

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022  
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.

## **NURSERY**

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

## **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](http://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. Worship activity bags are available in the Narthex (entrance to the church). Please return following the service.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

"The Peace may be exchanged." from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

## HYMN



1. The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2. He by him - self hath sworn we on his oath de - pend;
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right-eous - ness,
4. The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5. The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1. An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2. we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3. tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4. and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5. "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry;



1. the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2. we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3. on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4. Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5. hail, A-brahams Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



1. we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er - blest.
2. and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more
3. and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
4. e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
5. all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and en - less praise.

*Text:* Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

*Music:* Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*All say together the Collect for Purity.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,  
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

*Text:* Michael A. Perry (1942-1996)

*Music:* *Thaxted*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**G**RANT TO US, LORD, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

THE WORD OF THE LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Silence is kept.*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL: PSALM 33:12-22 *Exultate, justi*

*from Psalter for the Christian People*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people you have chosen to be your own!
- 13 O Lord, you look down from heaven, \*  
and behold all the people in the world.
- 14 From where you sit enthroned you turn your gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 You fashion all the hearts of them \*  
and understand all their works.
- 16 There is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a warrior is not delivered by great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, your eye, O Lord, is upon those who fear you, \*  
on those who wait upon your love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for you, O Lord; \*  
you are our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in you, \*  
for in your holy name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

NOW FAITH IS THE ASSURANCE of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had

promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Silence is kept.*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to participate in the Gospel procession, especially children. Simply follow the Gospel book around the church and stay in place for the Gospel reading. After the reading, the children are invited to attend Children's Chapel. They will return to the church during the Peace.*

## HYMN

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord.  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 4. All praise to the Fath - er, from whom all things come,

We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus his on - ly Son,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*  
 And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,  
 yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

*Text:* Peter Scholtes (1938-2009)

*Music:* *St. Brendan's*, Peter Scholtes (1938-2009)

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### THE SERMON

The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

#### THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand.*

**W**E 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 worshiped 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

*Presider* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Intercessor* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan and Jennifer, our bishops; Mark, our Bishop-elect; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

*People* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Presider gives the absolution.*

## THE PEACE

*The People stand.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddës grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
Tis named when Goddës name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

*Text:* Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

*Music:* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C, from *The Book of Common Prayer*

*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.**

*Presider* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and God of might,  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Text:* Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

*Music:* *Ye Banks and Braes*, arr. Larkin Bryant and Robert Feol

*The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues*

**A**ND SO we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*The people and Presider say together*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*Presider* Lord God our Creator; God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*The Presider continues*

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**O**UR 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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

#### THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward. 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 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

*Text:* Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

*Music:* Llangloffan, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Presider* In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth to share communion with *N.*, who cannot be present at this table.

*People* **We who are many are one because we all share one bread and one cup.  
 Our prayers are with you. Go in peace.**

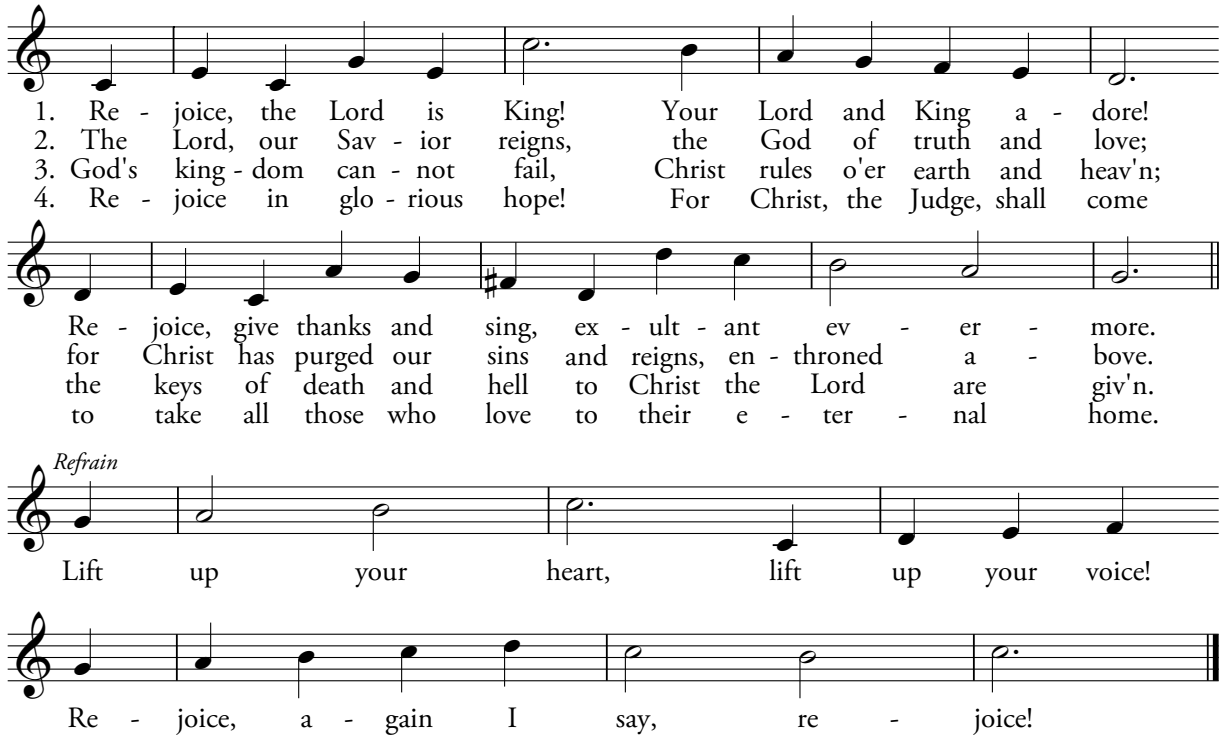
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand and say together.*

**E**TERNAL GOD, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's 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.

## THE BLESSING

### HYMN



1. Re - jice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3. God's king - dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4. Re - jice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

Re - jice, give thanks and sing, ex - ult - ant ev - er - more.  
for Christ has purged our sins and reigns, en - throned a - bove.  
the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are giv'n.  
to take all those who love to their e - ter - nal home.

*Refrain*  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Re - jice, a - gain I say, re - jice!

*Text:* Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

*Music:* Darwall's 148th, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*The Altar flowers are given in honor of May and Ed Dickson, Barbara and Lew Holley,  
Susie Scott, Martha Anne Ellis, and John Taylor.*

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## PARTICIPANTS

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### *Clergy*

The Rev'd Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*  
The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*  
The Rev'd Keli Shipley Cooper, *Associate for Programming*

### *Preacher*

The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

### *Musicians*

Christopher Reynolds, D.M.A., *Director of Music and Organist*  
Summer Choir

### *Lectors*

Douglas Callaway  
Christie Montgomery

### *Intercessor*

Dr. Joseph James

### *Acolyte*

Douglas Callaway

### *Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

Debra Cole  
Cynthia Ellis  
Sally Ray Griffith  
Christopher West

### *Altar Guild*

Randy Blankenship, Amelia Paulie, Connie Rice;  
Sallie Nolte, Mary Ann Ready, *co-chairs*

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