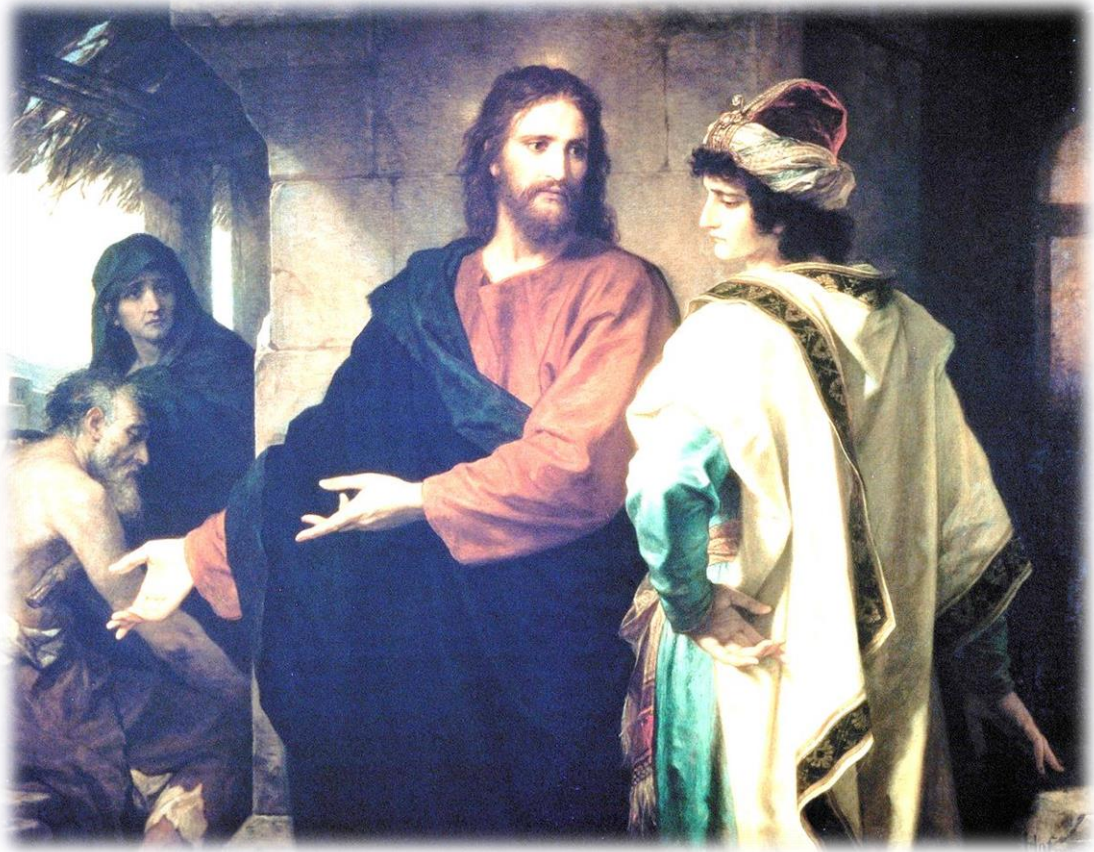


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



## **The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2021**

*Open doors. Open hearts. Open hands.  
We will welcome all to live God's mission, teach Christ's love  
and transform our community by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Voluntary**

*Pastorale*

Herbert Howells

**Introit**

*Beautiful Savior*

F. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine!

**Processional Hymn 632**

*O Christ the word incarnate*

Munich

**The Word of God**

**The Acclamation and Response**

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

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

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.*

*For the 8 am Service the Gloria can be found in the BCP on page 356.*

**Gloria**

*Glory be to God*

Lauda Anima

Glory be to God in heaven,  
songs of joy and peace we bring,  
thankful hearts and voices raising,  
to creation's Lord we sing:  
Lord we thank you, Lord, we bless you,  
glory be to God our King.

Lamb of God, who on your shoulders  
bore the load of this world's sin,  
only Son of God the Father,  
you have brought us peace within:  
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
now your glorious reign begin.

