



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

WITH CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Sunday, May 10, 2026 ~ 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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VOLUNTARY "Blessed Jesus, we are here" BWV 730-731 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*All stand.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 191 *Alleluia, alleluia! hearts and voices heavenward raise* LUX EOI

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP p. 355

✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Bless our God, you peoples;  
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
 Who holds our souls in life,  
 and will not allow our feet to slip.  
 For you, O God, have proved us;  
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
 You brought us into the snare;  
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.  
 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,  
 which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.  
 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;  
 I will give you oxen and goats.  
 Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.  
 I called out to him with my mouth,  
 and his praise was on my tongue.  
 If I had found evil in my heart,  
 the Lord would not have heard me;  
 But in truth God has heard me;  
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
 nor withheld his love from me.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The children are invited to join the Children's Procession to the Chapel by following the acolyte with the silver cross.*

*The People stand.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 405

*All things bright and beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People sit when directed by the Preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White

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CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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*Bishop* The candidates will now be presented.

*The Candidates and Sponsors stand, the rest of the People sit.*

*Presenters* I present these persons for Confirmation.  
I present these persons to be received into this Communion.  
I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*All stand. The Bishop addresses the People*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit. The candidates kneel before the Bishop.*

## CONFIRMATION

*The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

## RECEPTION

*The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate and says*

*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

## REAFFIRMATION

*The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate and says*

*N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*The People sit.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“I know that my Redeemer lives”

Johann Michael Bach (1648–1694)

*I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and on the day of Judgement will raise me from my earthly prison;  
then I shall be clothed in this my mortal skin as with a garment,  
and in this my mortal flesh shall see God.  
The Lord himself shall I be seeing,  
and in my eyesight I shall behold him and no other.*

Words: Job 19:25-27

*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*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here be - low.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:  
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### 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 unto our Lord 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, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS S-128

setting: William Mathias (1934–1992)

*organ*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
*organ*  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*The People kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...  
...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Celebrant continues the prayer.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption... 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM S-155

setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed\_ for us; there - fore let us keep\_ the  
feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 ANTHEM

“If ye love me”

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

*If ye love me keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you for ever;  
even the spirit of truth.*

Words: John 14:15–17

COMMUNION HYMN 704

*O thou who camest from above*

HEREFORD

COMMUNION HYMN 505

*O Spirit of Life*

O HEILIGER GEIST

*The People kneel.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the**

work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**The maker of heaven and earth.**  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
**From this time forth forevermore.**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Let all things now living*

THE ASH GROVE



1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
2. By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,  
to God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise.  
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;  
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,  
by guid - ing us on - to the end of our days.  
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.  
God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be - fore us,  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;  
a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night.  
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise  
till shad - ows have van - ished all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing;  
as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.** Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

“Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands” BWV 630

J. S. Bach



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## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND NURSERY CARE

Children's Chapel is offered during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services 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](http://onrealm.org/stfrancisinthefields/give/now)
- **GIVE on our Mobile Church App:** Install the Realm Connect app on your smartphone, log in, and select "Give"

## PARISH PRAYERS

*Please pray for those in our parish with needs ...* Geoff Brandreth, Don Lurding, Blair Louis, Jim Morgan, Julian Van Winkle, Catharine Birch, David Birch, Allan Birch, Don Graeter, Tom Kelley, Ina Bond, Joe Caruso, Doug Keeney, Charlotte Donan, and Julie Schildt.

*Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military ...* 2LT Baxter Argo, 1LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, STEC4 Danilo Caldeira, MMN2 Charles Floyd, MIDN John Floyd, ENS Sam Floyd, SP5 Calvin Gall, MAJ Hardy Hendren, 1LT Cason Nelson, MIDN Christopher Paris, LTJG Will Paris, FN Joe Parsons, CPT Chris Russo, LCDR Kristen Blair Samardzic, LCDR Serge Samardzic, CPT Luke Schmidt, Jr., and CDR Lawrence Williams.

*Pray for our Louisville Fellows ...* Jordan Carter, Coltrane Cheatham, Mercy Enemu, Faith Galgalo, and Zach Kawa.

*Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week ...* Evelyn Eldridge, Magnolia Eldridge, and Molly Evans.

