

SAINTE PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are,
we are glad you are here.

FIRST TIME WORSHIPPING AT ST. PAUL'S?

Are you new to St. Paul's or the surrounding area? Let us know by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Memorial Garden.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Parish House.

COVID SAFETY

St. Paul's is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who enters our building and grounds. You can read more about our safety protocol, including for children and our response if there is a COVID exposure at St. Paul's, on our website at www.stpaulsrva.org/covidsafety.

CONTACT THE CLERGY

The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you if you have questions, concerns, or a pastoral emergency. Contact can be made by phoning the church at 804.643.3589. The church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FAMILY SPACE IN THE SANCTUARY & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Young ones need to be able to see and feel the worship experience. We have a space at the front right hand side of the church for young children and their parents (3 families can comfortably distance in this space). Feel free to bring quiet items from home specifically for your child and not to be shared. If your child would like to participate in Children's Chapel (children three years old and above) during the sermon, they will be prompted to meet Linda Willis at the brass doors next to the Family Space. We will leave and return in time for Holy Communion. Worship activity bags are available in the Narthex (entrance to the church). Please return following the service.

SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S

Nursery is open from 8:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (3yrs – 5th grade) in Scott Hall

Family Group for parents and care-givers in the Family Room on the second floor

Youth Faith Formation (6th – 12th grade) in Youth Room on the second floor

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist in the church

11:15 a.m. (following service)

Social Hour with Ministry Spotlight in the Memorial Garden

(learn more about the different ministries at St. Paul's and visit our Welcome Table)

HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Noël Étranger

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

HYMN

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3. sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4. Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

1. come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3. glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906
text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

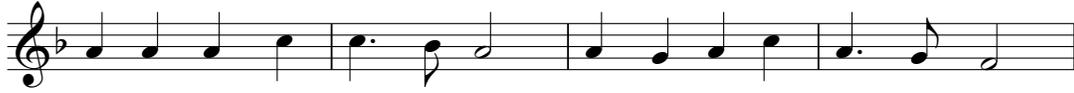
All say together the Collect for Purity.

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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

text: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

ALmighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Silence follows

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

SING TO THE LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

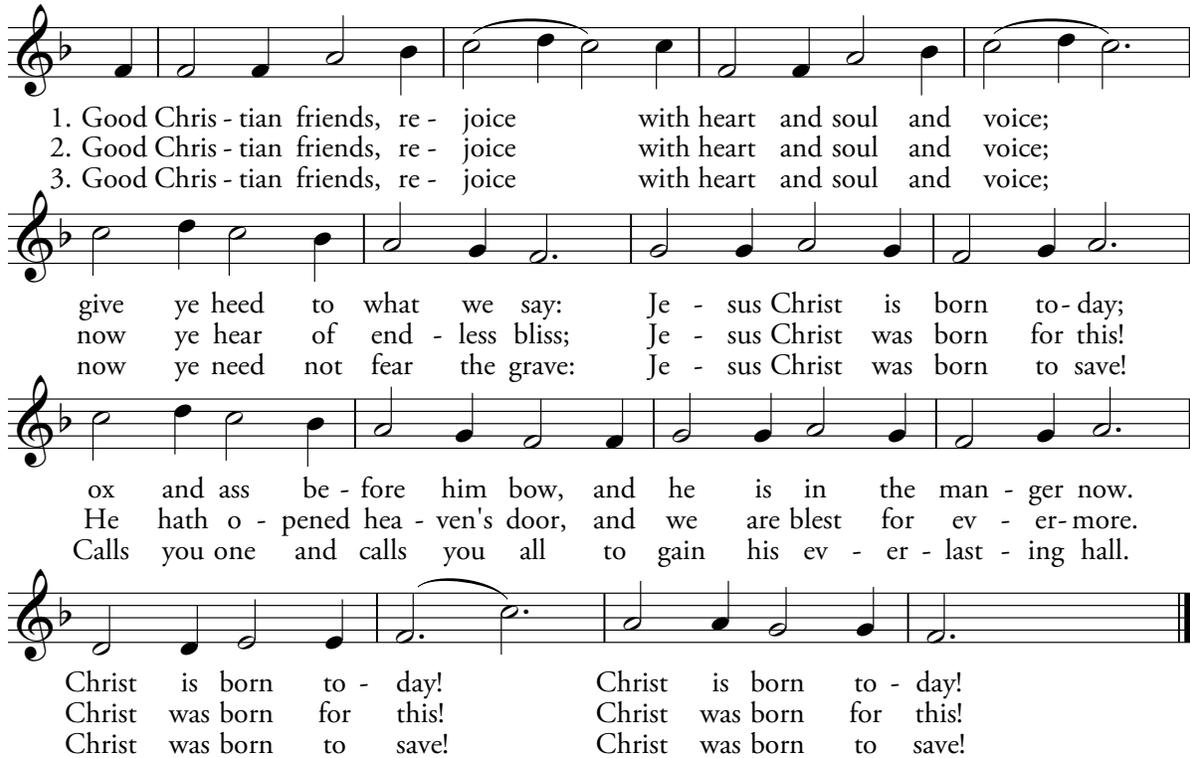
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

