



St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 25 B)

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

October 27, A.D. 2024

Welcome to worship! We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful and abundant life.

If you are a visitor, please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

We invite newcomers to fill out a visitor's card, found on the table in the back, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our ushers or clergy.

If you have young children, please know they are more than welcome at St. John's. Changing stations are available in the bathrooms. A nursery for children ages 3 and younger is available in Room 208 on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please see an usher to help you locate the nursery.

Please be advised that the 10:15 Sunday Service is live-streamed to St. John's web site, Facebook and YouTube accounts.

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Word of God

Voluntary

The Lord bless you and keep you

John Rutter

Hymn 410

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in this faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

—Henry Francis Lyte, +1847. Public domain.

Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

Celebrant

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

People

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

Celebrant

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.



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

NRSV

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Psalm 126

In convertendo

(spoken at 8:00)

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1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of /Zion, *
then were we like those who /dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with /laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of /joy.

3 Then they said among the /nations, *
"The LORD has done great /things for them."

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4 The LORD has done great /things for us, *
and we are glad in/deed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O /LORD, *
like the watercourses of the /Negev.

6 Those who sowed with /tears *
will reap with songs of /joy.

+7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the /seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their /sheaves.



+*Second half of double chant*

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

NRSV

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



(10:15) Hymn 704

O thou who camest from above

Hereford

O thou who camest from above the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love upon the altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn with ever-bright, undying blaze,
and trembling to its source return in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire and still stir up the gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

—*Charles Wesley, +1788. Public Domain.*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

NRSV

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith

The Nicene Creed

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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 III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. . . . Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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.**

Absolution . . . **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

(All gathered may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.)

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer—**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* celebrate(s) another year. Grant that *they* may continue to grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(10:15) Children's Sermon

The Holy Communion

(10:15) Offertory Anthem *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you*

Fred Gramman

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; the rivers shall not cover you. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your own from the east and from the west; when you walk through the fire, it shall not burn you, nor shall you be consumed by the flame. I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel. You are precious in my sight, and I love you.—Paraphrase of Isaiah 43:1-5 by Fred Gramman

Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.—*Thomas Ken, public domain*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

The people stand.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

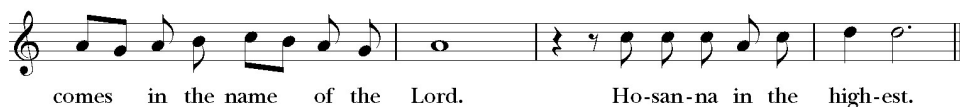
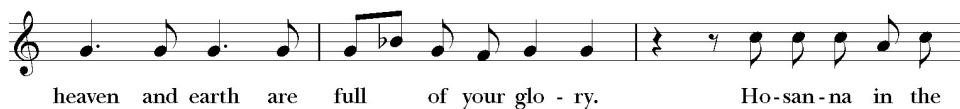
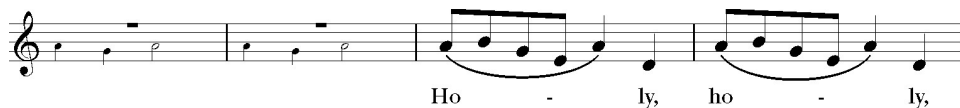
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . . 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:

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The people stand or kneel.

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:

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

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, Page 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

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Fraction anthem: Be known to us, Lord Jesus (Adapted by Mason Martens, Hymnal S-171)

Antiphon: Cantor; then All

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Please stand to receive Communion. The bread will be placed on your palm. Then you may depart or wait to receive the cup, grasping the base to guide it to your lips. If you want the minister to dip the wafer in the wine, please keep the bread in your hand, and s/he will dip the wafer and place it between your fingers or on your tongue. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive gluten free bread, please tell the priest.

(10:15) Communion Hymns

Hymn 429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th

**I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.**

**How happy they whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas with all their train; whose truth for ever stands secure,
who saves the oppressed, and feeds the poor. And none shall find his promise vain.**

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace. He helps the stranger in distress,
the widowed and the fatherless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past
while life and thought and being last, or immortality endures.

—Isaac Watts, +1748; altered by John Wesley, +1791. Paraphrase of Psalm 146. Public domain.

Hymn 526

Let saints on earth in concert sing

Dundee

Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one.

One family we dwell in him, one Church, above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God, to his command we bow;
part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.

E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went before,
and greet the ever-living bands on the eternal shore.

