



ST. FRANCIS  
IN THE FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We invite you to join us as an active participant in the same worship that Anglicans have been celebrating for centuries. Our service is from The Book of Common Prayer. Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services today.*

## ST. FRANCIS IN THE FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - PROPER 16

Sunday, August 24, 2025 ~ 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

VOLUNTARY: "Prélude à cinq parties"

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823–1881)

*Please stand as you are able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 522

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

AUSTRIA

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

GLORIA S-280

setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*organ*

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 103:1-8 *Benedic, anima mea*

Plainsong

*Praise the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy Name.*

*Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits;*

*Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities;*

*Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;*

*Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.*

*The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.*

*He showed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.*

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:18-29

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.") 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.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 493

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

AZMON

*The People turn to face the Gospel Book during the Proclamation.*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Barbara White

*Please stand as you are able.*

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 as you are able.*

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 Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Terry and Justin, our Bishops; and 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 the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Anglican Communion Office in London, and the work of Christian Unity.

For our brothers and sisters who suffer for the sake of Christ, especially ...

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 People may add their own petitions.*

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.*

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "O bless the Lord, my soul"

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859–1935)

*O bless the Lord, my soul.*

*Blessed art thou, O Lord,*

*And let all that is within me bless his holy name.*

*And do not forget all of his generous acts:*

*Who forgives all of your wrongs, your iniquities, your sins,*

*And who heals all your diseases,*

*All of your ills;*

*Who redeems your life from destruction;*

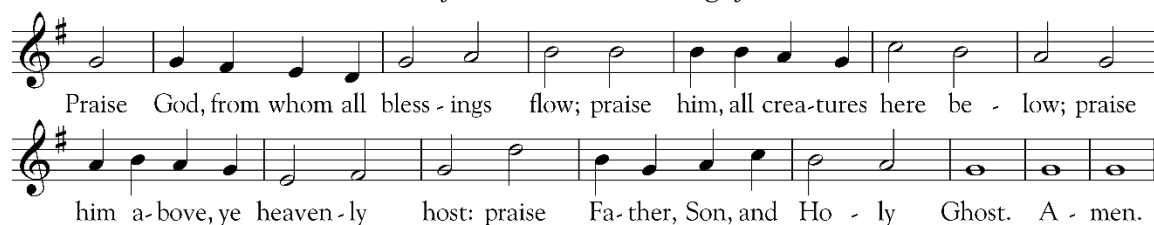
*Who crowns you with loving kindness, compassion, and steadfast love.*

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

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372

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.**

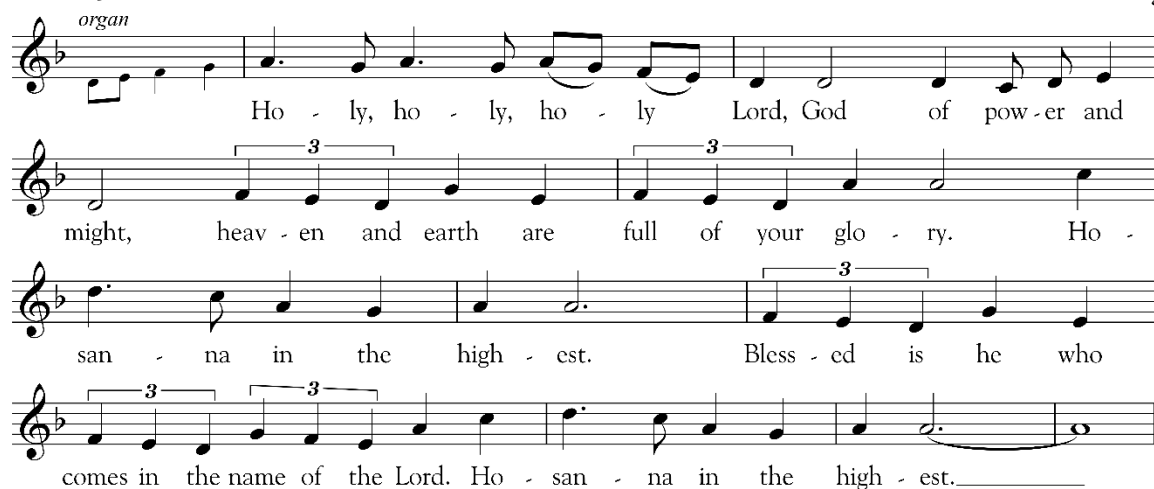
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