HYMN



1. Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)
text: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Presider* As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.
- Intercessor* With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Make us instruments of your peace.**
- Intercessor* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**
- Intercessor* For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**
- Intercessor* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord;
People **Where there is discord, let us sow union.**
- Intercessor* For those who do not yet believe, for those who have lost their faith, and those in despair and darkness that they may receive the light of faith, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**
- Intercessor* We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially those who have asked for our prayers. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for all who suffer and those in danger. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for those who are far away from family and friends. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for comfort and protection, O Lord:
People **Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**
- Intercessor* For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church; for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer, and Porter, our Bishops; and for this parish family, that in faithful witness we may spread God's love near and far, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**
- Intercessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those we name now. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We also remember those who have died as a result of addiction, disease, conflict, or any manifestation of violence and hatred. For all the departed and those who are grieving, may they find comfort and be at peace, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**
- Intercessor* Your own intercessions and thanksgivings are now invited silently or aloud.
During the silence, add your petitions and thanksgivings.
- People* **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.**
- Presider* Living God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and may we be the light that reveals truth and love to all of your people. This we ask in the name of the one who sleeps helplessly in the manger, Jesus Christ, Son of God.
- People* **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

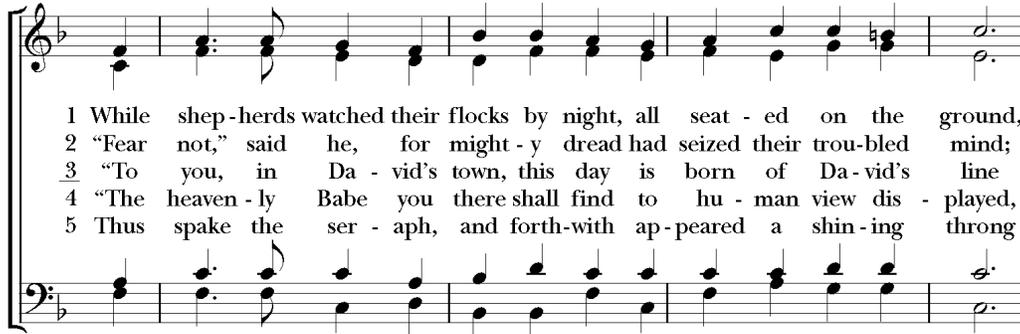
People

And also with you.

