

Mobile, Alabama

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

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.

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We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the alms basin so that we can knowyou 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

Elegie, Opus 3, No. 1 Sophia Haines, *piano* Sergei Rachmaninoff

(1873-1943)

Welcome

Children's Chapel (Ages 4 to Grade 3)

Children process with their leader to Chapel and they will return at the time of the peace.

Processional Hymn

Foundation Hymnal 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

The Word of God

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

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

Collect for Purity

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 Foundation Hymnal 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing v. 1

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.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 232

BCP 355

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you. People:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Genesis 15:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord. Reader: Thanks be to God. People:

Psalm 33:12-22. Exultate, justi

Please read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 626

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *

and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

¹⁶ There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord; * he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Maoz Zur Hymnal 393

Praise our great and gracious Lord v. 1
Praise our great and gracious Lord, call upon his holy Name;
raising hymns in glad accord, all his mighty acts proclaim:
how he leads his chosen unto Canaan's promised land,
how the word we have heard firm and changeless still shall stand.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Praise our great and gracious Lord v. 2

God has given the cloud by day, given the moving fire by night; guides his Israel on their way from the darkness into light.

God it is who grants us sure retreat and refuge nigh; light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Dayspring from 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: Christ has promised that it is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom: Gracious and Holy One, awaken us to hope and action, that we may live by faith and share in your blessings for all humanity, as we pray: Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us, as we put our trust in you.

Intercessor: Loving One, let your Church be dressed for action, enlightened and alert for your coming into the world, that we may open the door to your presence and live even now within the joy of your heavenly wedding banquet.

Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,

as we put our trust in you.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord; happy the people you have chosen to be your own! Visit our leaders and all in authority in the world, O Most High, that they may know that there is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty army nor can the strong be delivered by their great strength, but rather that your eye is upon those who wait upon your love.

Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,

as we put our trust in you.

You look from heaven and behold all the people in the world, O Benevolent One: Cast away all fear from any on earth who are threatened or oppressed; fill your children with strong faith, the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen.

Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,

as we put our trust in you.

Compassionate and kind One, inspire our community that we may be faithful servants to one another, and alert to open the doors of hospitality and friendship.

Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,

as we put our trust in you.

You are our shield and the ground of our hope, O gracious God. Be with all for whom we pray in intercession. Hear our gratefulness for your goodness and generosity to us. You have prepared a city for those who die in you.

Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,

as we put our trust in you.

Deacon: Empower our faith, O God, that our treasure may rest in your presence, and our hearts may dwell where no thief comes and no moth destroys; help us live within the blessed expectation of your promises and to be alert for you whenever you come to us at an unexpected hour, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. **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

Vagharshapat Dance

Arno Babajanian
(1921-1983)

Sophia Haines, piano

At the Presentation Old 100th vs. 3 Hymnal 380

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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-129

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.

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.

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

La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin Sophia Haines, piano

(1862-1918)

Hymn Wer nur den lieben Gott

If thou but trust in God to guide thee If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways, he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully, and trust his word, though undeserving; thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning

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.

Claude Debussy

Hymnal 635

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Llangloffan Hymnal 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear! The evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil. The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere! With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude on a Gaelic Hymn

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

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

CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

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, Buck Baker, Bill Christian, Emily-Marie Butler, Carolyn Stephenson

Friends & Family:

The Reverend Dennis Brown, The Reverend David Powers, Isabel Hulsey, Mary Rose Snider, George & Mary Ester Hall Bollis, Ray Downey, Elizabeth Berry, Jordan Horton, Karla Geiger, Robert Arendall, Todd Smith, Kurt Sifford, Steve Williams, Theresa Williams, Nita Fuller, Virginia Sloan, Lloyd Shearer Smith, Matthew Williams, Jonathan Repman, Jarvis Henderson, Stacey Seawell, Kathy Thurber, Carol Thornton, Karen Reniewicz, Jamie Shows, John Baylor, Roy Benton IV, Brandon Webb, Kathleen Sumerall, Ricky Little, Curran Foose, Jr., Allison Tillery, Ted, Reneé, Miles Forbes, Geneva Hill

For Those Serving in the Military:

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

Birth:

Anne Amelia Ross, granddaughter of Linda Ross.

Repose of the Soul:

George Seymour, Jr., son of George Seymour; The Right Reverend Hays H. Rockwell, Ninth Bishop of Missouri

Flowers:

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Theo Frank Middleton Jr., Robison Clarendon McClure, Sr., Louise Vass McClelland McClure, Dr. Theo Frank Middleton, Mary Knox Thompson Middleton, James Bailey McDonough, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Lawler McDonough; and in loving memory of David Jones Cooper, Jr.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Rwanda

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Troy

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the church Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe; Little Flower Catholic Church, Mobile.

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Pike County Jail, Troy

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THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER 2025

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Chapter Members

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Amy Hamilton, 2027
All Saints, Mobile
The Reverend
Michael Ballard, 2028
Immanuel, Bay Minette

Lay Minister Calendar

CATHEDRAL NOTES

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	August 17 10th after Pentecost	
First Reader Psalmist 2nd Reader Intercessor Chalice Bearers	Leigh Taylor Douglas Kearley John Ferguson Douglas Kearley Rick Mitchell Ron Snider	S a c
Crucifers Acolytes	Alex Mitchell Wright Bolt Anne Price Mitchell Sophie Ferguson	J
Flower Guild	Bruce Rockstad Ricky Bradford Lark Singley	p
Opening/Closing	John Ruzic	
Vestry Greeter	Bob Israel	
Ushers	Cart Blackwell John Ferguson Fred Rendfrey Dan Drew	b v f
Hospitality Team	Barbara Mitchell Cookies only Jill Chow Allison Gamble Cammie Israel Betsy McCafferty Kristyn Seawell	I c S N

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THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS BACK IN SESSION!

