

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



Light one candle for hope  
one bright candle for hope.  
Christ brings hope to every heart.  
Christ comes! Christ comes!

## The Holy Eucharist

STREAMING FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:45 A.M.

**Prelude**

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come,

arr. Burkhardt

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, holy and living God.

*People*

***You come to your people and set them free.***

### 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



Peo - ple, look East, the time is near of the crown - ing of the  
Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim of one more light the bowl shall  
An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as the sun and moon to  
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Music: *Besançon Carol* Words: Eleanor Farjeon

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Together, 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 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Deus, judicium*

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**



**The Second Lesson**

**Romans 15:4-13**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

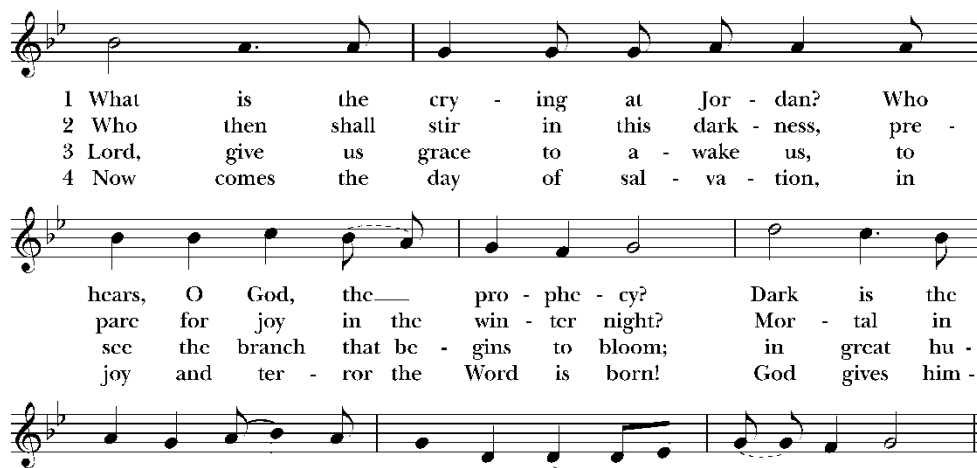
*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

## Sequence Hymn 69

What is the crying at Jordan?

*St. Mark's, Berkeley*



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who  
 2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -  
 3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to  
 4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in

hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the  
 pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in  
 see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -  
 joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -

sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.  
 dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.  
 mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.  
 self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

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## The Gospel

**Matthew 3:1-12**

*Priest*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful

than I am coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Priest*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

**The Reverend Patricia Templeton**

## **The Creed**

I believe in God, the Creator, the Almighty,

maker of a heaven and earth without borders or nations,

who created all people in the Divine image,

who led people from slavery to freedom

through exile and exodus,

the God of homelands lost and found,

the God of Temple and desert, of manna and sacrifice.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and was made human, joining us as strangers and exiles on the earth,

showing us how to bring about God's kingdom here and now,

who was born under occupation

and as an infant fled with his parents to Egypt for safety,

becoming aliens in a foreign land,

who suffered under the imperial power of Pontius Pilate,

was crucified by the state, died, and buried.

On the third day he rose again, opening for us the door to new life,

destroying the power of death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races,

who proceeds from the Creator and the Son, unity in diversity, three in one.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,

a communion of saints across countries and centuries.

I look for the coming of the Kingdom of God,

where our passport is love,

our bodies are resurrected and healed,

where the image of God in all of us is honored,

and all nations, tribes, creeds, and people are reconciled in the place

where there is no mourning or sadness, no exile or despair,

where we will be no longer strangers or guests

but lambs gathered safely home in the arms of the Good Shepherd.      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 **Lucy Kaltenbach; Holly Swing; Suzanne Johnson; Brenda Patten; Vivian Siggers; Penny France; Bob Longino; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake**. May they experience your healing presence.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, remembering especially **Erik Klanderman**, friend of Elizabeth Wong Mark, and **Jeannette Davis**, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis 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 **Sherri Crawford; Priscilla Davis; Karen Dessables; and Nancy Dillon**.

***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.***

Together, 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

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

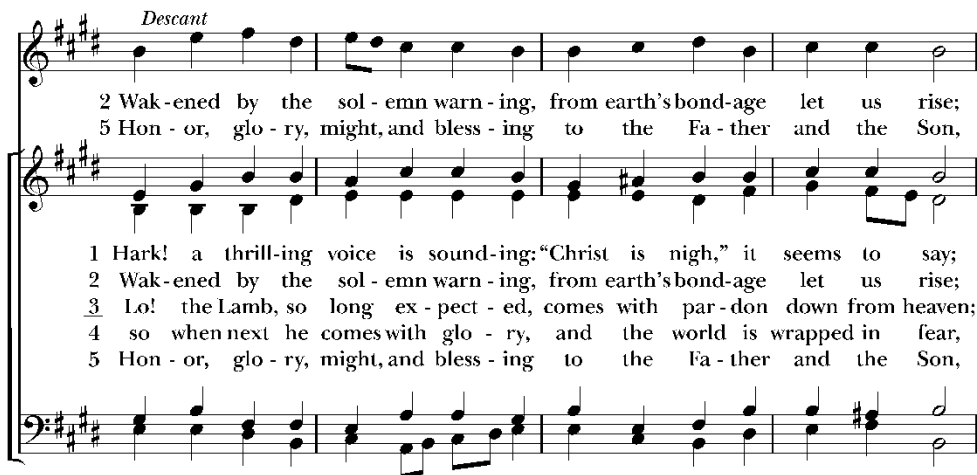
Arr. John Scott

Offertory Hymn 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

*Descant*



2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 “Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day.”  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

**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:

*Celebrant and People:*

***Sanctus*** S.128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Mathias

*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. 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.