You, O Son of God, are holy,  
you we praise with one accord;  
none in heav'n or earth is like you,  
only you are Christ the Lord  
with the Father, and the Spirit,  
ever worshipped and adored.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people may be seated.*

### **The First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 90:12-17**

### ***Domine, refugium***

12 So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?  
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works  
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

### **The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16**

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 686**     *Come, thou fount of every Blessing*

Nettleton

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:7-31**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments:

‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Caleb J. Lee**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

**Celebrant:** Let us offer prayers to God who gathers the poor in the kingdom saying “Lord, have mercy.”

**Intercessor:** For Rob our bishop, Caleb our priest, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

**Intercessor:** For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

**Intercessor:** For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

**Intercessor:** For the city of Wilmington and all those who live in it. For our families, neighbors, companions, pets, and all those we love. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

**Intercessor:** For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, especially those in our parish who need our prayers and all those afflicted by the coronavirus. For the poor and the oppressed, the homeless and the hungry, especially those who use our Blessing Box. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

**Intercessor:** For the dying and the dead, that they have inherited the treasure that is the Kingdom of Heaven. We pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*



### **A Collect for Stewardship** (*prayed together*)

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us gratitude and generosity, that being so transformed by your grace, we may honor you with our substance and be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### **The Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People:*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

### **Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem***O For A Closer Walk with God*

Charles Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame; a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I  
hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk  
be close to God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that  
leads me to the Lamb.

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

**Presentation Hymn***Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**The Holy Communion****The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)****BCP 361**

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.

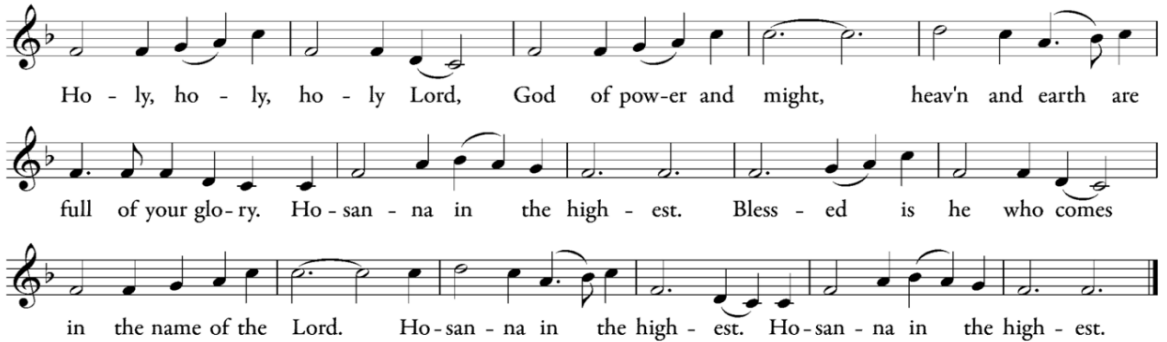
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of  
a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is  
holy and pleasing in your sight.

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

*Land of Rest*



*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S169

*Cantor or Choir*  
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my  
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My  
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

## Communion of the People

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Communion Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*

Richard Shephard

*(Text may be found on page 488 of the hymnal)*

### Communion Hymn 711

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Seek Ye First

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel*

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

### Procession Hymn 494

*The love of Jesus calls us*

Aurelia

1. The love of Jesus calls us  
Our joyous praise to sing;  
Our deeply felt thanksgivings  
We now together bring,  
For all God's many blessings,  
Unasked yet still received,  
And for the generations,  
Who faithfully believed.

2. The love of Jesus calls us,  
That we may always be  
Companions on a journey,  
Where all the world may see  
That serving Christ is freedom  
Which time does not destroy;  
Where Christ's command is duty,  
And every duty joy.

3. The love of Jesus calls us  
to go where he would go,  
to challenge all that limits,  
to change, to learn, to grow,  
to know that Christ has freed us,  
that prisons are no more;  
for those who seek his kingdom,  
Christ opens every door.

4. The love of Jesus calls us  
in swiftly changing days,  
to be God’s co-creators  
in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women  
may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice  
may give God’s kingdom birth.

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Toccata on “Nettleton”* Gordon Young

**Prayer List**

*In our parish*

*People requesting prayer*

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock	Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Bryce Harrelson
Fr. John Cawthorne	Lyle Sullivan	Tammy Tilghman	Stacey Baker Neal
Anne Laudati	Jim Summey	Michael Justice	Capt. Samantha Stillwell
Richard Laudati	Joanne Summey	Steve Hatch	
Diane Trubia	Pat Baker	Michelle Miller	
Judy Farri	William Murphy	Iris McDermott	
Joe Farri	William Dennis	Richard O’Rourke	
Ed Ablard		Sharon O’Rourke Berry	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**October Adult Faith Formation**

Today, Sunday, October 10, 17 and 24: Rector’s Forum with Fr. Caleb Lee  
Please join me this month in the Parish Hall on Sundays from 9:30-10:15am to talk  
about living as an Episcopalian in the modern world and thinking about St. Paul’s  
future. We’ll share stories, get to know each other, and look to the future with hope and  
anticipation.