## SANCTUS S-129

setting: R. Powell



*The people kneel as able*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*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.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Francis and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

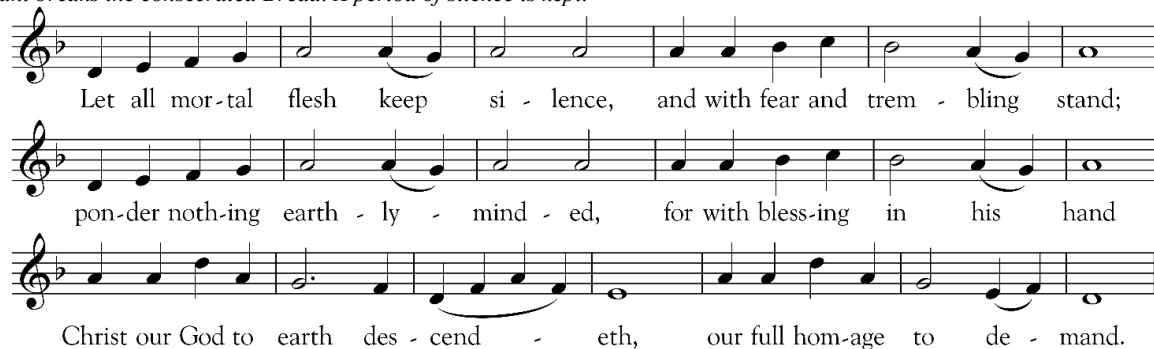
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM 324 (stanza 1)**

**PICARDY**

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



Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and trem-bling stand;  
pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth des-cend-eth, our full hom-age to de-mand.

*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. 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 MEDITATION: “Ellens Gesang III,” D. 839, Op. 52, No. 6

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

*Paratum cor meum, Deus, paratum cor meum;  
cantabo, et psallam in gloria mea.*

*Exsurge, gloria mea; exsurge, psalterium et  
cithara; exsurgam diluculo.*

*Confitebor tibi in populis, Domine, et psallam  
tibi in nationibus:*

*quia magna est super caelos misericordia tua,  
et usque ad nubes veritas tua.*

*Exaltare super caelos, Deus, et super omnem  
terram gloria tua.*

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready;

I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

Awake, thou lute, and harp. I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people;

I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens, and thy truth  
reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above  
all the earth.

Maria Cusick and Carol Kittner, *sopranos*

COMMUNION HYMN 334

*Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing*

ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN

*Please kneel as you are able.*

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, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 567

*Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

ST. MATTHEW

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY: Improvisation

Jeffrey Smith

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# WEEKLY EVENTS

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 ~ THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist: Rite I (in the Nave)  
9:00 a.m. .... Newcomers Class (in the Miller Room)  
10:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (in the Nave and streamed)  
11:15 a.m. .... Build-a-Bed (in Graves Hall)  
  
5:00 p.m. .... Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the Davenport Chapel)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 a.m. .... Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)  
5:00 p.m. .... Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 a.m. .... Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)  
3:30 p.m. .... Farmers Market (in the Wolf Pen Branch parking lot)  
5:00 p.m. .... Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

5:00 p.m. .... Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)  
5:30 p.m. .... Summer Playground Fellowship (at the playground)  
6:15 p.m. .... GriefShare (in the Miller Room)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 a.m. .... Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)  
1:00 p.m. .... Mah Jongg (in the Graves Hall Annex)  
5:00 p.m. .... Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. .... AA Meeting (in the Miller Room)

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 a.m. .... Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)  
5:00 p.m. .... Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

7:45 a.m. .... Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting (in Room 201)

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 ~ THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist: Rite I (in the Nave)  
10:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the Nave and streamed)  
5:00 p.m. .... Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the Davenport Chapel)

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL & NURSERY CARE

Children's Chapel is offered during the 10:00 a.m. service and is an opportunity for children ages 3 through fifth 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 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.

## WAYS TO GIVE

- **GIVE in Person:** Place your gift in the offering plate
- **GIVE on our Website:** Online at [onrealm.org/stfrancisinthefields/give/now](https://onrealm.org/stfrancisinthefields/give/now)
- **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 Jaggars, Don Lurding, John Reksc, Blair Louis, Jim Morgan, Mark Clark, and Julian Van Winkle.

*Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military:* 2LT Baxter Argo, 1LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, PFC Danilo Caldeira, MMN2 Charles Floyd, MIDN John Floyd, ENS Sam Floyd, MMN4 Calvin Gall, CPT Hardy Hendren, 1LT Cason Nelson, MIDN Christopher Paris, LTJG Will Paris, FN Joe Parsons, CPT Chris Russo, LCDR Kristen Blair Samardzic, LCDR Serge Samardzic, 1LT Luke Schmidt, Jr., PFC Logan Shearer, 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 those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week:* Catherine Andrews, Eliza Nation, Kennedy Harcourt, and Dylan Bone.

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

*Pray for ... our enemies, and those who wish us harm.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the church this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Gary Bockhorst in loving memory of his parents, Adelaide and Gerhard Bockhorst, Jr.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00 *Lector and Usher:* Robert Cregor

10:00 <i>Lectors:</i>	Melissa Calabrese, Bob Vice	<i>Greeters:</i> Jamie Calhoun, Stephanie Falk
<i>Chalice Bearers:</i>	Doreen Bond, Tom Bond, Neville Blakemore	<i>Welcome Table:</i> Andy Brown
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Leo Falk, Dagny Morgan, Whit Rasey, Charlotte Ruschell	<i>Ushers:</i> Carmen Bongiovi, Joe Bongiovi, Matt Price, Kent Westberry

5:00 <i>Lector:</i>	Carolyn Fass	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Denise Brown, Sarah Butler, Robin Cushing, Whit Ruml, Mary Ann Schweda, Lauren Theobald, Bonnie Turner
<i>Flower Delivery:</i>	Mary Jennings, Joyce Schipke	

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Receptions provided by our Vestry ...** Please join us on Sunday mornings this summer in the Narthex immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service for a glass of punch or a cup of coffee! This is a great opportunity to meet one of our Vestry members or get to know him or her better. *This morning's host is Joanna Panning.*

**Love Thy Neighbor Initiative with Kentucky Refugee Ministries ...** The "Love Thy Neighbor Initiative" is a new partnership between St. Francis and Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM). The program will pair parishioners with a refugee family. The relationship could involve periodic visits, guidance on access to community resources, and limited provision of items like groceries or diapers. The relationship will ultimately be what the parties mutually want it to be. Most importantly, the initiative will provide friendship and encouragement for a refugee family that faces many challenges in a new and different country. Once interested parties are identified, a representative from KRM will come for a training session and to answer questions. KRM will have an ongoing support role after matches are made. Please email Sloane Graff at [sloanegraff@twc.com](mailto:sloanegraff@twc.com) to register your interest. You can also call Heather Graff at (502) 644-1058 or Sloane Graff at (502) 821-3605 with any questions about the initiative.

**Grab some limited-edition merch in celebration of our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** We are eagerly anticipating the celebration of St. Francis in the Fields' 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be offering logo wear and merchandise in conjunction with this celebration. All items must be pre-ordered and payments need to accompany the order. Items may be ordered at the table set up in the Narthex before the 10:00 a.m. service or through the link provided in the *Canticle*. Any questions may be directed to Fiona Starks at [powellstarks@yahoo.com](mailto:powellstarks@yahoo.com).

**Volunteer to bring a dish to our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration ...** St. Francis is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 5, and volunteers are needed to make food for this special event! If you are interested, please sign up through the Sign-Up Genius linked in the *Canticle*. Recipes and instructions will be provided. Any questions may be directed to Judi Quaife at [rquaife1@ft.newyorklife.com](mailto:rquaife1@ft.newyorklife.com), or Nancy Tafel at [nancytafel1@gmail.com](mailto:nancytafel1@gmail.com).

**Rector's Forum: Ever Ancient, Ever New ... Sundays in September at 10:15 a.m., beginning September 7** How do we continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in a world that is rapidly becoming less Christian? Where do we turn when it feels like change is all around? What is the future for St. Francis in the Fields, and for our own lives of faith? These are some of the questions we'll explore in our four-week series "Ever Ancient, Ever New: Tradition, Change, and a Vision for the Future." We'll begin by hearing encouraging stories about the way tradition roots us in a changing world before exploring how we hope the church will respond to the needs of the world today. Join us to be encouraged and to get excited about where God is calling us next!

