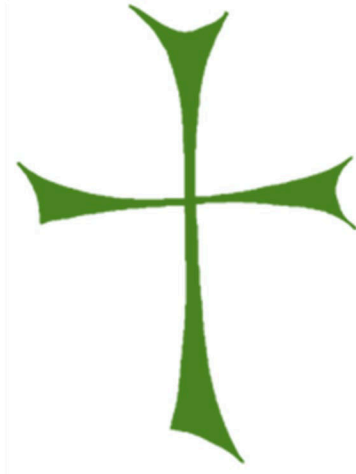


St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:00

Prelude

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Johannes Brahms

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - deth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

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

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.**

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,
 Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
 sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.
 Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and slect! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
 Lithe wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
 1. 2. 3.
 alt the God who made you.
 alt the God who made you.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Lord, who may dwell in your taber- / nacle?
 who may abide upon your holy / hill?
 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is / right,
 who speaks the truth from their / heart.

There is no guile upon their / tongue;
 They do no evil to their friend;
 They do not heap contempt upon their / neighbor.
 In their sight the wicked is re - / jected,
 but they honor those who fear the / Lord.

They have sworn to do no / wrong
 and do not take back their / word.
 They do not give their money in hope of / gain,
 nor do they take a bribe against the inno - / cent.

Whoever does these / things
 shall never be over - / thrown.

The Second Lesson

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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The Gospel**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon**The Rev. Dr. Stefanie Taylor**

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

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect and Rob our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering especially, **John Floyd; Llewellyn Bell; Susie Throop; Mimi Gold; Katy Pierre; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.**

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Tom Gibbs & Steven Schneider; Claudia Gimson; John Gimson; Mimi Gold; and Cathleen Hackett.**

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially our former parishioner, **Diana Floyd**, wife of John; **Duane Davis**, friend of Shirley & John Morgan and **David Primrose**, brother-in-law of Lynn Hood.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence

The Celebrant continues

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers that divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

“Glory, Love, and Praise”

Judy D. Sclater

*Glory, love and praise, and honor, for our food now bestowed,
Render we the donor. Bounteous God, we now confess Thee:
God who thus blessest us, it is to bless Thee.
Thankful for our ev'ry blessing, let us sing Christ the Spring,
Never, never ceasing.*

*Source of all our gifts and graces, Christ we own; Christ alone,
Calls for all our praises. He dispels our sin and sadness,
Life imparts, cheers our hearts, fills with food and gladness.
Who Himself for all hath given, us He feeds, us He leads,
To a place in heaven.*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

The Great Thanksgiving (*Alternative Eucharistic Prayer is from *Enriching Our Worship*)

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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of

your daughters and sons, that with Mary, Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem WLP 865 Christ our Passover *Mass of St. Columbia*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. (*All are welcome to receive Communion.*)

Communion Hymn 707

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, to honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the joyful fire of the Spirit dance within you and set happiness ablaze in your life.	May the blaze of the Spirit's courage ignite in you a passion for truth and justice.	May the wind of the Spirit breathe into you new life, new hope, and new blessings, this day and always. Amen.
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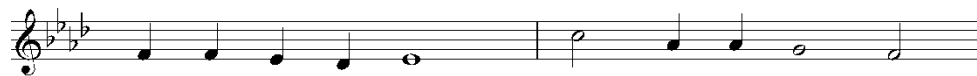
Recessional Hymn 541

Come, labor on

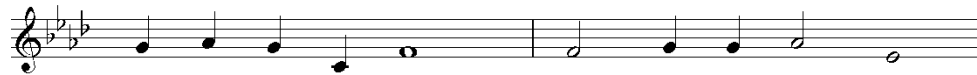
Ora Labora



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A - way	with	gloom - y	
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant	
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep	our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here;	by	feeb - lest	a - gents		
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear;		re - deem	the	time;	its	
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound	comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	“Go	work	to	day.”
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered—	not.		
3	may	our	God	ful - fill	his	right -eous—	will.	
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly.	The	night	draws—	nigh.
5	with	the	set - ting	sun,——	“Ser - vants,	well	done.”	

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

Dismissal

Response **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

In Festive Praise!

Dan Mitchell

We welcome The Rev. Dr. Stefanie Taylor as our guest priest today.

We welcome Dan Mitchell as our guest musician today.

Ministry Schedule

	September 1	September 8
Vestry on Duty	Sarah Hancock	Alex Pierre
Lay Reader: 10:00 am	Harriett Smith	---
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	---	Bruce Lafitte
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	---	Claudia Gimson
Lector 1 st Lesson	Kate Gaul	Susie Throop
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Marshall Kress	Lucy Kaltenbach
Ushers / Greeters	Ralph Paulk	Alex Pierre
Altar Guild	Claudia Gimson / Ralph Paulk	Marshall / Cathy / Elizabeth
Flower Guild	Kate Gaul	Suzanne Van de Mark

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Justin Camara September 3 **Reneé Kastanakis & Rick Bent** September 3

Happy Birthday

Susan Hauser September 1

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: John Floyd; Llewellyn Bell; Susie Throop; Mimi Gold; Katy Pierre; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.

Family: Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; John Maloney, father of Heather Robertson; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Katy Greenawalt, sister, Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Allison Rose, daughter, and Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Roswitha & Klaus Moos, grandparents of Katharina McCawley; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Joyce Emmons, cousin, Elizabeth Wong Mark; Dan Westphal, father of Lori; Diana Jacinto, daughter in-law, and Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Tiffany Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: John Ware, (Suzanne Van de Mark); Aaron D., Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Swan Family, (Kate Gaul); Anike Adesokan and her son, Ayo, (Gloria Nelson); Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Maria Foust, Clif Frierson, Walter Buchanan, (Rhea Hannah); Ellen Winsor, (Reece Family); Carol Davis (Sandra Dobbs); Sam Roberson (Lee Morris); Carolyn Neely Holmes, (Vivian Siggers); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); 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); Jackie Quinn, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); and Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin).

We pray for all those who have died, remembering especially our former parishioner, **Diana Floyd**, wife of John; **Duane Davis**, friend of Shirley & John Morgan and **David Primrose**, brother-in-law of Lynn Hood.

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Announcements

Next Sunday, September 8th We will return to our “Regular Schedule” with services at 8:30 and 10:45 and Sunday School at 9:30.

We are beginning adult Sunday School with a guest speaker from the diocese. Dr. Lindsey Hardegree is executive director of the Episcopal Community Foundation, a diocesan organization that gives grants to organizations or parish programs that serve the poor and oppressed. In the past St. Dunstan's has received a grant to aid in the work we were doing with Family Promise. Bishop Wright has urged all parishes to invite Lindsey to come speak about this important work. We will meet at 9:30 in the Founders' Room.

Potluck Picnic in the Beech Grove. After the 10:45 service we will celebrate our return with an old-fashioned Fried Chicken lunch. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. (Weather cooperating of course.)

Vestry 2024 – 2025

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Jr. Warden;
Kate Gaul; Suzanne Johnson; Ralph Paulk; Sarah Hancock;
Marshall Kress; Jessica Peoples; Alexander Pierre

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Director of Music
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