St. Francis in the Fields
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the same worship that Anglicans have been celebrating for centuries. Our service is from The Book of Common Prayer. Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services today.

ST. FRANCIS IN THE FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE I

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 28

Sunday, November 15, 2026 ~ 11:15 a.m.

The people's responses are in bold.

✠ Indicates a place where the people make the sign of the Cross.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 561 — *Stand up, stand up, for Jesus* — MORNING LIGHT

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION — BCP p. 323

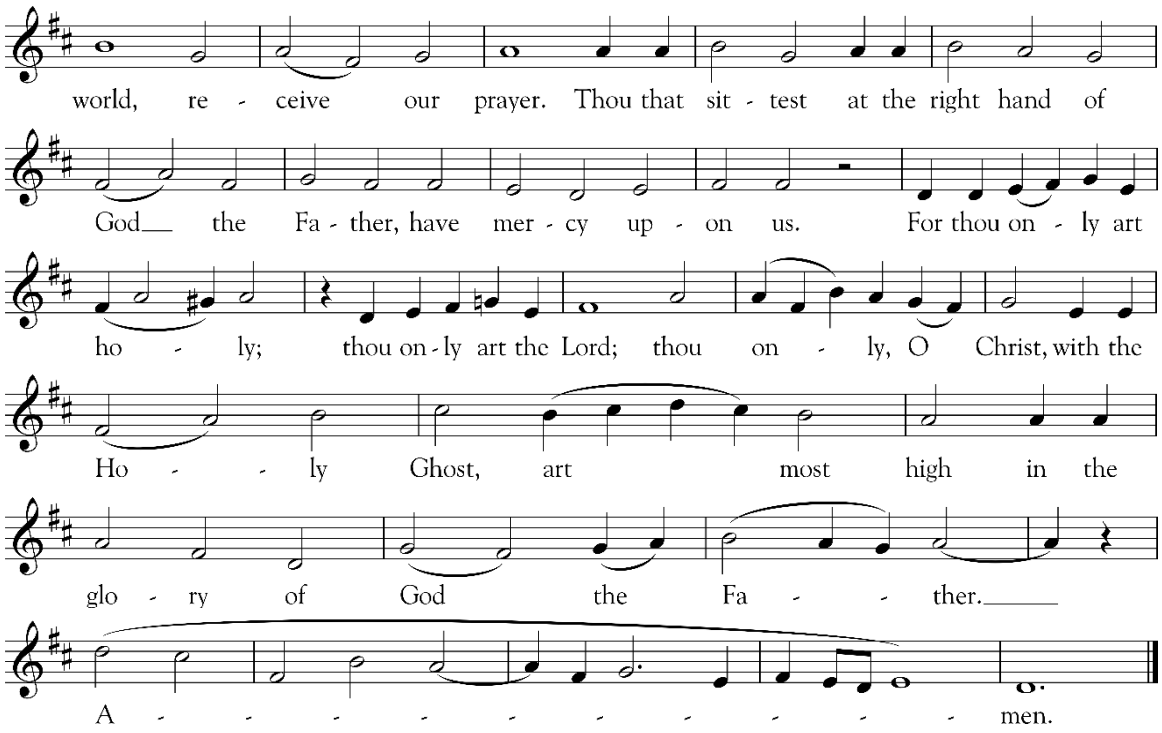
✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA S-202 — setting: Healey Willan (1880–1968)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON — Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 — *Domine, refugium* — Arthur Hervey (1855–1922)

Lord, thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made :
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
Thou turnest man to destruction : again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yester-day : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
For we consume away in thy displeasure : and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee : and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
For when thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
But who regardeth the power of thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.
So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The children are invited to join the Children's Procession to the Chapel by following the acolyte with the silver cross.

The People stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 551 *Rise up, ye saints of God* FESTAL SONG

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

The People turn to face the Gospel Book during the Proclamation.

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit when directed by the Preacher.

THE SERMON The Rev. Nathan Dearen

The People stand.

