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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 17

Sunday, September 3, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**The people's responses are in bold.**

✠ Indicates a place where the people make the sign of the Cross.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude: Impromptu in F Major, Op. 78, No. 1

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN 675

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*

BOURBON

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

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

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. 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. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 26:1-8 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

**I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3, 18-29

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase "Yet once more" indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*At this time, all children are invited to Children's Chapel.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Clint Wilson

*Please stand, as you are able, for the Creed.*

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III, BCP p. 387

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Please kneel.*

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.**

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

We pray especially for ...

For those in our parish who serve in the military ...

For our Louisville Fellows: David, Brianna, Olivia, Gracie, and Clay.

For our brothers and sisters who suffer for the sake of Christ, especially the Church in Afghanistan,

And for our enemies, and those who wish us harm.

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially for our children and youth celebrating birthdays this week ...

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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

*Please stand, as you are able, for the Peace.*

## THE PEACE

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

*Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:15, 16*

OFFERTORY: "Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts"

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;  
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.*

*O holy and most merciful Saviour,  
thou most worthy Judge eternal,  
suffer us not, at our last hour,  
for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.*

Words: Funeral Sentences from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1662

*The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the altar.*

**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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

## THE SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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,

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Our ushers will direct you to the altar rail at the appropriate time. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; you may indicate you are not receiving communion by crossing your arms across your chest. Those desiring baptism are encouraged to speak to one of our priests. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hands, and alert the priest when you are at the altar.*

*Those who would like to receive healing prayer are invited to the Chapel after receiving communion. You may enter the Chapel (through the door to the left as you face the altar), and a trained healing prayer minister will pray for you.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS 635, 309

*Please kneel, as you are able, for the prayer.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 365

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 344      *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Postlude in G Major, Op. 14, No. 6

Gustav Merkel (1827-1885)

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# Weekly Announcements

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 ~ THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 17

8:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist, Rite I (in the chapel)  
10:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist, Rite II (in the church & streamed)  
5:00 p.m. .... Recital and Choral Evensong (in the church)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4..... Parish office closed

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00 a.m. .... Men's Bible Study (in Room 201)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. .... Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting (in Rooms 201/202)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 ~ THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 18

8:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist, Rite I (in the chapel)  
9:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist, Rite II (in the church & streamed)  
10:15 a.m. .... The Prayerbook: Annotated (in Graves Hall)  
10:15 a.m. .... Sunday School for Youth and Children  
11:15 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist, Rite I (in the church)  
5:00 p.m. .... Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the chapel)

**NEW HERE?** Welcome! Whether you are looking for a new church home, or you're completely new to church, we invite you to see what we have to offer. Visit our website for specific information for newcomers at [www.stfrancisinthefields.org/connect](http://www.stfrancisinthefields.org/connect) or scan the QR code on the back of the leaflet!

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL & NURSERY CARE

Children's Chapel is offered during the 10 a.m. service and is an opportunity for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, to come and worship together in the beautiful Davenport Chapel and listen to an age-appropriate lesson. We learn about the liturgy, prayer and hymns. The children will return to the service during the passing of the peace. Infants to children four years old are welcome in the nursery, located on the lower level.

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- **GIVE on our Mobile Church App:** Install Realm Connect app on your smartphone, log in, and select "Give"

## PARISH PRAYERS

*Please pray for those in our parish with needs:* Geoff Brandreth, Monet Jagers, Betty Lou Gibson, David Maultsby, Linda Maultsby, Finn Booker, Grayson O'Barr, Baker Heard, Henry Boer, Sam Miller, Frannie Heyburn, Carmen Bongiovi, Robby Hardin, Loretta Myers, Rod Wilson, and Jim Hill.

*Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military:* 2LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, MIDN Sam Floyd, E3 Calvin Gall, CPT Hardy Hendren, SFC Richard C. Klutz, 2LT Cason Nelson, MIDN Christopher Paris, LCDR Jon E. Paris, Jr., LTJG William Paris, CPT Chris Russo, LCDR Kristen Blair Samardzic, LCDR Serge Samardzic, 2LT Luke Schmidt, Jr., LT Jonathan Shontz, CDR Grant Thomas, and CDR Lawrence Williams.

\*if you have a family member who is currently serving, please notify the parish office so that they can be added to our prayer list.

*Pray for our Louisville Fellows:* David Holmes, Brianna Nalley, Olivia Poteet, Gracie Puckett, and Clay Stewart.

*Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week:* Margaret Schulte.

*Pray for ... our brothers and sisters who suffer for the sake of Christ, especially the Church in Afghanistan.*



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Mr. Ted Strange in loving memory of Margy Strange.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00	<i>Lector and Usher:</i>	Robert Cregor	
10:00	<i>Readers:</i>	Jerry Lyon, Clark Rhea	<i>Greeters:</i> Katie Booker
	<i>Chalice Bearers:</i>	Julie Allen, Jane Booker, Doug Egger, Sally Rhea	<i>Welcome Table:</i> Melissa Calabrese, Amber Picklesimer
			<i>Ushers:</i> Blair Bell, Andrew Booker, Bill Carrell, Kevin Lavin
5:00	<i>Readers:</i>	Karen Enderle, Jerry Lyon	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Ann Downer, Laura King, Joanna Nugent, Audra Rankin, Towns Richardson, Caroline Ruschell, Sheryl Stone, Sandy Wainwright
	<i>Flower Delivery:</i>	Hamilton Kemper, Alice LeGette	
	<i>Nursery Volunteers:</i>	Mary-Louise Crain	

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***NOTE: Our parish office will be CLOSED this Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen the following day (Tuesday, September 5).***

**Choir is back! ... Beginning THIS WEDNESDAY, September 6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Whether you are a returning chorister or still on the fence about whether or not choir is right for you, all are welcome to our open house this coming Wednesday, September 6, from 5:00-6:00 pm. *Please note our weekly church supper resumes the following week, September 13;* will, however, have an assortment of snacks and drinks available for all in the Commons Room. Cherub Choir singers (kindergarten through second graders) and their parents will have a chance to meet and rehearse with our new director, Jessica Vanover. Choristers (third through eighth graders) and their parents will have the opportunity to meet our new Director of Music, Dr. Kirk Rich, for a brief rehearsal and overview of his vision for children's music at St. Francis. If you intend to return to choir this fall, please register online at [stfrancisinthefields.org/worship/#music](http://stfrancisinthefields.org/worship/#music). If you would rather wait until the open house, sign-up sheets will be available there as well. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Rector's Forum is BACK with "The Prayerbook: Annotated" ... Starting NEXT Sunday, September 10, at 10:15 a.m.** Do you feel like you have more questions than answers about the prayerbook? Do you want to deepen your prayer life, but aren't sure where to start? Are you curious about the history of the prayerbook, or maybe even wonder why we use it at all? Join us this fall for a six-week class diving into the Book of Common Prayer! In this installment of Rector's Forum, we'll explore where the prayerbook came from, why we pray from a book when we could pray to God from the heart, and what the prayerbook's role in worship is. Whether you've been an Episcopalian your whole life, or have never opened the prayerbook before, this class is for you! Join us in Rooms 201/202 beginning September 10 at 10:15 a.m. Contact Mthr. Barbara with any questions.

**Tuesday Bible Study begins again Tuesday, September 12!** If you think the book of Leviticus is just a collection of outdated dietary restrictions and tedious ritual, it's time to think again! Join us for our fall session of Tuesday Bible Study: "Temple in the World: The Book of Leviticus." Our lecture and small group discussion will open the book of Leviticus in a way you never have before—with God's justice, mercy, and holiness at the center. Learn what Mt. Sinai, the burnt offering, and your body have in common; see how the Old Testament helps us make sense of the Crucifixion; and be encouraged by God's enduring faithfulness to His people. We will begin on Tuesday, September 12, at 9:30 a.m. Each session will include a one hour lecture on the assigned passage, followed by an hour in small group discussion. Registration is required, so sign up online today! For more information, please contact Mthr. Barbara.

**Wednesday Night Small Groups ... Starting Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m.** If you want to grow closer to God and one another, there is no better way than in a small group Bible study! With today's demanding schedules, it can be difficult to fit in one more thing during the week. Last year we set out to remove at least a few of those obstacles by transforming our Wednesday evening adult offerings into a small group experience, so that more people in the parish could experience small groups. We will continue that model this fall with "Praying the Psalms." The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. with an optional family meal in Graves Hall. Our study starts at 6:30, also in Graves Hall, with a short video on the evening's Scripture passage. Then we split up into small groups for an in-depth study of that passage plus

fellowship and prayer. Beginning September 13, we will be examining select Psalms, focusing on how to incorporate Psalms into our own prayer life and on understanding how each Psalm ultimately points to, or speaks of, Christ. Sign up now, online, or in-person in the Narthex. Want to study with certain friends? Let us know at sign-up and we'll make that happen. Explore the life-changing blessing of small group study and fellowship as we dive into the Psalms together!

**GriefShare returns this fall ... Starting Wednesday, September 13, at 6:15 p.m.** GriefShare is returning after a very successful first installment this past spring! The Rev. Bob Coon and Patti Edwards are once again hosting this grief support group offered through GriefShare, a program designed to help and encourage those grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This small group-format class will meet in the Miller Room at 6:15, right after our community meal in Graves Hall. It is open to the public, and new members are encouraged to join—if you have any friends or know of someone whom this program may assist, they are welcome to attend! The cost of the class is \$25, which includes a companion workbook, and you can register online at [sfitf.org](http://sfitf.org). Reach out to Bob Coon with any questions or concerns.

**Wednesday Night Dinners are changing ...** Wednesday night programming, including our family-style dinner, returns on Wednesday, September 13, and this fall, we are changing things up a bit! First, we will publish the menu for our weekly dinner in advance—check the *Canticle*, our digital newsletter, every Friday for the next week's selections. Second, we are requiring online registration for dinner. This is to assist our caterers and cut down on food waste. You can sign up via the website or Realm *by the Monday before each Wednesday night*. Finally, we are changing the price of dinner: it will now cost \$12 for adults and \$7 for children ages 4 to 18. Please call the front office if you have any issues with this new system. Thank you for your assistance with this transition and mark your calendars for a fall season of fun and fellowship!

**Food for Thought is BACK this month! ... Starting Thursday, September 21, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.** Our popular "Food for Thought" program returns this September! This monthly luncheon speaker series meets the third Thursday of every month at 11:45 a.m. in Graves Hall and features a catered meal courtesy of Ashbourne Farms. The cost to attend is \$18 per person, and you can register to hear any—or all!—of the upcoming speakers we have lined up for the year. Come hear world-famous jockey Pat Day speak on "Faith and the Winner's Circle;" Layla George, President and CEO of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy, discuss Frederick Law Olmsted's architectural legacy here in Louisville; Russ Cox, President and COO of Norton Healthcare, relate Matthew 25 to modern health care ("I was sick and you took care of me"); and more! Our September speaker will be our own Dr. Kirk Rich, presenting a talk centered on sacred music and Episcopal liturgy. Sign up for Food for Thought online on our Events page today!

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

**Youth Confirmation Class ... Sunday, September 10, at 10:15 a.m.** Our youth Confirmation Class is set to get started on September 10 at 10:15 a.m. in the Vicarage. Confirmation class is open to any youth 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. This is a great way for our youth to learn about what we believe, why we believe it, and how to apply it to our daily lives. We will discuss Episcopal theology along with other basic Christian beliefs to begin to lay the foundation for our youth to nurture or develop a personal faith in Jesus Christ. If you would like to join this class, please call Elise Whitman or Raleigh Langley.

**Youth Acolyte Training ... Sunday, September 17, at 10:15 a.m.** Join us in the church for our regular acolyte training on Sunday, September 17, between our 9 and 11:15 a.m. services! We will use this time to learn, refresh, and/or sharpen our skills as acolytes and worship leaders. All acolytes are strongly encouraged to attend. You will also meet your new acolyte team for the year during this time! Thank you for your service to our parish and contribution to this valuable ministry!

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