### **New Online Giving Platform**

St. Paul's transitioned to Vanco Online, a new online giving solution. You can setup recurring donations or offer one-time gifts that seamlessly transfer to the church's accounting system. Your recurring gifts help maintain the donation consistency that keeps our church programs thriving! Please visit the church website at <https://spechurch.com/online-giving/> or you can use this QR code to access Vanco:

### **Ecumenical Habitat Build**

It's official! St. Paul's will be participating in a neighborhood ecumenical habitat build with 2 of our nearby churches, St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church and Temple United Methodist Church. This is an exciting opportunity to partner up with our neighbors and provide housing for a local woman. The address of the building lot is 118 S. 16th and it's 1 1/2 blocks from the church. The build is scheduled to start on Saturday, October 23rd. Don Brainard and Bob Belaustegui will be the build coordinators for St. Paul's. Once the first few dates are announced there will be a link to sign up for specific Saturdays on the St. Paul's website. Contact Don or Bob for further information! Let's all get together and join in on the fun of providing housing and working with our neighbors!

### **Youth Mission Trip to Appalachia – July 3-8**

Join St. Paul's for a mission trip to Marshall, NC where we all will stay at a place called Glory Ridge. Father Caleb has a long-standing relationship with this ministry, having accompanied many groups of young people and adult chaperones to this holy place.

During the summer, Glory Ridge hosts church youth groups who come for weeklong mission trips to help neighbors in Madison County with urgent home repairs needs. Glory Ridge's rustic facilities have been built primarily by volunteers over the years and the camp has always emphasized a combination of 'work and worship'.



Rising 7th graders through 12th grade are encouraged to register for this unforgettable and formative experience. Questions – talk to Caleb, Allen, or Cabe Lee. Want to register? Go to <https://forms.gle/NyjEzKJwjDwvxQc46>

*The People of  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

*are pleased to invite you to a*

*Celebration of their New Ministry*

*with*

***The Reverend Caleb J. Lee***

*whom the Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina  
will institute as Rector*

*on the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude  
Thursday, the twenty-eighth of October  
two thousand and twenty-one  
at six o'clock in the evening*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
16 North Sixteenth Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401*

*Your prayers are requested*

*Clergy – Choir Dress, Red Stoles*

## **St. Paul's Upcoming Dates**

- October 10: St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals at 5:00 p.m.**  
**October 14: Taizé Service of Light, Prayer & Music at 5:30 p.m.**  
**October 16: Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, Silent Film Accompaniment,  
Dorothy Papadakos at 7:30 p.m. - \$10**  
**October 17: From the Archives: A Church Walk after the 10:30 service**  
**October 18: The Feast of Saint Luke at 12:10 p.m.**  
**October 22: Organ Recital featuring Bradley Hunter Welch,  
Dallas Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m.**  
**October 28: Installation of Fr. Caleb as Rector at 6:00 p.m.**  
**October 31: Blessing of the Costumes at 10:30 a.m.**

## **A Warm Welcome to Everyone!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Please, come visit us again. Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30. Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

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## **Service Participants at 8:00 AM**

### **Celebrant and Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

### **Verger and Altar Server**

Don Brainard

### **Lector**

Carol Field

### **Greeter/Usher**

Tom Gerow

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## **Service Participants at 10:30 AM**

### **Celebrant and Preacher**

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

### **Verger**

Herb Gant

### **Crucifer**

Jeffrey Hughes

### **Altar Server**

Jeffrey Hughes

### **Gospel Book Bearer**

Chip Carter

### **Lectors**

Lynda Miller, Cynthia Smallwood

### **Intercessor**

Cleve Callison

### **Greeters**

Merrilie Crafts, Sarah Johnson

### **Ushers**

Brad VanAmberg, Beth VanAmberg, Kathryn  
Hedgepeth, Royster Hedgepeth, Spencer Weig



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