St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 A.M.

Prelude

An Advent Prelude Elizabeth Wong Mark, flute Charles Callahan



The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed are you, holy and living God.

Em - man

People

You come to your people and set them free.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Hymn 56 O come, O come Emmanuel Veni, veni, Emmanuel Verses 3 - 4 (Dec. 18) 3 O O might, who come, come, thou Lord (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of tree, free them from Jes 3 tribes nai's height in an - cient times didst give the on that Sa - tan's ran - ny trust thy might - y power <u>3</u> law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!

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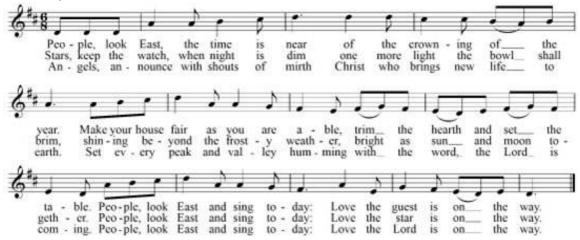
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Collect for Purity said by the Celebrant

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

Song of Praise - People, look East



Music: Besançon Carol Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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



You have been gracious to your land, O / Lord, you have restored the good fortune of / Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people and blotted out all their / sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God is / saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to / him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear / him, that his glory may dwell in our / land.

Mercy and truth have met to-/gether; righteousness and peace have kissed each / other. Truth shall spring up from the / earth, and righteousness shall look down from / heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant pros- / perity, and our land will yield its in- / crease.

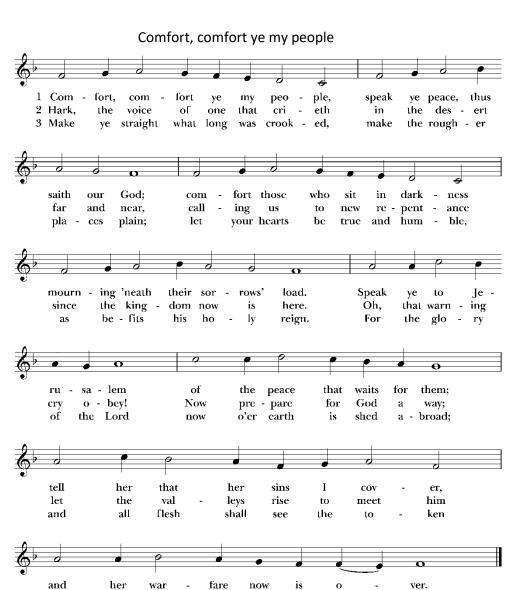
Righteousness shall go before / him, and peace shall be a pathway for his / feet.

The Second Lesson 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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The Gospel Mark 1:1-8

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

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People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

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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.

Advent Prayers of the People

God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our mind on things eternal.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in light and your peace is experienced by all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for this city, that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen us all for the ministry you have set before us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, especially **Gavin Wilson; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Rhea Hannah; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis;** and **John Floyd**. May they experience your healing presence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for what matters. We give thanks especially for these members of our parish community **Deborah & Bill Reece; Lindsey Reece; Peggy Rogers;** and **Heather & Edward, James** and **Sean Robertson. Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for your promised time of justice and peace for all people. Make us co-creators of your coming kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

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. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"Out of the Wintry Gloom"

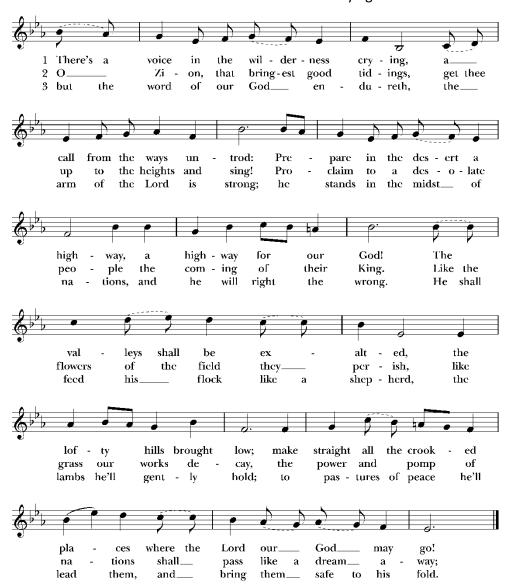
Richard Shephard

Out of the wintry gloom of night, out of the darkness of our days; Our Sun appears, a wondrous sight, a morning of unbroken praise. O come, our Dayspring, and our Cheer, the herald calls, and we obey.

Now lift us by your Advent here, the message comes, "Prepare a way."

Come now, O Prince of Glory, come! Come quickly, as dawn follows night;

And dwell with us, here make your home, so all the world may see your light.



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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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.

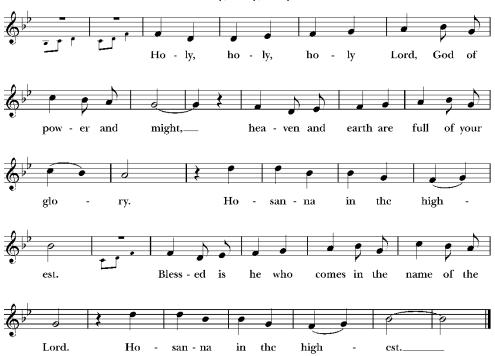
Celebrant

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 S.127

Holy, holy, holy Lord



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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. 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 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

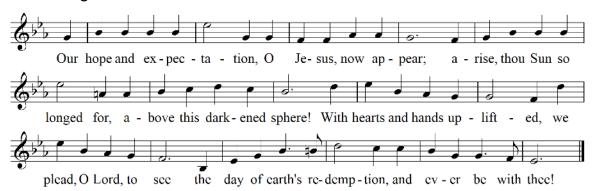
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread: Fraction Anthem

Greenland



The Communion of the People All people are invited to receive Communion.



