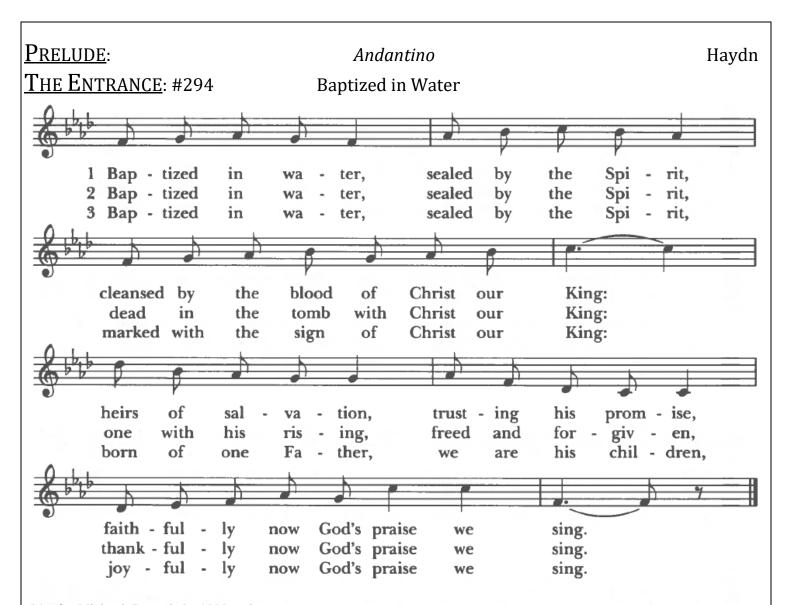
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Music: Point Loma, David Charles Walker (b. 1938)

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## THE OPENING

## Opening Sentence

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. (Isaiah 49:6b)

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Versicle and Response

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord has shown forth his glory:

Come let us adore him.

Venite

Come let us sing to the Lord;\* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

The Lord has shown forth his glory: **Come let us adore him.** 

## The Psalm Psalm 29 Afferte Domino

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* 1 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* 4 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness: \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord \*
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

#### Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Genesis 1:1-5)

Terrie Collins

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah Surge, illuminare Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

> Arise, shine, for your light has come,\* and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land;\* deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise,\* and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to your light,\* and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open;\* by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you, The City of the Lord,\* The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land,\* ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls, Salvation,\* and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day;\* by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light,\* and your God will be your glory. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (Acts 19:1-7)

Sheila Jordan

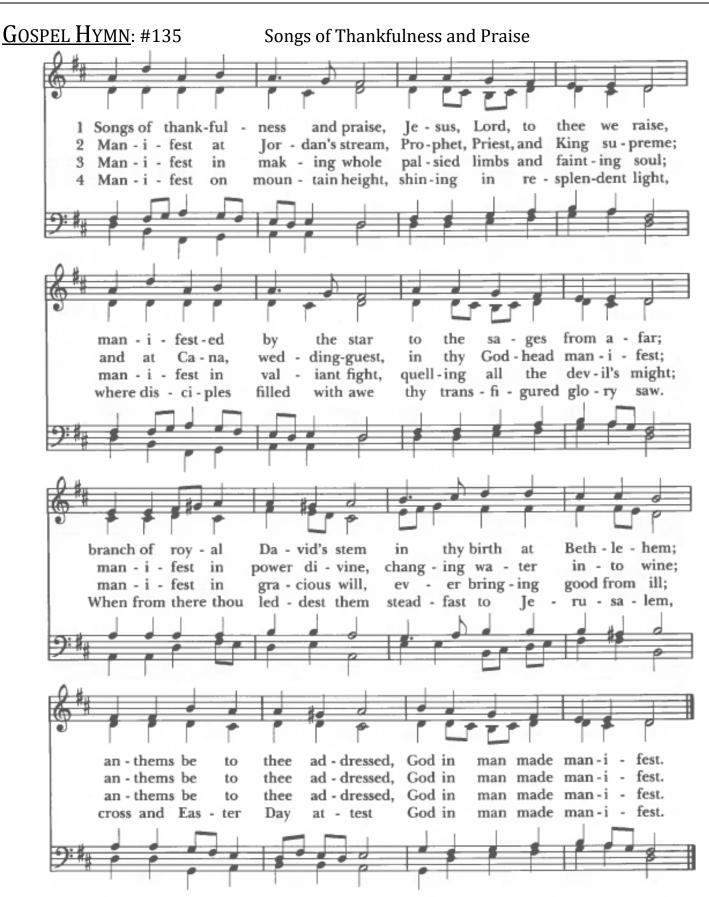
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16 the Song of Zechariah Luke 1:68-79 Benedictus Dominus Deus

> Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \* he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \* born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \* from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers \* and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \* to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him with out fear, \* holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \* for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation \* by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God \* the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



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## THE GOSPEL (Mark 1:4-11)

Marsha Clark

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Farrell D. Graves, Ph.D

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

#### THE COLLECTS

## Collect of the Day: the First Sunday after the Epiphany

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

## For Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Palau.

## Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the Simalungun Protestant Christian Church.

## A Collect for Sundays

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

## Prayers and Intercessions

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

#### Silence

We pray to the LORD, to the God who is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. **Lord, you are our refuge and strength.** 

We pray for our communities:

for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, you are in the midst of us:

help us in our time of trouble.

We pray for the young and those in education:

for those anxious about examinations, a place at university, or employment; for those worried about loved ones and friends; for those concerned about their own health.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, you are our refuge and strength:

let us not be afraid, even though the world is changed.

We pray for key workers:

for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for pharmacy workers, dispensing medicine, and social workers, protecting the vulnerable; for care workers, providing contact and support to those who have no other help; for teachers, worrying about their charges; for farmers, delivery and shop workers, keeping the nation provisioned; for cleaners, fighting the spread of infection.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, be with us in our time of need:

help us to do what has been asked of us, and give us grace to help others do what has been asked of them.

We pray for the police:

for those public servants on whom we call to protect, to serve, and to defend justice and our constitutional rights. May they be shielded from all danger and guided in the exercise of their civic duties by profound respect for the humanity of all.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

We pray for the world:

for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** 

Lord, may the nations hear your voice: and know that you are God, supreme among the nations, supreme over all the world.

We pray for those who are sick:

for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer, and for those on our prayer needs lists, especially Robert Jones, Carolyn Foley, Conrad Hendricksen, Kathryn Bradley, Kim Palutis, Dick Vetare, Don Roberts, Dottie Roberts, John Scheide, Brian Weber, Shane and River Mahler, JoAnn LaMarca, John Bryant, and Jeff Weber.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, we trust in you, because your love is constant:

bring us comfort and healing, for you are always willing to save.

We pray for the Church:

for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for the Episcopal Church; for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Rob, our bishop, for Fr. Farrell, Deacon Jean, and Deacon Mike, and for all who minister to the sick and the dying.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, you are in the midst of us: **keep us fearless in proclaiming your Word and works,** and make us to be lights in the darkness.

We pray for those who have died:

for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have died alone; and for those who have no one to remember them.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** 

We pray for our nation:

God of our Salvation, you have ordained that we should serve you in serving one another:

Look upon this nation, burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties, with infection, sickness, and untimely death.

Grant us grace to work together, with honest and faithful hearts, each caring for the good of all; that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness, we may have added to us all things that we need for our daily sustenance and the common good.

## Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, may those who have waited for you and hoped in your word know your steadfast love face to face.

We offer up our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows to God, our refuge and strength.

Lord, listen to our prayers, and hear the voice of our supplications, as we, who trust in your word, eagerly await your help:

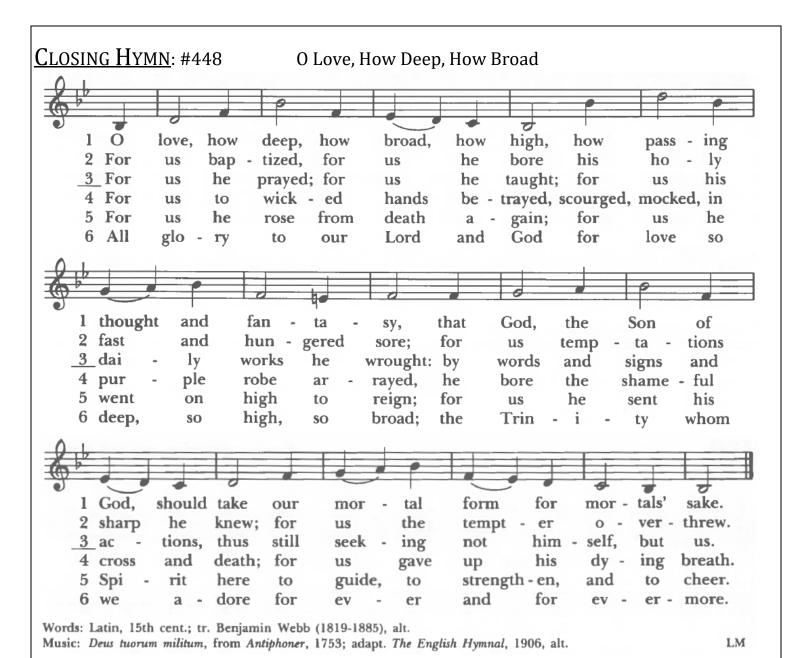
for you are the God of our salvation.
This we ask through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## Prayer when one cannot celebrate the Eucharist

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.** 



## THE ENDING

#### Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

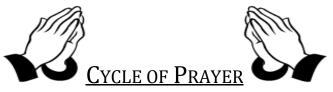
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** (2 Corinthians 13:14)

POSTLUDE: Hyfrydol arr. Marz

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

**TO CONTACT FR. FARRELL:** For pastoral concerns and prayer, please call or text Fr. Farrell at 917-287-0880 or email at fdgraves@icoud.com. He is not in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, but will respond to emergencies on any day. Deacons Jean and Michael are also available for pastoral care and prayer.

**2021 Calendars:** The Daughters of the King would like thank you for contributing wall calendars for the residents of Autumn Care in Shallotte. The Activity Director at Autumn Care reports that the residents are extremely appreciative to have their own calendars. If they need any more, we will let you know.



## Please pray for the following:

**IN OUR WORLD:** The Dioceses of Lebombo in Mozambique, Southern

Ohio, and Southern Philippines

IN OUR DIOCESE: St. Thomas in Ahoskie IN OUR COMPANION DIOCESE: Monte Sion in Andrés

**IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Soldier Bay Baptist Church, The Evelyn Smith Wray

Village School, and Waccamaw Boys & Girls Home

IN OUR PARISH: Nancy & Walter Dougherty, Don & Edith Edwards, and

Barbara Erhard.

#### **For Healing:**

Acute Needs: Robert Jones, Carolyn Foley, Conrad Hendricksen, Kathryn Bradley, Kim

Palutis, Dick Vetare, Don Roberts, Dottie Roberts, John Scheide, Brian Weber, Shane and River Mahler, JoAnn LaMarca, John Bryant, and Jeff

Weber.

Ongoing<br/>Needs:Kyla AgrimontiSterling Gray<br/>Jerry BlockFran White<br/>Ann AlexanderDonna Hinds<br/>Frank Dieter

Joseph Campbell Richard Wood Margaret Pazdan Janet Thompson Sally Manifold Vicki Kay Susan Weber Jack Brennan

David Rohr Jannie Anello Martie Tittle

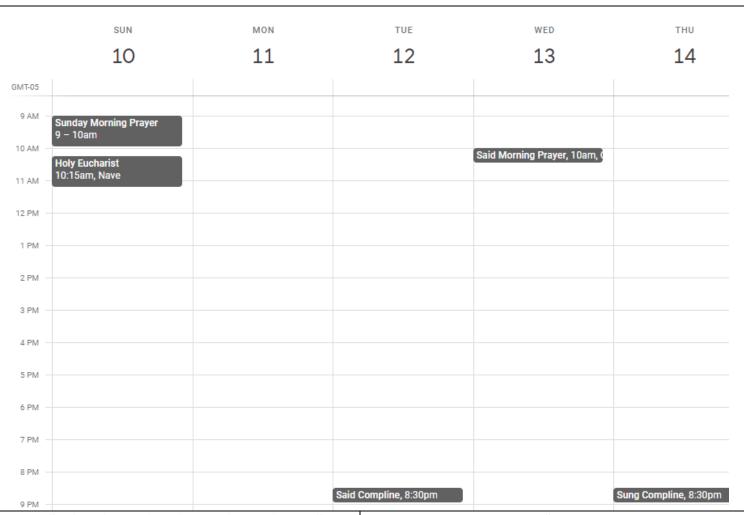
Members of our Armed Forces & First Responders and their families

## We offer Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Birthdays and Anniversaries of the following:

January 10: John RobertsJanuary 15: Libby Ingraham

Those on the Acute list will be prayed for by name during our services. All requested prayers are included in the daily Intercessory Prayers of the Rector and DOK for 1 month. Those not renewed by phone/card to the church office or through a DOK member will be removed. We ask the parish at large to uphold the names on both lists in their daily prayers.

Our Daughters of the King also maintain the prayer alcove with vigil candles for your use in meditation.



## BISHOP, CLERGY, AND LAYLEADERS

THE RT. REV. ROBERT SKIRVING – BISHOP
THE REV. FARRELL GRAVES, PHD – RECTOR
THE REV. JEAN G. MILLER – DEACON
THE REV. MICHAEL LIGON – DEACON
MARGARET SMICKLAS– DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MR. PAUL BERTELSEN – VERGER

#### **VESTRY**

RON STEPHENS – SENIOR WARDEN (2021) BILL CHASE – PROGRAMS LIAISON (2021) GARY FREEMAN – OUTREACH LIAISON (2021) HEATHER HOLBROOK – COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON (2022)

EARL MILLER – ENDOWMENT LIAISON (2022) ANNE NEELY – COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON (2022)

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