**Fraction Anthem** O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear,  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*The Celebrant continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

### **Communion Hymn**

Taizé -- Prepare the way of the Lord

Jacques Berthier

① Eb Ab Eb Ab ② Eb Ab

Pre-prepare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the

4 Eb Ab ③ Eb Ab Eb Ab ④ Eb Ab Eb

Lord, and all people will see the sal-vation of our God.

## 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.
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## Recessional Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

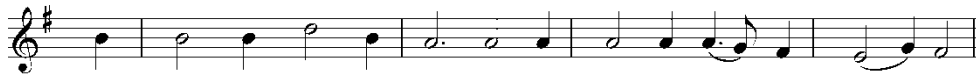
*Bereden väg för Herran*



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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## The Dismissal

*Response*

***Thanks be to God.***

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We thank Julie Bunn for serving as our interim musician during our transition.

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## Ministry Schedule

	<b>December 7<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>December 14<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday in Advent</b>
Vestry on Duty	Tom Wilson	Sarah Hancock
Lay Reader: 8:30	Peg Maloney	Harriett Smith
Lay Reader: 10:45	Lynn Hood	Claudia Gimson
Lector 1st Lesson	Rhea Hannah	John Morgan
Lector 2nd Lesson	Bill Hancock	John Gimson
Ushers / Greeters	Ralph Paulk	Elizabeth Wong Mark
Altar Guild	Marshall / Ralph /	Claudia / Fina / Claudia
Flower Guild	No Flowers during Advent	No Flowers during Advent

## Announcements

### Advent / Christmas Events

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 21)**

10 a.m. -- ONE service this day. We will decorate the Christmas tree and celebrate with a festive potluck lunch after the service.

#### **Christmas Eve (December 24)**

5 p.m. -- Come celebrate the birth of the Messiah.

#### **December 28**

10 a.m. -- One service of Christmas Lessons & Carols.

#### **January 4, 2026**

10 a.m. -- One service.

# Happy Anniversary

John & Cindy Lloyd December 7

# Happy Birthday

Cathy Leake December 13

## Prayer Requests

**Parishioners:** Lucy Kaltenbach; Holly Swing; Suzanne Johnson; Brenda Patten; Vivian Siggers; Bob Longino; Penny France; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.

**Family:** Cody Young, cousin of Lindsey Reece; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Tim Leyden, father / father-in law of Tim & Jessie Leyden; Kathy Benedict, family of Andrea, Anil and Brenda; Preston Wilson, brother of Mary Jane Hannah; Roswitha Moos, grandmother of Katharina McCawley; Carson Morris, daughter; Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Tiffany Lucas, niece, of Vivian Siggers; Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; Michele Goswick, niece of Sandra & Joe Dobbs; Laura Shain; niece; Elizabeth Rhodes, cousin of Marshall Kress; Adam Swartz, brother-in-law of Gwen McAlpine; Joyce Emmons, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark; Chris Ekmark, cousin of Heather Robertson; Cody Young, nephew, Deborah & Bill Reece; Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley family of Daria and Bruce Lafitte; Charlie Bunn, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold.

**Friends:** The Cline Family (Claudia Gimson); Joe James; Miriam & Santana Herrera; Cary Ralls & Mark Sillay; Patricia Woods; Walter Buchanan (Rhea Hannah); Marilyn Reynolds (Bessie Holland); Tony Rizzuto (Daria Jones); Dann Brown (Tricia Templeton); Carol Davis, Carolyn Timmons (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); Sara Corredor (Tiffany Wilson); Lynell Walker, Pat Park and Rik Rasmussen (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Carol Fitzgerald, Sam Roberson (Lee Morris); Gay McNeely, John Ware (Suzanne Van de Mark); Lauren Courtney Robinson (Lindsey Reece); Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser (Brown family); Barry Mazor (Bob Wolfson); Kishell Muir (Barbara Hawker); Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas (Cathy Leake); Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); Carolyn Neely Holmes (Vivian Siggers); Steve Murray (Bob Longino); Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry (Priscilla Davis); Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard (Mimi Gold).

We give thanks for our parish especially Sherri Crawford; Priscilla Davis; Karen Dessables; and Nancy Dillon.

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### **Vestry 2025 - 2026**

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

### **The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector**

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate

The Reverend Colin Brown, Priest Associate

Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator

Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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