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 II
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 28
Sunday, November 15, 2026 ~ 9:00 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

VOLUNTARY

All stand.

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

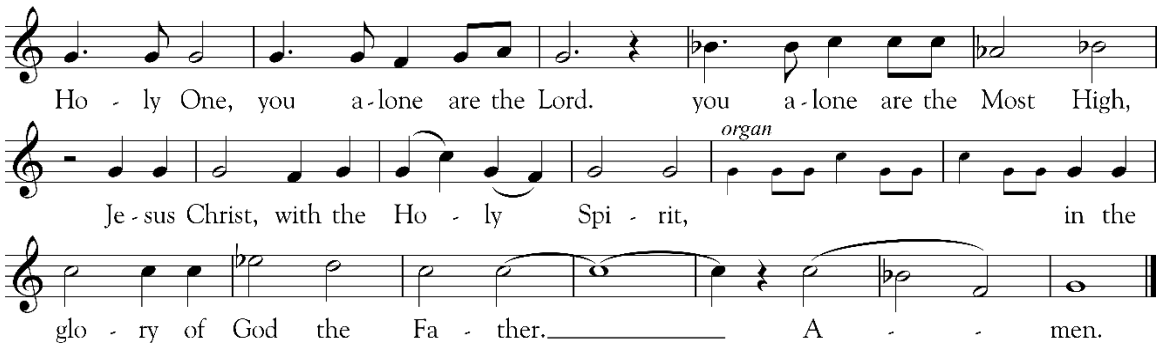
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP p. 355

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

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.**

GLORIA S-278 setting: William Mathias (1934–1992)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you 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 to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit when directed by the Preacher.

THE SERMON The Rev. Nathan Dearen

The People stand.

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 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

Form I, BCP p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those in our parish with needs, especially …

For those who serve in the military, especially …

For our Louisville Fellows …

For the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Anglican Communion Office in London, and the work of Christian Unity.

For our children and youth celebrating birthdays this week, especially …

For our brothers and sisters who suffer for the sake of Christ, especially …

And for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

✠ For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Francis and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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 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.**

All stand.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

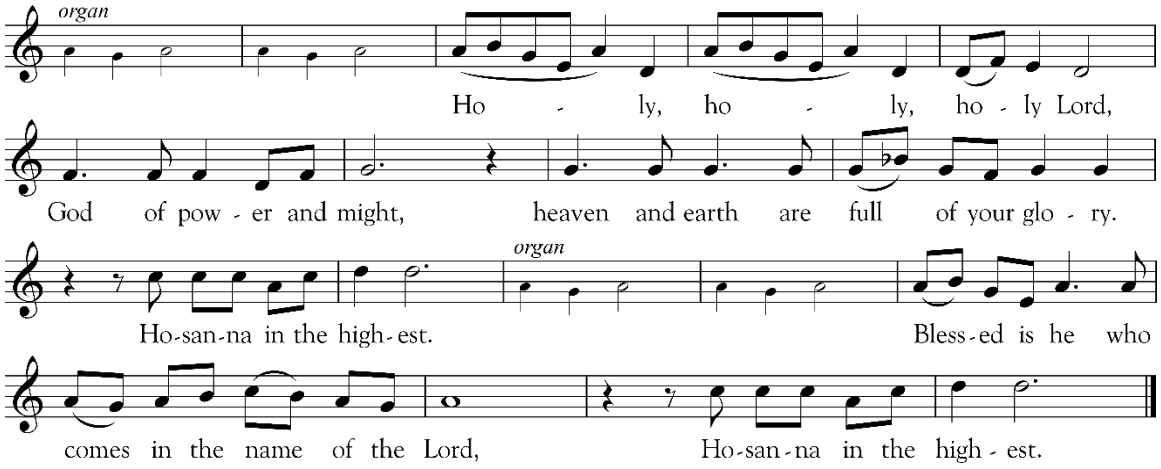


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him 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, for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-128 setting: William Mathias (1934–1992)



The People kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself…
…Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues the prayer.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption… 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,

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM setting: Mass in E, J. Smith



Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

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. 365

Let us pray.

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

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

All stand.

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.

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Newcomers Scan Here!

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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. 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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