# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

Festal Holy Eucharist

# The Music of Christmas

**Prelude** 

"Still, Still, Still" Brendan Daly, soloist

"A Christmas Prelude" Alexander Changus, oboe

"I Wonder As I Wander" John Morgan, soloist

"Who Would Send a Baby?" Quinn Changus, soloist Words: Austrian melody, Trans. John Rutter Music: Austrian melody, Arr. Walter Ebret

Charles Callahan

Appalachian Carol Arr. John J. Niles

Words & Music by Mary Kay Beall

# St. Dunstan's Christmas Eve Musicians

Cameron Carey, Parish Musician

Penny France, Kate Gaul, Elissa Gaul, Josefina Hernandez, Bruce Lafitte, Nancy Knight Latimore, John Morgan, Shirley Morgan, Marilyn Morgan, Lee Morris, Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Jeanne Taylor, Jonathan Throop, Suzanne Van de Mark,

Brendan Daly, Quinn Changus, Alexander Changus

## Guest Musicians

Trumpet: Andrew Olson, Jacob Greifinger Trombone: Wesley Dale, Trevor Hassel

> Timpani: Christian Kilgore Oboe: Alexander Changus Conductor: Brendan Daly

**Cover image:** Tricia Templeton from her Tanzanian trip, a Maasai Creche made from banana leaves.

Introduction, Verse 1, Interlude, Verse 2, Verse 3, Interlude, Verse 6



6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

# The Word of God

#### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

People And we beheld his glory.

#### **Collect for Purity** said by the Celebrant

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 hold Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

**Song of Praise** 96

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria



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Celebrant Let us pray.

#### **Collect for Christmas Eve** Celebrant and People

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this night holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this night, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm** Cantate Domino

Sing to the Lord a new song; \* sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \* but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \* Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.

#### Psalm 96

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \* he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \* let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, \*
when he comes to judge the earth.

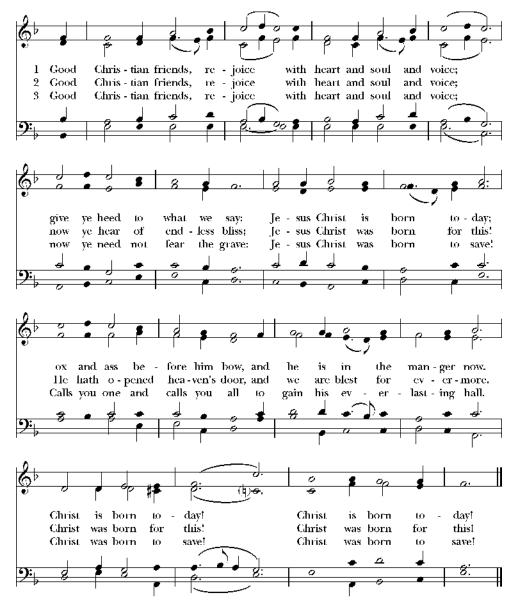
He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20 (King James Version)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into their own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto

Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### The Reverend Patricia Templeton

#### The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

#### **Christmas Prayers of the People**

Holy Child of Bethlehem, angels proclaimed your birth to shepherds at their labors; we pray for all people in their daily life and work, for those called to shepherd your people, and for those who carry your love into the world. May we see your glory in the world around us, and like the shepherds, may we bear witness to your presence among us.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Holy Child of Bethlehem, born in a stable when your parents found no room in the inn, we pray for all who are without shelter, for all who know poverty, and for all who offer even what little they have to meet the needs of others.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Holy Child of Bethlehem, welcomed into your mother's loving arms, we pray for all who are lost and alone, who have no arms to hold them; for those who are sick or in need, who depend upon loving arms to care for them; for those whose arms are now empty, who mourn loved ones gone, and for those who are no longer with us but have been welcomed into your loving arms.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Holy Child of Bethlehem, in whom God was pleased to dwell, help us, we pray, to see the divine image in people everywhere, and to honor the divine image in ourselves. Forgive us where we have sinned, strengthen us where we are weak, heal us where we are blind.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Holy Child of Bethlehem, you were born into our world, that we might be reborn into eternal life. May we daily live as children of God through your love, as you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **Greeting and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

#### **Offertory Anthem**

"See Amid the Winter's Snow"

Humility
John Goss (1871)
Arranged by Dan Forrest

Alleluia, See, amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.

Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Alleluia, Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He, who throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim!

Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was Thine; Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this!