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 327

I believe in one God, **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP p. 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The People kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants ✠ departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 330

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, ✠ have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.
The People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O how amiable are thy dwellings" Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Words: Psalms 84 and 90

The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the altar.

PRESENTATION HYMN *All things come of thee, O Lord* setting: Mass in E, Jeffrey Smith

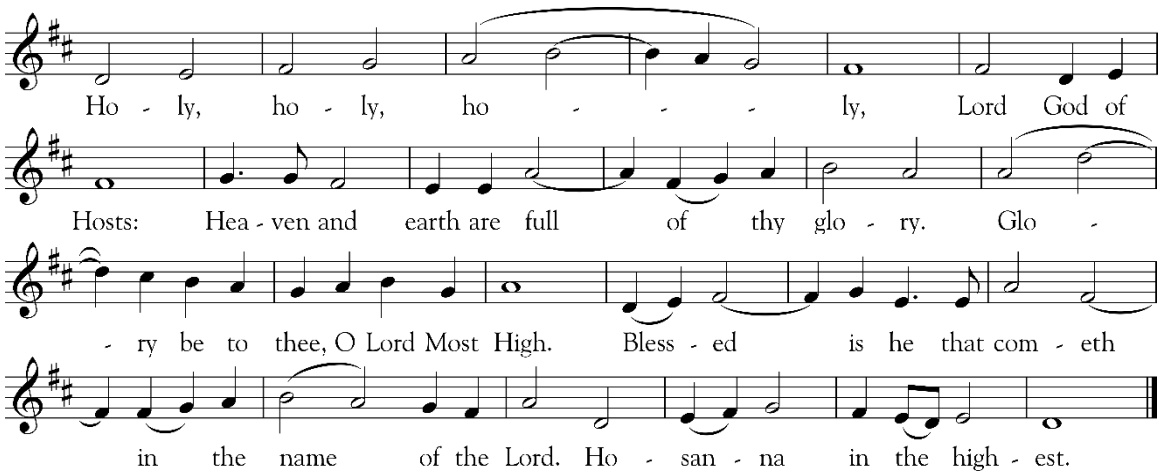


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP p. 333

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS S-114 setting: Healey Willan (1880–1968)



The People kneel.

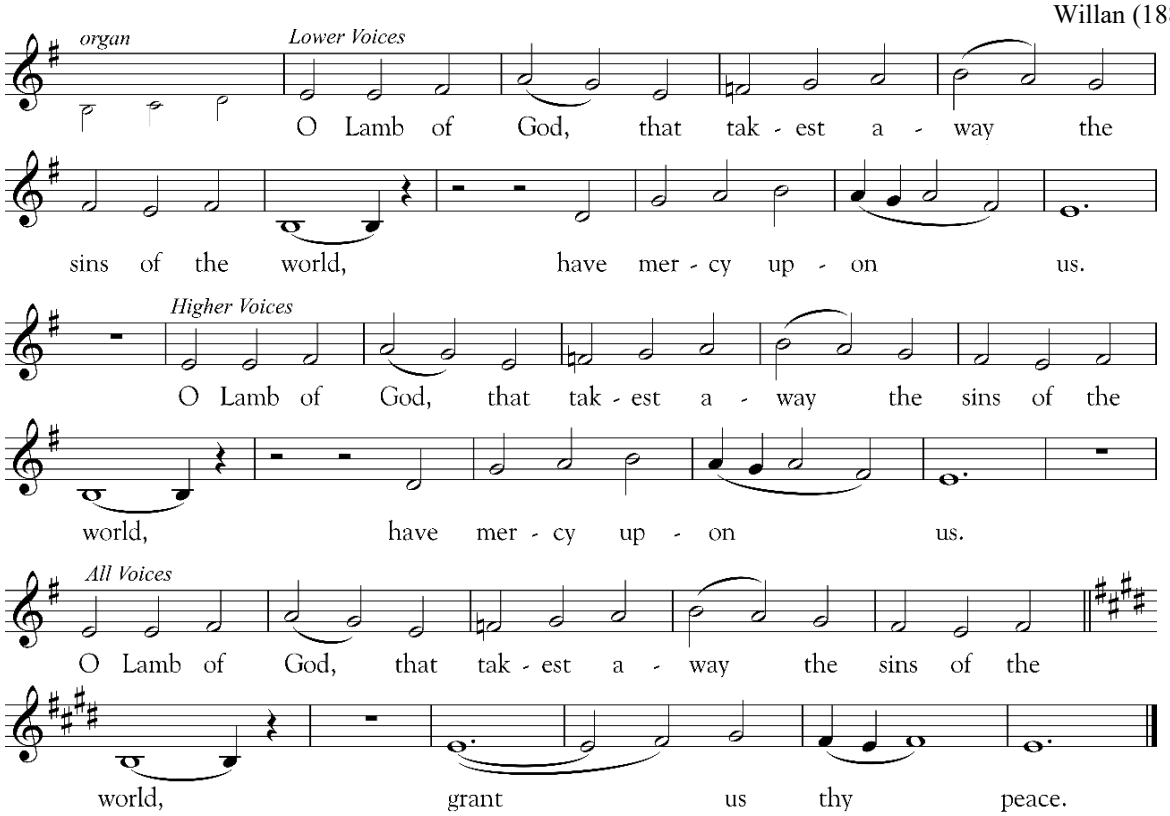
All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption…
…By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI S-158 Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880 –1968)



We do not presume **to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat**

the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Our ushers will direct you to the altar rail at the appropriate time. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; you may indicate you are not receiving communion by crossing your arms across your chest. Those desiring baptism are encouraged to speak to one of our priests. During the administration of communion, the people may be seated. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hands and alert the priest when you are at the altar. Those who would like to receive healing prayer are invited to the Chapel after receiving communion. You may enter the Chapel (through the door to the left as you face the altar), and a trained healing prayer minister will pray for you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Zion hears the watchmen's voices" Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Zion hears the watchmen's voices,
With gladness all her heart rejoices,
She eager wakes to greet the day.
See, her Lord from heav'n descending
With grace and truth and power unending,
Her daystar dawns with brightest ray.
O come, thou blessed One,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son, Hosanna!
We follow there thy feast to share,
And taste the joys beyond compare.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608), trans. John Rutter (b. 1945)

The People kneel.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 339

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the ✠ blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 598 *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth* MIT FREUDEN ZART

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

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Children's Chapel and Nursery Care

Children's Chapel is offered during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services and is an opportunity for children ages 3 through fifth grade to come and worship together in the beautiful Davenport Chapel and listen to an age-appropriate lesson. We learn about the liturgy, prayer, and hymns. The children return to the service during the passing of the peace. Infants to children four years old are welcome in the nursery, located on the lower level.

Ways To Give

- **GIVE in Person:** Place your gift in the offering plate
- **GIVE on our Website:** Online at onrealm.org/stfrancisinthefields/give/now
- **GIVE on our Mobile Church App**: Install the Realm Connect app on your smartphone, log in, and select "Give"

Parish Prayers

Please pray for those in our parish with needs ... Geoff Brandreth, Don Lurding, Blair Louis, Catharine Birch, David Birch, Allan Birch, Don Graeter, Ina Bond, Joe Caruso, George Thacker, Joan Koester, Gail Hudson, and Barbara Jordan.

Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military ... 2LT Baxter Argo, CPT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, SPEC4 Danilo Caldeira, MMN2 Charles Floyd, MIDN John Floyd, LTJG Sam Floyd, SP5 Calvin Gall, MAJ Hardy Hendren, 1LT Cason Nelson, MIDN Christopher Paris, LTJG Will Paris, FN Joe Parsons, CPT Chris Russo, LCDR Kristen Blair Samardzic, CDR Serge Samardzic, CPT Luke Schmidt, Jr., MIDN Emerson Shively, SSGT Cassie Villalpando, and CDR Lawrence Williams.

Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week ... Henry Griesbeck, Tatiana Brown, Clark Fouts, Heidi Decker, Genevieve Levering, Edmund Booker, and Audrey Bone.

Pray for the Louisville Fellows ... Carleigh Debrick, Ellie Haseloff, Philip Reasor, and Farid Vega.

Pray for ... our brothers and sisters who suffer for the sake of Christ, especially the Church in Mauritania.

Pray for ... our enemies and those who wish us harm.

If you have a family member or friend who you would like added to the Parish Prayers, please notify the parish office.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the church this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by Jane and Sam Booker for all of His many blessings especially our grandchildren Caroline, Maggie, Edmund, Finn, Hallsie, Hutch, Cricket, Winston, and Liza Page and for continued prayers of healing for Finn.

Worship Volunteers

8:00	*Lector and Usher*	George Vieth
9:00	*Lectors*	Kate Boyer, Mitzi Root
	Chalice Bearers	Lyndee Kantor, Buzz Brown, Melissa Calabrese, Tim Root
	Acolytes	Janie Jennings, Isaac Amoedo, Molly Evans, Anna Vice
11:15	*Lectors*	Doug Egger, John Watson
	Chalice Bearers	Jessica Watson, Nathan Cedor, Doug Egger, Foster Beeuwkes
	Acolytes	Charlotte Dennis, Cooper Brown, William Creason, Caleb Dickie
5:00	*Lector*	Steve Brown
	Altar Guild	Andrea Vice, Amy Spears, Amy Lavin, Nathan Cedor, Nancy Laird, Mandy Decker, Patti Robertson
	Flower Delivery	Ann Lawson Willig, Hollis Willig

Parish Announcements

2027 Vestry Nominations ... Now through Monday, November 16 The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations to fill five positions on the vestry for 2027. If you are aware of members of our parish who you believe meet the qualities and expectations of a St. Francis in the Fields vestry member, please confirm their willingness to

serve on the vestry prior to nominating. Nomination Forms must be received by the Nominating Committee no later than Monday, November 16. The Forms, which also outline the qualifications required to be a vestry member, are available at the front desk or in the Canticle.

Wreaths across America ... Donate wreaths NOW through December 2 On Saturday, December 19, wreaths will be placed on 11,000 markers at the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery on Brownsboro Road for the annual "Wreaths across America" observance, and around 4,200 are still needed! You can make an individual donation of a wreath in honor or memory of veterans for $17 each, now through December 2, either online at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org OR at both locations of Brownsboro Hardware. Parishioners are also invited to participate in the ceremony on December 19; details will be provided closer to the date.

Christmas Packages for Homeless Veterans ... Now through December 15 The Military and Veterans Ministry will be supporting 10 homeless veterans for Christmas this year. Each veteran will received a package of needed items as identified by the Social Workers at the VA Medical Center in coordination with Volunteer Services staff at the VA Medical Center. The committee will receive individual names and needs in late November. Anyone interested in participating can contact Denise Brown for more information. Donations to support this effort can be made through Realm to the Veterans and Military Ministry.

Daughters of the King Meeting ... Monday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m. The Daughters of the King are meeting on Monday, November 16, in Rooms 201/202. Fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:00.

Food for Thought: Understanding the U.S. Conflict with Iran ... Thursday, November 19, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Retired Colonel Patrick Kanewske, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command (MARCENT) responsible for Marine forces operating throughout the Middle East, will join us on Thursday, November 19, at Food for Thought to help decipher relations between the U.S. and Iran. The $15 cost includes a boxed lunch from Gracious Plenty. Reservations are now open on Realm, so reserve your spot!

Advent Fair ... Sunday, November 22, at 10:15 a.m. Join us during the Sunday School hour in Graves Hall on Sunday, November 22 for our Advent Fair as we prepare our hearts and homes for this holy season of waiting and expectation. We'll have activities for all ages, including an opportunity to make your own Advent wreath! If you've made a wreath with us in previous years, you're welcome to bring it to refresh with fresh greenery and candles. All ages are welcome as we prepare together for the beginning of Advent the following Sunday!

Friendsgiving ... Sunday, November 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for our second annual Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 22! Last year we had over 125 attend! Bring the entire family (no childcare for this event, because the whole family attends Friendsgiving!). Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish, enough to feed 8-10. (If you are a big family, bring two side dishes if able). We will provide the turkeys! Bring your own wine; we will serve lemonade and tea. There will be Thanksgiving art fun for the little ones. In order to plan tables and more, PLEASE register on Realm, or call the parish office and we can sign you up!

Thanksgiving Day Service ... Thursday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. Join us for Holy Eucharist as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day together on Thursday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the Nave. Mthr. Barbara White will preach and preside.

Sound & Spirit: What Is Choral Evensong? ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning November 29 Join Rector's Forum during the season of Advent for a special lecture series on the music of Choral Evensong. Dr. Kirk Rich, Director of Music; Dr. Jeffrey Smith, Artist-in-Residence; and Mthr. Barbara White will give a historical overview of this service, unique to our Anglican tradition, taking us through each musical portion in four in-depth sessions, including numerous audio-visual examples. This Sound & Spirit series begins Sunday, November 29, and runs through Sunday, December 20.

All the Company of Heaven: The Weird and Wonderful World of Angels in the Bible ... Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning December 2 On Wednesday nights in Advent, Mthr. Barbara will lead a lecture/class about angels, Elohim, the counsel of God, and the armies of heaven. Learn what the Bible says about angels and the enduring significance for our own lives of faith. Lecture format with time for Q/A discussion following. All are welcome!

St. Francis Singers ... Sunday, December 6, at 9::00 a.m. Love to sing but can't make weekly rehearsal? Join the St. Francis Singers, our newest choir, for a special anthem on Sunday, December 6, at our 9:00 a.m. service. The only required rehearsal is the Sunday prior, November 29, from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Contact Dr. Kirk Rich, Director of Music, to schedule a vocal interview.

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols ... Sunday, December 6, at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a beautiful candlelit service of watchful expectation! This service combines nine readings from Holy Scripture with congregational singing and anthems by the St. Francis Choir. Nursery care for children ages 5 and younger will be available.

Saint Nicholas Day Celebration ... Sunday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. This Advent, join us for a joyful evening celebrating Saint Nicholas and his example of generosity and love! Together, we'll hear the story of this faithful bishop and follow his example through acts of service and giving. Children, youth, and families will prepare snack bags for those experiencing homelessness, make Christmas cards for residents of a local assisted living facility, and support Saint Ann's Pantry as we collect donations and supplies for families in need through Kentucky Refugee Ministries and the Golden Arrow. And, in the spirit of Saint Nicholas, children will leave their shoes to be filled with a special surprise while they serve! We'll also share food, fellowship, and plenty of Advent joy. All ages are welcome. Register on Realm today! PLEASE NOTE: When signing up, you have the opportunity to donate $10 to go towards the assembly of "survival bags," distributed through our mission partner Loaves & Fishes to the homeless during the cold winter months.

Ordination of Kevin Picklesimer ... Saturday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m. The whole parish is warmly invited to the ordination of our own Kevin Picklesimer to the diaconate on Saturday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (421 S. 2nd St.). Kevin has spent years of discernment, formation, and training preparing for this step in his vocational journey, and our parish has been steadfastly praying with and for him along the way. Please continue to keep Kevin and his family in your prayers as he prepares for this new season of ministry, and join us to celebrate his ordination, either in person or via livestream on the Cathedral YouTube and Facebook pages.

A Very Merry Movie Night with Young Adult Ministry ... Saturday, December 12, at 5:00 p.m. Hey, St. Francis Young Adults! Throw on your tackiest Christmas sweater or favorite Christmas jammies and join us for a two-part event on Saturday, December 12! We'll jump in the church vans and drive through Lights Under Louisville and then head back to the parish for a cozy Christmas movie night. Pizza, snacks, and hot cocoa provided. Join us for both parts or just one. Reserve your seat in the van and/or spot on the couch by texting Laura at (404) 731-8345 or by email (LauraK@SFITF.org).