**Joyful Noise Singing School ... Beginning September 7** Joyful Noise Singing School, a new formation program for children aged 5-9, will introduce children to signing basics, encourage an early love of church music, and help them build confidence by singing a monthly prelude. This class will begin on September 7 at 10:15 a.m. and will meet downstairs in Room 117. No audition or previous musical experience is required. Register now on Realm! For more information, please contact Jessica Vanover at [jessicav@sfitf.org](mailto:jessicav@sfitf.org).

**September Organ Recital and Evensong ... Sunday, September 7, 4:30-5:45 p.m.** Jonathan Oblander, organist of Broadway Baptist Church, kicks off our annual pre-Evensong organ recital series in an exciting program of British composers. Immediately following, the Parish Choir offers Choral Evensong with the music of Dyson, Hancock, and Parry, featuring our new Artist-in-Residence, Dr. Jeffrey Smith, and our new Organ Scholar, Maria Cusick.

**I Believe: A Celebration of Nicaea ... Sunday, September 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m.** In the year 325 AD, 200 bishops from around the world gathered in Nicaea, in modern-day Turkey, to settle various disputes about Christian doctrine and practice. Our Nicene Creed, which we say weekly, is the result of the prayerful discernment, guided by the Holy Spirit, that took place 1700 years ago. This is not a prayer and event frozen in history, but the heartbeat of our life and faith today. Join us on September 7 to celebrate the anniversary of this historic event and to learn more about its resonance in our lives today. We'll begin with our monthly organ recital and Evensong at 4:30. After worship, we'll move into a simple supper and lecture on the history, content, and significance of the Nicene Creed. Childcare provided. RSVP and pay for dinner (\$10) on Realm!

**Fall Tuesday Bible Study: The LORD Spoke to Abraham ... Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., beginning September 9** All three of the world's major religions trace their roots back to the same man: Abraham. Sometimes called "the father of faith," Abraham is the leading man in some of the best known and most dramatic stories in the Old Testament, including the Binding of Isaac, Sodom and Gomorrah, and Hagar and Ishmael. But what do these fascinating (and sometimes troubling) stories have to do with us? Join us beginning September 9 at 9:30 a.m. for our fall Tuesday Bible Study, "The LORD Spoke to Abraham: Genesis 12-23." Far from being a collection of folk tales or simple fables, the Abraham narrative invites us into the mystery of God's call, the definition of faith, and trust in the promise of Christ Jesus. Each session will include a one-hour lecture by Mthr. Barbara, followed by optional small group discussion. Sign up and pay (\$10) on Realm today!

**Wednesday Night Small Groups: Exodus ... Wednesday nights beginning September 10** The Exodus from Egypt is the decisive event in Israel's history, and having familiarity with this narrative is essential for understanding our own liberation in Christ. Join us this fall for a small group Bible Study on the book of Exodus. We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. in Graves Hall (with optional fellowship dinner at 5:45 p.m.) before breaking into small groups to explore a short passage of this wonderful book. Childcare is provided, and no previous Bible Study or small group experience is required! For more information, contact Jamie Calhoun or Mthr. Barbara, and sign up on Realm today!

**Alpha ... Wednesday nights beginning September 10** This fall, St. Francis will be hosting our own session of the Alpha program on Wednesday nights in Graves Hall, starting on September 10 and running through November 19. Alpha equips and serves the Church in its mission to help people discover and develop a relationship with Jesus. Alpha's content explores the big questions we all ask, and guests from any background can unpack the basics of Christian faith. Invite your neighbor and bring your questions—you'll find you're not alone. This is a free program, but all participants are invited to join Wednesday Night dinner starting at 5:45 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Lisa Eriks, and sign up today on Realm to reserve your spot!

**Men's Thursday Bible Study ... Thursdays at 7:00 a.m., beginning September 11** Join Fr. Clint Wilson on Thursday mornings starting Thursday, September 11, to study the book of Romans. We'll be using the text *Romans for Everyone, Part 1: 20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide*. The book is available on Amazon.

**Young Adult Ministry: Big Four Fun and Food ... Saturday, September 13, 6:00-10:00 p.m.** Ready for a night of connection, laughs, and laid-back fun? Join us as we walk across the iconic Big Four Bridge from Kentucky to Indiana, then kick back at Union Restaurant & GameYard for food, games, and good vibes. Bring a friend — or make some new ones. Cross state lines and build community while you're at it! Meet us at the bottom of the Big Four Bridge on the Kentucky side at 6:00 p.m. (1101 River Road). We'll provide heavy appetizers at Union GameYard. So, the only cost

will be for any extra food or drinks you might want that night. Let us know you're coming by texting Laura Kellow at (404) 731-8345.

**Food for Thought presents: "Assassins in Every Port. U-Boats Below the Seas: Stalin, Churchill, and Roosevelt and the Meeting that Decided D-Day" ... Thursday, September 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** We will kick off another year of our popular luncheon series "Food for Thought" with our very own Doug Keeney, author and speaker. Join us Thursday, September 18, for "Assassins in Every Port. U-Boats Below the Seas: Stalin, Churchill, and Roosevelt and the Meeting that Decided D-Day." A fascinating portrait of three world leaders, this talk is from Keeney's bestseller, *The Eleventh Hour*. In 1943, President Roosevelt secretly sailed across the Atlantic Ocean on the battleship USS Iowa. He then flew to Tehran to meet with Churchill and Stalin. But why take such a risk? U-boats prowled the oceans. Nazi planes flew the skies. It was the height of WWII. What ensued were the three days of heated debates over when—and where—to launch D-Day. Greece? France? Italy? From his bestselling book by the same title, Keeney will deliver a captivating and dramatic talk based on formerly secret diaries and documents. Registration cost is \$14 for the event, which includes lunch catered by Gracious Plenty. Sign-ups are open on Realm, so reserve your spot today!

**Young Adult Ministry: Service Opportunity ... Saturday, September 20, 8:30-11:30 a.m.** Help us love and serve our community by distributing food to families in need at the Dare to Care Drive-Through Food Pantry at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church every third Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. No experience needed. Dress for the weather—we'll be outside! Can't serve for the whole time? That's okay! Come and go as your schedule allows. Please contact Laura Kellow with any questions at (404) 731-8345.

**Day of Service at Golden Arrow ... Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Join us for an ecumenical Day of Service with St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church at the Golden Arrow Center on September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Golden Arrow is a non-profit agency that provides assistance to mothers and infants and is an outreach ministry of St. Martin of Tours. In addition to serving those in need, collaborating with St. Martin builds unity between our denominations. It is a great opportunity to strengthen the Christian witness of both our churches in our community.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Confirmation ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m., beginning September 7** Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a Bishop. At St. Francis in the Fields, preparation for Confirmation is open to all who are baptized and are at least in the 8th grade in the 2025-26 school year. If you would like to seek out Confirmation, we ask that you commit to a process of instruction and formation that includes a year-long Confirmation class held during the Sunday School hour each week. Please contact Elise Whitman at whitmanelise@bellsouth.net or (502) 693-7800 if interested.

**Youth Back to School Bash ... Sunday, September 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Join us for our annual kickoff for Sunday Night Youth Group! There will be food and get-to-know-you games as we welcome our incoming 6th graders. The Youth Ministry is open to 6th-12th graders, and while anyone of age is always welcome, this is the perfect time to jump in. We would ask parents to arrive about 20 minutes before the conclusion of the event for a brief introduction to the new Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Nathan Dearen.

## CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**September Kids Cooking Club: Homemade Focaccia and Michaelmas ... Sunday, September 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Join our cooking club for children in kindergarten through 5th grade! Together we prepare a simple and delicious dish and learn about the liturgical calendar, as well as famous Christians throughout history and many of our amazing Church traditions! There is no cost, but we do ask that you RSVP with Mthr. Jennifer by the Friday prior so we can be prepared with enough cooking supplies. For September's edition of Cooking Club, we will make homemade focaccia bread and learn about the Feast Day of Michaelmas! We will also have a chance to make a backyard phenology calendar to help us track the seasonal changes we observe this year!

**Narnia Book Club ... Third Sundays beginning September 21, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Do you love the Narnia book series? Are you in third through fifth grade? If so, we invite you to attend our Narnia Book Club! We will meet the third Sunday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. throughout the school year. We will have a time of book discussion, a special themed snack, and an interactive craft or experience each month! Come and dive into a fantastic book! This year we will be going through *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. We will meet in the Williamson room; please enter through the Children's Ministry door. Please RSVP to Mother Jennifer if you are interested!

# St. Francis in the Fields Leadership and Support Staff

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