Hail! Thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Edward Caswall (1858)

#### Introduction, Verses 1-3, Interlude, Verse 4



Words: Issac Watta (1674-1748), all. Music: Antioch. George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S130 Holy, holy, holy Lord Franz Peter Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant 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 him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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. Untie us to our 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 Mary, Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting

heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **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.

#### Fraction Anthem 79

O little town of Bethlehem Verses 1,3,5 St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### The Communion of the People

**Communion Anthem** 

"O Holy Night" Fina Hernandez, soloist Adolphe Adam (1801-1856)

Arr. John Rutter

#### The Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn111Silent NightStille Nacht

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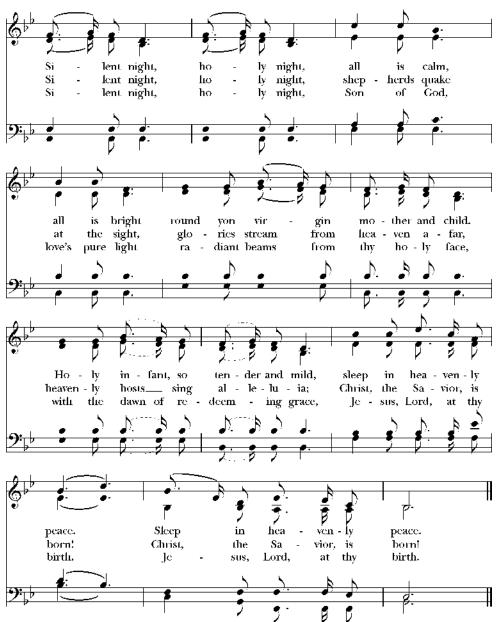
#### The Christmas Blessing

The blessing of God, whose love created light and darkness, mystery and wonder, be with you this night.

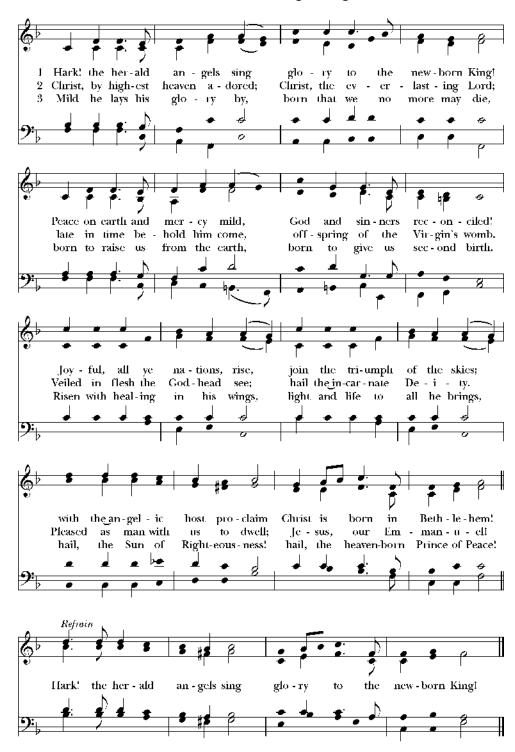
The blessing of God, whose love entered this world vulnerable, naked, and helpless, be with you always.

The blessing of God, whose love burns in your heart, transforming your life, send you into the world to be the incarnation of God's love for others. **Amen.** 

### sung kneeling



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885) Music: Stille Nachi, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm, Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Pelix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William II. Cummings (1831-1915)

The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

"And the Glory of the Lord" from Messiah

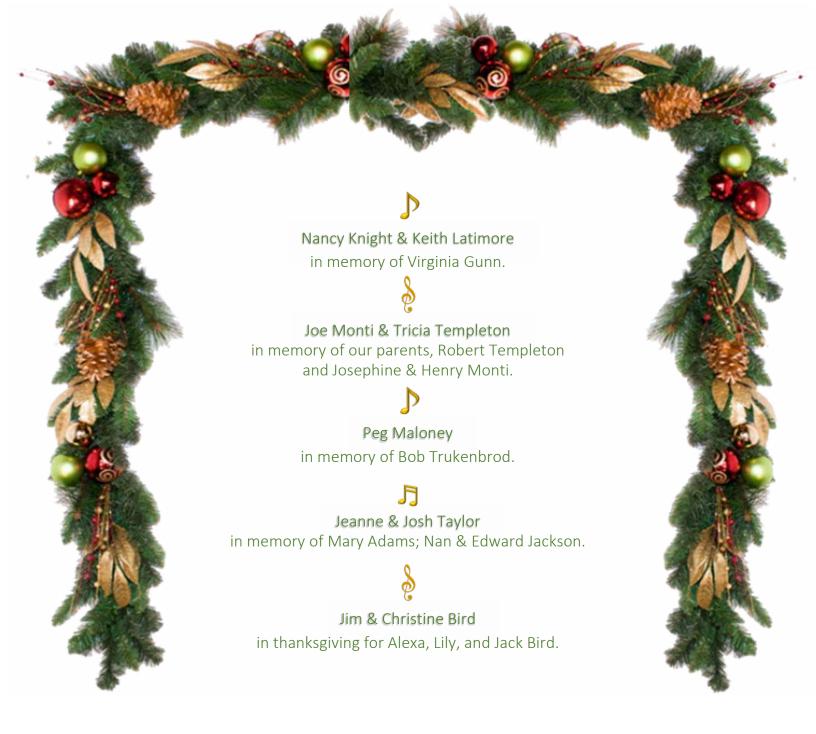
G. F. Handel (1685-1759) Arr. Louis Köhler (1820-1886)