Handel's Messiah ... Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. Join us for this annual performance of Handel's Messiah, featuring the St. Francis Schola and the Chamber Orchestra of Louisville. The performance is from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., followed by a festive reception in the Narthex. Invite friends, family, and neighbors to this beautiful seasonal offering of Handel's masterpiece! Tickets can be purchased online; please check the website, Realm, and the Canticle for the link.

Youth Announcements

Underground Church ... Sunday, November 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Lace up your shoes! This Sunday Night Youth Group, we are playing Underground Church! Using the entire main parish building, our youth take part in a fast-paced game that is a crossover of hide-and-seek, sardines, and capture the flag.

Youth Fall Retreat: Who Is Jesus? ... November 20-22 at Camp Loucon Come with us on Fall Retreat to get away and learn about who Jesus is. He is the Son of God, He is our Savior, He is our King. But what does all that mean, and how does it change out lives? We will explore these questions through prayer, games, and activities at Camp Loucon in Leitchfield, KY. We will depart St. Francis in the Fields at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, and return at about 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 22. Scholarships available upon request! REGISTER BY NOV. 8!

Youth Christmas Party ... Sunday, December 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Register now on Realm to be a part of the Youth Christmas Party! This night for Sunday Night Youth Group, wear your ugly Christmas sweater, bring a white elephant gift (appropriate, please, and under $30), and get ready for a night laughter and joy!

Youth of St. Francis Weekly Activities Our regular weekly programming includes three Sunday School classes from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Classrooms, located on the lower floor of the main campus building; and Sunday Night Youth Group, where youth share a meal, pray together, and play games from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Vicarage (the stone building near the HWY 42 entrance). On Wednesday nights, following the 5:45 p.m. parish-wide dinner in Graves Hall, there is Youth Bible Study from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., starting in Graves Hall and ending in the Vicarage.

Children's Announcements

Children's Nativity Pageant: Participants Wanted! We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant on December 24 at 3:00 p.m.! All preschool and elementary aged children are welcome to participate as sheep, shepherds, or angels as we tell the beautiful story of Christ's birth. To sign up, please email our Children's Ministry Director, Amber Picklesimer, by December 1, with your child's name, age, and preferred role (sheep, shepherd, or angel). Once you have expressed interest, you will receive a follow-up email with additional details and instructions for participating in the pageant. Middle and high school students who are interested in taking on one of the larger roles in the pageant are also encouraged to participate! Please reach out to Amber Picklesimer or Fr. Nathan Dearen to learn more.

Nights in the Fields: Hearts and Hands ... Sunday, November 29. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Hearts and Hands is a service night in partnership with our pastoral care ministries. Children pray for, serve, and encourage members of our parish who are sick, grieving, lonely, or walking through difficult circumstances. These evenings help children learn that they are not simply preparing to become part of the Church's ministry someday. They are already members of the Body of Christ with gifts to offer. All are welcome to join; we ask that children under 5 be accompanied by a parent/adult. Register on Realm by Thursday, November 26!

Nights in the Fields: Candlelight and Compline ... Sunday, December 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Children are invited to come in their pajamas for a peaceful evening of candlelit dinner, Scripture, and Compline. We will learn the Church's nighttime prayers and practice placing our joys, worries, and whole lives into God's care as the day comes to an end. All ages are welcome, but we ask that children under 5 be accompanied by a parent/adult. Register by Thursday, December 10!

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The Rev. Clint Wilson, *Rector*
The Rev. Barbara White, *Senior Associate Rector*
The Rev. Nathan Dearen, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*
The Rev. Chuck Ellestad, *Priest Associate for Senior Ministry*
The Rev. Jennifer Grady, *Priest Associate*

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Amber Picklesimer, *Director of Children's Ministry*
Dr. Jeffrey Smith, *Artist-in-Residence*
Daly Thomson, *Organ Scholar*
Theresa Wilson, *Director of the Louisville Bridge Fellows Program*

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