It is time to let your voice be heard by joining the Cathedral Choir. Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August on Wednesday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend, whether a seasoned member or those new to the choir. Regular practice is key to a successful choir and individual improvement. Please mark your calendars and prioritize attendance. For any questions or concerns, please contact Josh Coble at jcoble@christchurchcathedralmobile.org.

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RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7

Join us as we kick-off our 2025-2026 program year. We will have a parish brunch that morning to celebrate.

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CURSILLO

September 11 through September 24 A Weekend That Feels Like a Breath of Fresh Air

What a perfect time to get away to Camp Beckwith and enjoy bay breezes, peaceful sunsets, and time to just *be*. Imagine spending a weekend surrounded by kind, thoughtful people, sharing stories, good food, laughter, and quiet moments of reflection. For more information visit https://www.coastalpilgrims.com/cursillo.

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DEAN'S TIME AWAY

Dean Gibson is away through this Sunday. She has been engaged in continuing education residency period for the Shalem Institute Spiritual Guidance Program at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriotsville, Maryland. She will be back in the office this week.

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Elegie, Opus 3, No. 1: Music: Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943).

Hymnal 636: Words: K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt. Music: Foundation, melody from The Sacred Harp, 1844.

Hymnal 686: Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

Hymnal 393: Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862), alt. . Music: *Maoz Zur*, Hebrew melody; adapt. Eric Werner (b. 1901). From *Union Songster*, Copyright © 1960, Conference of America Rabbis. Used by permission.

Vagharshapat Dance: Music: Arno Babajanian (1921-1983).

Hymnal 380: Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseatures 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.

Hymnal S-129: Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932).

Hymnal S-155: Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942) © 1985 by Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin: Music: Claude Debussy (1862-1918).

Hymnal 635: Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. . Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

Hymnal 68: Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865.

Prelude on a Gaelic Hymn: Music: Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953).

BETTY COALE SCHOLARS

Reception for all of the 2025 Betty Coale Scholars will take place following the service on Sunday, August 17.

SOFIA C. HAINES

Sophia is a recent graduate of Bayside Academy in Daphne, AL, is a two-time Carnegie Hall pianist. She is an award-winning conservation photographer who works with the South Alabama Land Trust, the Steve Irwin Zoo in Australia, and ReEarth in New Zealand to protect wild places and promote wildlife. When not interning with the Alabama Coastal Foundation, Sophia participates in several honor societies and leads the Bayside Academy varsity golf team as team captain. Sophia will attend the University of Tampa, where she will be majoring in marine sciences - biology on the pre-vet track and minoring in piano performance.

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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Our Children will sing in church on Rally Day
For the month of August Myles Garver will work with our Children's Chapel youth to
learn a song they will sing in church on Rally Day, Sunday, September 7.

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BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING AND OPERATION BACKPACK

Sunday, August 17

Immediately after the processional hymn we will give a Back-to-School blessing for all of our students. We will ask all students and teachers to stand for the blessing. We will also bless notes that will be sent with the Operation Backpack supplies.

Operation Backpack this year benefits students in the Maysville and Pritchard Communities that are part of Wilmer Hall's Community Based Education Program. We are looking for sponsors to help defray the cost of the project. Each stuffed backpack costs \$40, but we will be pleased with donations large and small.

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LOAVES AND FISH DATE CHANGE

Sunday, August 24 and Monday, August 25

We are now making and distributing sack lunches to our downtown neighbors on the first and third Sundays and Mondays of the month. We will pack lunches in the servery immediately following worship. On Monday, we will distribute the lunches outside from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to learn more or sign up to help, please contact Deacon Pratt at (251) 401-1003 or at prattpaterson@gmail.com.

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ACOLYTE FESTIVAL REGISTER TODAY

Saturday, August 23—9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

On Saturday, August 23 we will host acolytes from across the diocese for the Acolyte Festival. There will be plenary sessions with Bishop Russell, break-out sessions, a closing service, and great food. We need volunteers for hospitality. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Carolyn Jeffers in the Cathedral office.

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BIRTHDAYS

August 10 Ray Pappas

August 12
Allison Gamble

August 13
Ron Snider

August 14
Win Thurber

August 15
Hallie Inge Baker
Lucy Brady
Megan McCall
Carol Rodgers

August 16
Catherine Clinton

August 18
Ben Coale
Charles McNair

August 19
Dan Drew
Terri Gaal
Alex Gamble

August 20 Sue Epley

August 21
David Cooper

August 23 Charlie McGugin

August 24
John Schley Rutherford
Elizabeth Stevens

August 25
Alex Pappas
Breck Pappas

August 27
Evelyn McCafferty

August 28
Crawford Fuller

MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Thomas K. Heard
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon Pratt Paterson
Chalice Bearers	Ginny Behlen, Bill Skinner
Psalmist & Intercessor	Skip Archer
Lay Readers	Lissa Watkins, Judy Henson
Organist	Josh Coble
Crucifers	Mary Mac Watkins, Margaret Collins
Acolytes	W. C. Hines, Kennedy Simmons
Vestry Greeter	Lissa Watkins
UshersKennon I	Drew, Ricky Bradford, Will Gamble, Jay Watkins
Opening/Closing	Leigh Taylor
	Skip Archer
Flower Guild	Homer McClure
Altar GuildBarbara Archer,	Skip Archer, Robbie Lynn Irvine, Ginny Behlen,
HospitalityBarry Weeks, R	McClure, Lucy Harrison, Joan Myers, Bill Hafner icky Bradford, Audrey Cunningham, Mary Pettit, odes, Bruce Rockstad, Lucy Wright, Lark Singley

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