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

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

*If you have a family member or friend who you would like added to the Parish Prayers, please notify the parish office.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in memory of Frank B. Thompson, Jr.; F. Barton Thompson, III; Frank and Becky Hogue; and Robert "Robin" Hogue, II, by their family and to the glory of God.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00      *Lector and Usher:*    George Vieth

9:00                      *Lectors:*    Kate Boyer, Meg Roy  
*Chalice Bearers:*    Doreen Bond, Clark Rhea, Lyndee Kantor, Robert Rebecchi  
*Acolytes:*        Jack Coy, Jay Coy, CJ Spaw

11:15                     *Lectors:*    John Watson, Hugh Walker  
*Chalice Bearers:*    Doug Egger, Nathan Cedor, Carolyn Fass, Aaron Calhoun  
*Acolytes:*        Whit Rasey, Madeline Falk, Ruby Falk, Sophia Falk

5:00                      *Lector:*     Jerry Lyon, Emma Melo

*Altar Guild:*        Laura King, Nathan Cedor, Karen Crain, Lee Brown, Joanna Nugent, Nancy Tafel,  
Lisa Stewart Eriks, Sara Oliver

*Flower Delivery:*    Hollis Willig, Kim Johnson

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Choral Evensong for the Sixth Sunday of Easter with James O'Donnell ... Sunday, May 10, 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Please join us for our final service of Choral Evensong this spring. The Parish Choir sings under the direction of guest conductor James O'Donnell, Professor in the Practice at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music from the Yale Institute of Sacred

Music, formerly Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. The choir sings music of Lassus, Rooney, Howells, and Stanford. Please note there will be no organ recital before the service.

**The Ordination of the Rev. Nathan Dearen to the Priesthood ... Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m.** All friends and parishioners are invited to the ordination of Dcn. Nathan Dearen to the sacred order of priests on Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m., here at St. Francis in the Fields. The Rt. Rev. Terry White (Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky), on behalf of the Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb (Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida), will officiate and ordain. This service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages. There will be a reception of heavy hors d'oeuvres following the service in Graves Hall.

**Young Adult Ministry Service Opportunity ... Saturday, May 16, 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.

**Fr. Clint's Send-off ... Sunday, May 17, at 10:15 a.m.** Join us Sunday, May 17, at 10:15 a.m. in Graves Hall for a send-off for Fr. Clint, marking the beginning of his 13-week sabbatical!

**Newcomers Lunch ... Sunday, May 17, at 12:30 p.m.** All newcomers and visitors are invited to join us for a Newcomers Lunch! This casual lunch will give you an opportunity to learn more about our parish, our mission and vision, and next steps for those who want to be members, while also giving you a chance to meet other newcomers, long-time members, and clergy. We'll meet in the Miller Room (downstairs) and children are welcome! Please register on Realm, and contact Mthr. Barbara at barbaraw@sfitf.org with any questions or dietary restrictions.

**Memorial Day Opportunities with our Military and Veterans Ministry ... Saturday, May 23, and Monday, May 25** Mark your calendars for service opportunities in honor of our military and veterans at the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery. Flag placement on individual grave markers will take place at the cemetery on Saturday, May 23; a short service will be held at 9:00 a.m. and placement will begin at 9:30 a.m. The annual Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 25, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Zachary Taylor National Cemetery is located at 4701 Brownsboro Road. These are family-friendly events and all ages are welcome!

**Memorial Day Ceremony honoring 2nd LT William J. "Billy" Martin IV, namesake of the Martin Courtyard ... Monday, May 25, at 12:00 p.m.** All in the parish are invited on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25) at 12:00 noon to the enshrinement of 2nd LT William J. "Billy" Martin IV into the Peace Memorial on River Road (3744 River Road). Billy Martin, after whom the Martin Courtyard was named, died during WWII in a non-combative automobile accident, and the Peace Memorial was established to recognize those in the military who perished in service but not in combat. The ceremony is free and open to the public, and lawn chair and water bottles are encouraged.

**GriefShare Reunion ... Friday, May 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Anyone who has attended one of our previous GriefShare sessions is invited to our GriefShare Reunion on Friday evening, May 29. This is a time to come together and share food and fellowship and see how we are all doing along our respective grief journeys. We will meet in the Martin Courtyard, weather permitting. Dinner will be provided.

**Newcomers Class ... May 31, June 7, and June 14 at 9:00 a.m.** New to St. Francis or the Episcopal Church? Want to learn more about what we believe or ways to connect to worship and fellowship? Join us for our St. Francis Newcomers Class! This three-week class contains a little theology, a little history, and a chance to ask questions about life at St. Francis in the Fields. Anyone new, visiting, or who feels new is welcome to join us. We'll meet in Rooms 201/202. Childcare is provided, and registration is not required. If you have any questions, please contact Mthr. Barbara at barbaraw@sfitf.org.

**Brunch and Broadway ... Sunday, May 31, at 11:15 a.m.** Join us for a potluck brunch in Graves Hall following the 10 a.m. service! Our staff singers will present Broadway tunes from the Golden Era through the present day. This event is free, but everyone is asked to provide a brunch dish according to the first letter of your last name:

**A-I:** casseroles  
**J-Q:** bakery goods  
**R-Z:** fruit bowls

Please email Kim Rice at ricekk@att.net to RSVP and tell her what dish you plan to bring!

**Thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist ... Sunday, June 7, at 10:00 a.m.** Each year Christians around the world celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, or the day of Thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist. This feast grew out of 40 years of work by Juliana of Liège, a twelfth-century nun who longed for a day to celebrate the joy of the Lord's Supper outside

of Holy Week observances. This year we will recognize this feast with a special celebration of Holy Communion, followed by a festive coffee hour. We will also recognize the children who have completed our children's communion formation program. Join us to rejoice in the grace Christ gives us in his Body and Blood.

**GriefShare ... Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 19** GriefShare is a 13-week support group for those dealing with the difficulties of grief, and it will begin this fall on August 19, meeting in the Miller Room on Wednesday nights. GriefShare at St. Francis in the Fields is a safe place for those grieving the loss of someone to come and find support and encouragement to move forward in your grief journey with hope and without forgetting.

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## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Youth Murder Mystery ... Sunday, May 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Bring the whole family for this fun end-of-the-year celebration! We will have dinner, honor our outgoing seniors, give out prizes like Acolyte of the Year, and play a lively game of Murder Mystery!

**Middle School Summer Camp at Camp Loucon ... June 14-19** This summer, send your middle schooler to a one-of-a-kind camp experience at Camp Loucon! Loucon Training and Retreat Center is located in Leitchfield, Kentucky, and is committed to providing deep experiences of God's love in Christian community. Dcn. Nathan will be coordinating travel and will assist in leading Voyager Summit (7th-8th Grade) June 14-19. Sign up on Realm to let Dcn. Nathan know you are attending and complete registration and payment on Loucon's website at [camloucon.org/summer-camp](http://camloucon.org/summer-camp).

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## CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Summer Wednesday Night Grill and Chill ... Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., beginning May 27** Join us for Wednesday nights at the playground this summer! Beginning May 27, families will gather at the playground for informal fellowship and bring-your-own dinner. We'll have a grill, grill tools, and condiments available. Questions? Contact Mthr. Barbara for more information.

**Vacation Bible School Registration Now Open! ... June 15-19** Join us for "Journey with Jesus," our 2026 Vacation Bible School! This week we'll embark on an epic adventure of faith, with Jesus and his Church as our guide. VBS is for ages Pre-K to 5th Grade. Pack your bag, get out your map, and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime! There is a suggested donation of \$25 per child, \$75 max per family. All are welcome at VBS--if cost is prohibitive, please check the "fee waiver" box when you register. Those who volunteer at VBS are welcome to bring their children for free!

**Volunteers Needed for VBS!** This summer our children are embarking on an epic "Journey With Jesus," and we need your help to make it happen! Vacation Bible School runs June 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and we're looking for volunteers for all sorts of roles, from group guides to keep the kids together as they explore different stops on their VBS journey, to creative leaders for snack, story, and craft stations. Not sure you can commit to a full week or can lead a station? We also need assistants to help with registration, set up, and clean up, and a prep team to help set up the week before. Whatever your gifts, there's a place for you. Find job descriptions and express interest on Realm.

# St. Francis in the Fields Leadership and Support Staff

## CLERGY

The Rev. Clint Wilson, *Rector*  
The Rev. Barbara White, *Senior Associate Rector*  
The Rev. Nathan Dearen, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*  
The Rev. Chuck Ellestad, *Priest Associate for Senior Ministry*  
The Rev. Jennifer Grady, *Priest Associate*

## MINISTRIES AND MUSIC

Dr. Kirk M. Rich, *Director of Music*  
Dr. Jeffrey Smith, *Artist-in-Residence*  
Jessica Vanover, *Cherub Choir Director*  
Theresa Wilson, *Director of the Louisville Bridge Fellows Program*

## ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Caroline Eager, *Director of Administration and Finance*  
Julie Chapman, *Finance Manager*  
Karen Enderle, *Communications Manager*  
Elizabeth Girardy, *Office Manager*  
Danny Morrison, *Head Sexton*  
Scott Calvert, *Sexton*

## VESTRY

### Term Ending 2027

Joe Cross, David Laird, Matt Price, *Senior Warden*, Tarah Rasey, Mitzi Root

### Term Ending 2028

Sam Ellington, Mark Eriks, *Junior Warden*, Caroline Lussky, Tanya Marquardt, Lauren Theobald

### Term Ending 2029

Justin Leighty, Claire Mulloy, *Clerk*, Richmond Simpson, Amy Spears, Maida Wood

### Appointees

John Jennings, *Treasurer*; Dean Wilkinson, *Buildings and Grounds Committee*,  
Katie Booker, *Parish Life Committee*



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