#### Rhea Hannah

in memory of Tommy Hannah and Florence Deater.



Thank you to those contributing to the Flower and Music funds.

Ministry Schedule		
	December 24th	December 26th
Vestry on Duty	Gwen McAlpine	Lynn Hood
Lay Reader	Nancy Dillon Luis Ottley	Lynn Hood
Lector – 1st Lesson	Mark O'Connell	Vivian Siggers
Lector – 2nd Lesson	Harriett Smith	Shirley Morgan
Lector – 3rd Lesson	~	Margaret Michaelides
Lector – 4th Lesson	~	Luis Ottley
Usher Altar Guild	Lori Westphal / Mark O'Connell Cathy Leake / Erik Kleven	Wayne Hood
Flower Guild	St. Dunstan's Flower Guild	St. Dunstan's Flower Guild

#### SERVICES OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 25 - 10 a.m. - Christmas Day Eucharist Sunday, December 26 - 10 a.m. - Lessons and Carols and Eucharist

# Happy Anniversary Tricia Templeton & Joe Monti December 29

# Happy Birthday

Jacqueline Springer December 25 Heather Richardson December 31

# Prayers

Parishioners: Bessie Holland; Donna Thomas; John Maloney; Susan Glenz-Pierce; and Beth Zimmerman.

Family: Doug Murphy, son-in-law of Claudia Gimson; Emily Hooks, sister of Joe Monti; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Danny Woodard, son of Sheila Woodard; Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; Fred Gimson, uncle of John Gimson; Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Brenda Patten, mother, of Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Gloria DeSilva, cousin of Anil Weerakoon; The Adams Family; Nick Raj; The Deater Family, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Martha Springer, mother of Randy Springer; Matt Stanhope, nephew of Martha O'Brien; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Hilary Foster, niece of Claudia Gimson; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Pete Webb, brother of Hulan Webb; Vincent Lafitte; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Tammy Hauser, sister-in-law of Steve and Susan Hauser; Arvis Morris, mother, and Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Deborah Smith, wife of Leon Smith.

Friends: The Snider & Poll Families (Jackie & Mark O'Connell); Cas Smith (Jace Kaltenbach); The Ginden Family, Ellen, The Younus Family, (Nancy & Jonathan Edman); Anne Henry, Tim Embry, Irmgard Tatic, (Davis Family); Sam Sterling Mitchell, (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); Bob Gabel, Pat Park & Rev. Canon Lynell Walker, Gladys Pfaff (Andrea Patten-Weerakoon & Anil Weerakoon); Imogen Gunn (Charis Bowling); S.J. Purdy, William Page, (Debbie Jones); Mike Carscaddon (Bob Longino); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Sara Jane Gower (Lindsey Reece); Kirby Husbands, (Hulan Webb); Eric Copeland; Cliff Frierson; Jim Bass; The Green Family; Christina & Francesco Ianni, Pat Buffington, Frances Cortez, (Rhea Hannah); Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Marilyn McCroskey, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially, **Florence Deater**, family of Mary Jane Hannah.  $\Phi$  We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Nancy Dillon; Sandra & Joe Dobbs; Mimi & Titu Doctor;** and **Nancy & Jonathan Edman.**  $\Phi$ 

#### Vestry 2021 – 2022

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Bruce Lafitte, Jr. Warden; Lucy Kaltenbach; Jackie O'Connell; Gwen McAlpine Zimmer; Lynn Hood; Elizabeth Wong Mark; Vivian Siggers; Michele Smither

#### The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician
Dr. Luis Ottley, Seminarian
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant

