



Mobile, Alabama
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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

The Call

R. Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Devin Burton, *baritone*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Welcome

Children's Formation (Ages 4 to Grade 7) Children process with their leader and return at the peace.

Processional Hymn

Mit Freuden zart
Hymnal 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, The Lord is God and he alone:
to God all praise and glory.

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.**

Song of Praise: Canticle 20

Powell

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 234

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: *Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; ***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, ***
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; ***
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right ***
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Second Reading: *Philippians 2:1-13*

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

King's Weston

Hymn 435

At the Name of Jesus vv. 1-4

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him
King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, name with awe and wonder
and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 21:23-32*

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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: Gracious God, you exercise your authority chiefly in showing love through our Savior Christ Jesus: Enable us both to will and to work for your good pleasure, that we may serve and pray faithfully, as we say: You guide the humble in doing right, and teach your way to the lowly.

Intercessor: You have called the members of Christ's body to work out our own salvation with reverence and trembling: Encourage us in Christ with the consolation of your love, that we may share your Spirit of compassion.

You guide the humble in doing right,
and teach your way to the lowly.

Inspire our leaders and all who hold authority in the world to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but to serve mankind with humility and grace.

You guide the humble in doing right,
and teach your way to the lowly.

Fill the world with your Spirit, that all people may serve others with humble faithfulness.

You guide the humble in doing right,
and teach your way to the lowly.

Be with our community that our actions and words may be consistent as we look generously to the interests of our neighbors and the health of our planet.

You guide the humble in doing right,
and teach your way to the lowly.

Make our joy complete by bringing your healing love to all for whom we pray. Accept our gratitude and thanksgiving for all that we enjoy. Hear our prayers for those who have followed our Savior Jesus through death into exaltation.

You guide the humble in doing right,
and teach your way to the lowly.

Deacon: Through the death and triumphant resurrection of Jesus you have raised all humanity into your divine presence, O Holy One: Be at work in us that we may do your will on earth with joyful and obedient hearts, and share in the consolation of your Spirit, 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

Create in me a clean heart, O God

Cathedral Choir

Carl F. Mueller
(1892-1982)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

At the Presentation

Old 100th vs. 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 vs. 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 A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give 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; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

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

Wondrous Love

Hymnal 439

What wondrous love is this
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Nettleton
Hymnal 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.
Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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



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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, Miriam King

Repose of the Soul:

We pray today for the repose of the soul of Katherine Codina Kennedy.

Flowers:

The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lillian Mueller Hallett and Lynne Grayson Mueller, and in honor of Lillian Patterson Ruzic and Edwin Foster Ruzic.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Bangladesh

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Robertsdale, St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Niceville

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the church in Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay; Church of Christ Deliverance, Mobile.

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Dale County Jail, Ozark



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Crucifers Acolytes	May Gamble Mary Lindsely Golden No acolytes until November 29	Mary Mac Watkins Crawford Fuller No acolytes until November 29	Maggie McLeod Frances Van Antwerp No acolytes until November 29
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Hymnal 435: Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-877), alt. Music: *King’s Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press. *Create in me a clean heart, O God*: Words: Psalm 51:10-13. Music: Carl F. Mueller.

Hymnal 380: Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt; harm, after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561).

Hymnal 717: Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895). Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.

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CATHEDRAL NOTES



VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Meets on Tuesdays, September 29, and October 13

Please speak with the members of the nominating committee and give them names of those you would like to have considered for vestry. You may submit names by phone or email. It is not necessary for you to tell those you are suggesting for vestry that you are doing so. The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate for vestry elections in December, as well as a slate of delegates to our diocesan convention in February of 2027. Annual Parish Meeting with Vestry and Convention Delegate Elections is on Sunday, December 13. The Vestry Nominating Committee is made up of the six retiring Vestry members; Cartledge W. Blackwell III, Bruce E. Rockstad, Charlotte B. Taylor, Jane Bartlett P. Nenstiel, Elissa E. Watkins; and five who are appointed by the Dean; Jill S. Chow, Carl G Cunningham, Jr., Robison C. McClure, Jr., Lara S. Sherer, Lucy Pryor B. Slaton.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Courtyard

We bless pets on St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals. Please bring your pets—on a leash or in a carrier—for their annual blessings. This year, we will be collecting donations for the Mobile Humane Society. Donations may include pet food, collars, leashes, beds, toys, and towels. A table will be set up where you can decorate a bowl for your pet! Each pet will receive a St. Francis medal after their blessing. Pet treats will be served.



LOAVES AND FISH

Every Sunday morning in the Servedry from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

As we continue providing much needed food to our friends and neighbors through our Blessing Box on Church Street and through the Victims Services Unit at the courthouse, we are beginning a weekly feeding program for the students at Bishop State Community College. We have recently learned that this is a great need. Each Sunday we will be making 100 sack meals per week right before church. If you have questions or need information, please contact Deacon Pratt.



You Had Your Picture Taken, Now it is Time to Join Realm

We have printed a Fall 2026 version of the pictorial directory. Thank you to everyone who has provided a family photo. Please take a copy of the directory when you are at church. If there are errors or corrections, please contact the Cathedral office. We ask that anyone who has not submitted photos to do so by uploading them directly to our database, OnRealm, or by sending them via email to Carolyn Jeffers. We would like a family photo.

As always our database is available for you to register to use. With you editing your personal information, it is always up-to-date. If you are not already registered for Realm, we sent a link this week inviting you to register.



BIRTHDAYS

September 27

Thomas Simmons

September 28

Scout Warren

Susie Pappas

Sissie Brutkiewicz

September 29

Adrienne Golden

Louise Collins

Breck Pappas

September 30

Ginny Behlen

Blake Ferguson

Steve Hall

October 1

Virginia Van Antwerp

October 4

Meg McGovern

Richard Wright

October 7

Abby Slaton

W. C. Hines

Virginia Gordon

October 8

Sylvie Braud

October 9

Leslie Ladd

October 10

Leighton DuBose

October 11

Mary Esther Elliott

Erica McElhaney

Margaret Thigpen

Richard Jeffers IV

October 12

Skip McDonald

Ed Crowson

October 13

Homer McClure

October 15

Christina Rhodes



MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher..... The Reverend Thomas K. Heard
Assisting.....The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
Chalice Bearers..... Bill Skinner, Jill Chow
Psalmist & IntercessorGinny Behlen
Lay ReadersLyn Bennett, Emory Van Antwerp
Crucifer..... Monica Beasley, Frances Van Antwerp
Organist.....Josh Coble
Lead Catechist.....Sabrina Evans
Flower Guild.....Robbie Lynn Irvine
Open/Close..... Bruce Rockstad
Ushers Weathers Bolt, Lewis Golden, Henry Seawell
Altar Guild Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Linda Grill, Ginny Behlen,
.....Leslie Ladd, Rosemarie McClure, Lucy Harrison, Bill Haffner
Hospitality..... Janet Rich Pittman, Monica Beasley, Lucy Brady, Sadie Davis,
..... Erica McElhaney, Debbie Ramsey, Lara Sherer, Meg McGovern



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The Reverend Pratt Paterson, *Deacon*
Dr. Joshua H. Coble, *Organist and Choirmaster*
Mollie A. Adams, *Cantor*
Andy R. Palileo, *Audio-Visual Specialist*
Sabrina Evans, *Children's and Family Program Coordinator*

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