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Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

Jesus, Lord of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Advent Blessing

The blessing of God, who has promised to come into our lives, be with you today.

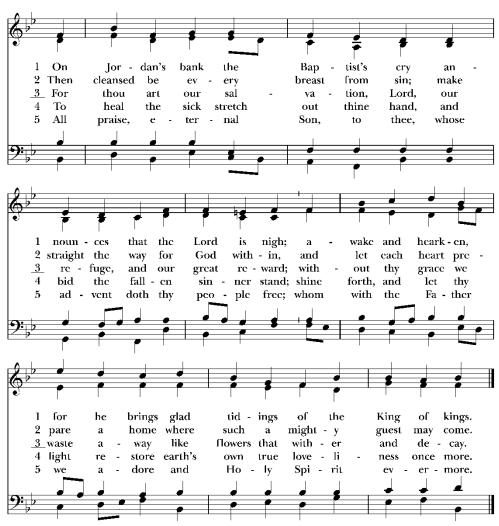
The blessing of God, whose love ransoms us from all captivity, be with you forever.

The blessing of God, whose breath brings new beginnings, send you forth into the world to create a new day for the good of all. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New



The Dismissal Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Concertino on O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: II. Ostinato Siciliano

Tune: Veni Emmanuel, arr. J. William Greene French processional, 15th century



Prayers

Parishioners: Gavin Wilson; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Rhea Hannah; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Family: Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Joyce Emmons, cousin, Elizabeth Wong Mark; Jenny Richard, Diego and Kaira Sanchez, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Dan Westphal, father of Lori; Rosanne Falcone, cousin of Deborah Reece; Kohen Blair, nephew of Emma Blair and Allen Blair and Kelsey Miles, his parents; Sergio Whyte, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; Diana Jacinto, daughter in-law, and Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Bill Fields, brother of Nancy Dillon; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; 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.

Friends: Daniel Or, (Elizabeth Wong Mark); Lauren Sullivan, (Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Kisasi and Shazi Ramses, Pete Libby, Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Karen Graham, (Toby & Cathy Raper); Syukur Junus & Sharifah Idris, (St. Dunstan's New Pathways Family); Lars Olsson, Bruce Kenney, Michael Stratton, (Robertson Family); Madison Fucita & Family; K.C. Williams, Thomas Futch, Lisa Ridges, Bill Whitte, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family, Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Priscilla Davis); Darrel Hartman, Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer, (Paul Zimmer); Martha, Angela & sons, Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); Ron Hand, John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Jackie Quinn, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); and Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

We pray for those have died.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Deborah & Bill Reece; Lindsey Reece; Peggy Rogers;** and **Heather & Edward, James** and **Sean Robertson.**

Ministry Schedule

	DEC 10 rd 2 nd Sunday of Advent	DEC 17 th 3 rd Sunday of Advent
Vestry on Duty	Bob Longino	Ralph Paulk
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Bruce Lafitte	NO SERVICE
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Bob Longino	Lynn Hood
Lector 1 st Lesson	Tom Barnett	Marshall Kress
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon	Sandra Dobbs
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett	Gwen McAlpine / Paul Zimmer
Altar Guild	Elizabeth / Ralph	Marshall / Mary Jane
Flower Guild	Kate Gaul / Nancy Dillon	Kate Gaul / Nancy Dillon
Coffee Hour Hosts		FESTIVE POTLUCK - EVERYONE

Upcoming Schedule of Services

December 10th A service of Advent Lessons & Carols - 4 pm

December 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent - One Service at 10:45, Sunday School 9:30 will be led by Bishop Wright Bishop Wright will be here to celebrate and confirm our confirmands. We will decorate our Christmas tree during the service. Afterwards, we will have a festive Coffee Hour celebration. We come from so many different backgrounds, and traditions, bring a family favorite dish and the recipe to share.

December 24th 4th Sunday of Advent - One Service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Carol Singing and music beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service – 5 p.m.

December 25th Christmas Day - One Service at 10 a.m.

December 31st 1st Sunday after Christmas - One Service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Lessons & Carols

January 7th 1st Sunday after the Epiphany - One Service at 10 a.m.

January 14th 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany - Services at 8:30 & 10:45

Announcements

Our website is in the process of being updated. One of the new things is a tab for <u>Volunteer Sign Up</u>. The links below are also listed there. Other things will be listed as the needs arise. If you haven't been to our website in a while take a look. Most of the people who walk through our doors for the first time do so because they have found our site online. There are a few more changes coming soon. <u>www.stdunstan.net</u>

We are helping our refugee family from Myanmar, Syukur Junus & Sharifah Idris, set up their household.

Refugee family: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAA28AA8-45132368-stdunstans

Our Altar Guild is in much need of additional members. I've always thought of this ministry as special, one where we act as hosts, preparing and setting the table for the Lord's supper, and well, cleanup. There is some training involved, but through the holiday season there are some group activities to test the waters. To see how our regular volunteer schedule is, check it out, or for more information, ask Elizabeth Wong Mark or Marshall Kress.

Altar Guild: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAA28AA8-stdunstans

Vestry 2023 - 2024

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden; Lynn Hood; Wayne Hood; Susie Throop; Kate Gaul; Suzanne Johnson; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Ralph Paulk

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant