



Mobile, Alabama

The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Unless requested, applause isn't necessary; please give quiet thanks to God for the elements of worship that are meaningful for you.



*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the alms basin so that we can know you better.
A nursery is available. A gentle reminder: please turn off all electronic devices before the service.
Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher.*

Prelude

Dieterich Buxtehude

In dulci jubilo, BWV 197

(1637-1707)

Welcome

Children's Chapel (Ages 4 to Grade 4) Children process with their leader to Chapel and return at the time of the peace.

Processional Hymn

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say

Hymnal 109

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. **Refrain**

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. **Refrain**

The Word of God

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.**

Joy to the world! vv. 1, 2, 4

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 214

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lessons

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 84:1-8

Quam dilecta!

Please read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 707

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² **The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to height, ***
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O God; ***
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Once in royal David's city vv. 1, 2

Irby
 Hymnal 102

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
 where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
 and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
 with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Once in royal David's city vv. 4, 6

For he is our life-long pattern; daily when on earth he grew,
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

The Sermon

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

The leader and people pray responsively.

Deacon: Holy and Eternal One, gather your people from the farthest parts of the earth, and let your consolation pour forth, as we sing aloud with radiance over your goodness, saying: Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Intercessor: Gracious One, you have blessed the Church with every spiritual blessing from the heavenly places and chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world: Lead us, your children, into holiness, according to the good pleasure of your will, and to the praise of your glorious grace freely bestowed upon us in the Beloved.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Redeem your children from the hands that are too strong for them and guide our earthly rulers to lead as benevolent shepherds, that we may be saved from the road of betrayal and violence, so that all life may be like a watered garden and none may ever languish again.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Guide all who seek wisdom from dreams and deep spiritual observation, and lead those who search for truth and insight, that they may labor to bring forth new hope through a constant rebirth of wisdom and knowledge.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Protect all children and families and rescue them from violence, poverty, and oppression.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Inspire our community to welcome refugees, immigrants, and strangers from foreign lands, that we may be a place of refuge for those in need and a people of hospitality for every culture.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Save your people and give ear to our prayer as we remember before you those for whom we are called to pray.

Hear our gratitude as we sing aloud with radiance over the grain, the wine, and the oil; over the young of the flock and the herd; over the goodness of God, as we pray our thanksgivings. Turn our mourning into joy, comfort us and give us gladness for sorrow. We remember those who have died.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Deacon: Our Gracious God, as you guided the Holy Family by dreams and intuition, so may you give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know Christ, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know what is the hope to which you have called us, what are the riches of your glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power for us who believe, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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

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.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Organ Solo

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

Hallelu!

Cathedral cantors

Down in a valley, sing hallelu! Mary had a baby, sing hallelu!
What did she name Him, sing hallelu, Named him Jesus, Hallelu!

At the Presentation

Old 100th v. 3

Hymnal 380

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

America v. 4

Hymnal 717

**Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land
be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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

Hymnal S-128

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to His command, O Father:

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,**

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant continues: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

Hymnal S-155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant: 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.

Music at Communion

Hymn

The Truth From Above

English traditional carol

Cathedral Cantors

arr. R. Vaughn Williams
(1872-1958)

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate, is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell, woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise did run that he would redeem us by his Son.

And at that season of the year, our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what he did say.

Hymn

Personent hodie

Hymnal 92

On this day earth shall ring

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord,
Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

Refrain: Ideo, Ideo, Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. **Refrain**

God's bright star o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him. **Refrain**

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ,
heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us. **Refrain**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

**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.**

Christmas Blessing

BOS 23

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel. And, the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Regent Square

Hymnal 93

Angels, from the realms of glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: **Refrain**

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: **Refrain**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Keith Chapman

(1945-1989)

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella



Please join us after the service for a time of hospitality in the Chapter House.

CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members:

Patti Biel, Valrie Vanek, Jane White-Spunner, Lynn Betbeze Yankie, George Seymour, Patsy Seymour, Lisa Williams, Linda Dann-LeBlanc, Bill Butler, Ricky Bradford, Betty Reniewicz, Bill Christian, Emily-Marie Butler, Melvin Koger

Friends & Family:

The Reverend Dennis Brown, Mary Rose Snider, George & Mary Ester Hall Bollis, Ray Downey, Elizabeth Berry, Jordan Horton, Karla Geiger, Robert Arendall, Todd Smith, Steve Williams, Theresa Williams, Nita Fuller, Virginia Sloan, Lloyd Shearer Smith, Matthew Williams, Jarvis Henderson, Stacey Seawell, Kathy Thurber, Carol Thornton, Karen Reniewicz, Jamie Shows, John Baylor, Jr., Roy Benton IV, Brandon Webb, Kathleen Sumerall, Ricky Little, Curran Foose, Jr., Allison Tillery, Ted, Renée, Miles Forbes, Geneva Hill, Missy Foose, Kathy Foster, Charlie and Peggy Thigpen, Michael S. McNair, Richard Forsen, Dianne Saloom, Makayla McCall, Caroline Shearer, David Barnett, David Morgan, John Baylor, Sr., Erma Clark and Dorothy Queenan, Kelly Clark, Teresa Gardner

For Those Serving in the Military:

Marlin Brutkiewicz, Blake Hickey, Gray Stephens, Dylan Butler, Tripp Bennett, Jacob Hester-Heard, Cameron Morrisette, Dylan Thompson, Connor Roy, Charles Lewis, Richard Graham

Flowers:

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Emanuel Lattof and Alphonse Lattof.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Anglican Church in Central Africa.

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

Church of the Epiphany, Crestview

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church in Japan, North Korea, South Korea; and First Baptist Church Mobile

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Holmes County Jail, Bonifay



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LAY MINISTER CALENDAR

	January 11 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	January 18 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	January 25 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
1st Reader Psalmist/Intercessor 2nd Reader Chalice Bearers	Kennon Drew Ginny Behlen Stewart Cobb Douglas Kearley Skip Archer	Tray Hamil Douglas Kearley John Ferguson Rick Mitchell Ron Snider	Laura McLeod Holly Hall Bruce Rockstad Leigh Taylor Bob Israel
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Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella: Music: Keith Chapman (1945-1989).

CATHEDRAL NOTES



THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST

Tuesday, January 6 at 5:15 p.m. *(not live-streamed, no nursery)*

The Service of the Simple Presence will not meet on December 24 or December 31.

The next service will be on The Epiphany on Tuesday, January 6 at 5:15 p.m.

The Service of the Simple Presence will return to its usual day and time on
Wednesday, January 14 at 5:15 p.m.



DEAN BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Wednesday, January 14 at noon



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, January 25

The Parish Meeting will take place immediately following the service in the Chapter House.



CAMP BECKWITH ANNOUNCES 2026 CAMP DATES

Registration is open for Summer Camp 2026! Visit beckwithal.com/summercamp for information on dates, rates and tiered pricing system. Applications for Camp Staff are also being accepted.



CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will close on Tuesday, December 23 for the Christmas holiday. The office will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Clergy will be on call during this time for pastoral emergencies. Our finance office staff will check messages throughout the week to assist those who wish to make year-end gifts.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 1

The Reverend Bertice Berry, PhD, is a sociologist, author, lecturer, storyteller, mother, and grandmother. She is a woman of science and faith. Ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church, Dr. Berry will be our preacher for the annual Black History Month Celebration on Sunday, February 1. Dr. Berry believes that every one of us has been given a unique purpose and it is our obligation to find it and use it to improve first our own self and then the lives of those we live and work with. She is a world renowned expert in corporate engagement, belonging, transformational leadership and internal wellness. She has enthralled our delegates as a speaker at our Diocesan Convention, and we are excited to have her speak here at Christ Church Cathedral.

BIRTHDAYS

January 5

Amelia Lakeman
Joseph Nenstiel

January 6

Daly Baumhauer

January 7

Bo Mattei
Ann Scott Ritchie
Eddie Tyler

January 8

Lyn Bennett
David Brister
Carl Cunningham, Sr.

January 10

Weathers Bolt
Kathy Duncan

January 11

Lara Sherer

January 12

Anna Frances Weeks

January 14

True Nicolson

January 16

Harris Rendfrey

January 17

Hayley Van Antwerp

January 19

Maggie Gordon
Bob Israel

January 20

Mac McCafferty

January 21

Bonnie McDonald
Emily Seawell
Will Simmons
Martin Ward

January 22

Kirk Mattei
Martha Ann Stafford

January 23

Fred Rendfrey



MINISTERS FOR TODAY

CelebrantThe Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
 Preacher..... The Reverend Pratt Paterson
 Assisting..... The Reverend Thomas K. Heard
 Psalmist and Intercessor Holly Hall
 Chalice Bearer..... Mark Weeks, Bob Israel
 Lay ReaderJohn Leach, Tony Brown
 Organist.....Josh Coble
 Cantors.....Mollie Adams, Kalyn Bales, Devin Burton, Myles Garver
 Flower Guild.....Smitty Vanek
 Open/Close..... Mark Weeks
 Vestry Greeter.....Molly Bolt
 UshersChris Hume, Bill Skinner
 Altar Guild Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Robbie Lynn Irvine, Ginny Behlen,
 Leslie Ladd, Rosemarie McClure, Lucy Harrison, Joan Myers, Bill Haffner
 Hospitality..... Barry Weeks, Ricky Bradford, Audrey Cunningham, Mary Pettit,
 Christina Rhodes, Bruce Rockstad, Lark Singley, Nancy Bryan



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