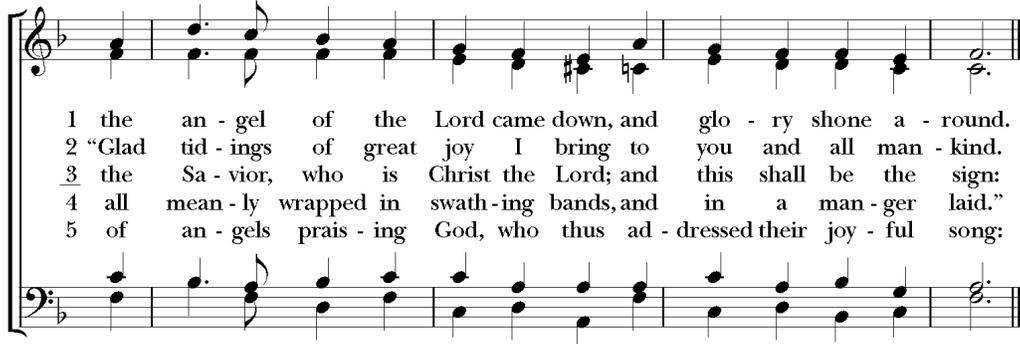
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN



1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da-vid's line
4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin - ing throug



1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

music: Winchester Old, melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592;

harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1922

text: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

IT IS RIGHT, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

The people remain standing as the Presider continues.

WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O GOD, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

The people and Presider say together

WE remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward to receive the bread. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a prayer; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest.

HYMN



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand and say together.

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.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

HYMN

1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled;
Late in time be - hold him come Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb;
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with heal - ing in his wings;

joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies,
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el.
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us se - cond birth.

Refrain
Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new-born King.

music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)
text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the light of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

2021 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Given by Bettina Nelson in loving memory of William H. Mann

Given by Mrs. Fontaine Minor in memory of Philip Minor and Diana, Princess of Wales

Given by Joel and Maria Everett in memory of Fred and Mary Everett

Given by Joel and Maria Everett in memory of Alexander, Katherine, and Joanne Kissal

Given by John Taylor in loving memory of Ruth Campbell Taylor

Given by Carolyn and John Bottger in loving memory of Mary Ryan Bottger George

Given by the Burt family in loving memory of Henry R. Burt

Given by Jane Baird Hyde in memory of Dr. Charles Lewis Baird, Jr.

Given by Jane Baird Hyde in memory of Olin Volney Hyde

Given by Marti L. Truman and Kia J. Bentley in loving memory of Lee and Peggy Truman

Given by Nan Ellen and Dick Ritsch in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. Ritsch,
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Williams, Jr. and Harvey L. Williams, III

Given by Liz and Wilson Whitehurst in memory of Betty Whitehurst and Marie and Jim Keller

Given by Stephen and Iralin Peple in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Peple, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Crowder,
Margery Peple, Thomas C. Crowder, and Roberto Novoa Cortes

Given by the Ready family in memory of Rick and Kay Ready

Given by Judy Winston in memory of Virginia and Frank Winston

Given by Sally Ray Griffith in memory of Clinton Griffith, Fletcher Lowe, Jack Spong,
Pegram Johnson, and Gene Moritz

Given by Sally Ray Griffith in honor of Bob and Lolly Hetherington

Given by Jean and David White in memory of Porter Breedon, Linda Armstrong, Bob Estep and Fletcher Lowe

Given by Brent Melton in thanksgiving of Monica, Harrison and John David Melton.

Given by Brent Melton in thanksgiving of Leah, Kieran and Layton Johnston.

Given by Mary Miller in loving memory of James G. Miller, Virginia B. Tompkins, and Mary Leavell Tompkins

Given by Rainey Dankel in memory of Thaddeus George Dankel, Jr. and Connolly and Melba Gamble

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Davis Wrinkle, Jr. in memory of Dr. and Mrs. E.V. Stadel
and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wrinkle, Sr.

Given by Joyce and Tom Smith in memory of Barbara, Johan and Don van der Laan and Isobel, Lester,
and Sally Jo Smith

The window and door wreaths are given in loving memory of Sidney Buford Scott.

PARTICIPANTS

Clergy

The Reverend Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*
The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*
The Reverend Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*

Preacher

The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

Musician

Karen Harris, *Assistant Director of Music*

Lector

Stephen Peple

Acolytes

Sally Ray Griffith
Stephen Peple

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