Jesus, be thou our constant Guide; then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to heaven.

—Charles Wesley, +1788. Public Domain.

Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

**Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.**

—*Charles Wesley, +1788, altered. Public domain.*

Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: **In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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Commissioning of Home Communion Visitors

When Communion is to be taken to homebound parishioners, Eucharistic ministers will be sent forth from our gathering with the consecrated bread using these words:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, and one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer

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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 Celebrant may bless the people.

Hymn 411

O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas (Williams)

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!

And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.

He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

—*James Montgomery, +1854, paraphrase of Psalm 103. Public domain.*

The Dismissal: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

<p>Looking ahead to the Sunday after All Saints' Day, November 3 Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9, Psalm 24, Revelation to John 21:1-6a, John 11:23-44</p>

PARISH LIFE at St. John's

News and Announcements

Priceless!

Each Sunday Breakfast is offered 8:45-9:45 a.m. Christian Education for all ages is offered at 9:15 a.m.

Children (age 3 to first grade) are invited to meet in the Children's Chapel. **Explorers** (grades 1-5) meet in Room 309. Both groups meet at 10:10 a.m. and join the service in the church during the Peace each Sunday.

The Way Forward Presents Forward Facts: "Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding"—*Albert Einstein*. The Way Forward meets the third Wednesday of the month. Join us on Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Hagar's Basket—Prep Day, Thursday, November 14, 10:30 a.m.; Pantry Day, Saturday, November 16, 8:00-11:00 a.m. Please continue to donate hygiene items like soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, sanitary pads, cleaning supplies, shampoo, and \$\$\$. More volunteers are needed at tinyurl.com/pum7zk3f **As God provides for us, we joyfully provide for others!**

Thank you to the Hagar's Basket volunteers who helped to make the October 19 distribution day a success. Over 200 disadvantaged families received a basket of toiletries and cleaning products. To volunteer to help

distribute on Saturday, November 16, please contact Erin Richardson.

All Saints' Sunday (November 3) the choir will offer Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and Telemann's *Laudate Jehovah* with instruments from the Charlotte Symphony at 10:15 a.m. Gifts in memory or thanksgiving for loved ones to pay the players are needed by Oct. 29 to be named in the bulletin. Please contact Alan in the church office for details.

Heart Math Tutoring is recruiting volunteer tutors for Merry Oaks Elementary. Tutoring can be done in person or virtually for 1 hour per week and requires 1 hour of training. For details please see the e-blast.

St. John's supports Nourish Up (formerly Loaves & Fishes) food pantry by serving three Thursdays each month, and by your kind donations of non-perishable food. Especially needed are cooking oil, flour, and dried and canned beans (not green beans). To help distribute the food, contact Louise Palmer

Want to publicize something to the parish? Send an e-mail to communications@stje.org to inform Jamey, Alan, and Louise, and get your information into the bulletin, the web site, and the e-ouncements.

Wednesday Night Supper!—October 30. Menu: taco bar, quesadillas, salad, dessert. Supper is served 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night for the return to Standard Time, or you'll be an hour early to church!

Want to help those hurt by Hurricane H      ? Go to this link from our diocese: <https://shorturl.at/NgnDn>

Let Us Pray - The Intercessory Prayer Team would love to pray for you! Fill out a prayer card from the church pews or e-mail jpdigcharlotte@gmail.com All requests are confidential. New team members are welcome. Contact the e-mail address to join the team today!

The Good Samaritan Fund provides financial assistance to members of the St. John's family. To make a donation to help others, note "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of a check to St. John's.

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. For more information, or to request a Stephen Minister, contact Deacon Wendy Merrill.

How to Receive Communion

To receive the bread alone.



To drink from the chalice, please help guide it to your lips.



To receive a blessing only (no bread or wine) or to decline the chalice.



For Intinction

Please leave the bread in your hands. The chalice bearer will take it from you dip it in the wine, and return it to you. Do not attempt to dip the bread in the chalice yourself.



To receive gluten free bread, just ask the priest.



Clerics

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Merrill, Deacon

Musicians

Mr. Alan C. Reed, Organist and Choirmaster
Ms. Angela Swicegood, Assisting Organist
Ms. Tracy Reed, Assistant for Children's Choirs
Ms. Madeline Seconi, Soprano Section Leader
Mr. Greg McAbee, Master of the Choirs of Bell and Chime
Mr. Jamey Graves, Parish Administrator & Music Associate

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