



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.

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HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE I

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 17, 2026 ~ 11:15 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

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

TRURO

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 323

✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

SONG OF PRAISE *Dignus es*

“A Song to the Lamb”

setting: John Abdenour (b. 1962)

The Choir sings the refrain and the people repeat.



For you created everything that is,
all things took form according to your will. *Refrain*

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
from every nation, people, tribe, and tongue,
a countless priestly host to serve our God. *Refrain*

And to the one who sits upon the throne,
Christ the Lamb, be worship, dominion,
splendor and praise,
For ages past and ages yet to come. *Refrain*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto

the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

Plainsong

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;

let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows,

God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;

you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God;

his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places!

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the

same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 194

Jesus lives!

ST. ALBINUS

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

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

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit when directed by the Preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Clint Wilson

The People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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I believe in one God, **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP p. 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The People kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants ✠ departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 330

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, ✠ have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

The People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester”

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.*

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 bless-ings flow, Praise him, all crea-tures 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 I, BCP p. 333

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS S-114

setting: Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel.

All glory be to thee...

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Gerald R. Near

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.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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. Please come forward 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. During the administration of communion, the people may be seated. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hand 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 HYMN

Blest be the tie that binds

DENNIS

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers.
 3. We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual bur - dens bear.
 4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;
 5. From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN 315

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

SONG I

The People kneel.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. **Amen.**

God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

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 494

Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY



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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
- **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, Julie Schildt, and Andi Ellington.

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 ... Charles Bell, Hayden Morgan, Caleb Dickie, Madeline Falk, Ruby Falk, and Sophia Falk.

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.

Pray for ... the departed, especially Jason Ashley Bockhorst.

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 loving memory of Clarence Reed and Doris Ann Fields by Mitzi and Tim Root.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00 *Lector and Usher:* Jackie Bickel

9:00 *Lectors:* LiddyBet Rightmyer, Blair Bell
Chalice Bearers: Reid Brown, Monica A. Brown, Neville Blakemore, Bob Vice
Acolytes: Alejandro Brown, Maximo Brown, Mia Brown

11:15 *Lectors:* Toney Gausewitz, Sallie Clark
Chalice Bearers: Foster Beeuwkes, Cindi Calvert, Julie Allen, Laura Kellow
Acolytes: Cooper Price, Griffin Price, Walker Price

5:00 *Lector:* Steve Brown

Altar Guild:

Flower Delivery: Judy Bortner, Jen Rue

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daughters of the King Meeting ... Monday, May 18, at 12:00 p.m. The final Daughters of the King meeting before the summer break is tomorrow, Monday, May 18, at 12:00 noon. It will be held in Rooms 201/202.

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 4703 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-combatative 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 Miller Room. Dinner will be provided at a cost of \$12 per participant. Sign up and pay on Realm today!

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.

Mahjong Monday ... Monday, June 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please come join us for Mahjong and fellowship! Men, women, beginners, and experienced players are all welcome. We will have multiple tables set up for open play and a teacher on hand to help those still getting familiar with the game. Please bring your 2026 NMJL card (spare cards will be available). Additionally, please bring a set of tiles if you have them. Sign up today on Realm! Guests welcome!

Just Lunch ... June 4, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The ladies of St. Francis are invited to join our final Just Lunch group of the program year at Harmony Landing Country Club (13201 Reading Road in Goshen)! If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Elizabeth Gillette at (502) 645-8992 (call or text) by Monday, June 1.

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.

Total Forgiveness ... Sundays in June and July at 9:00 a.m. This summer, join us for an in-depth study entitled "Total Forgiveness," held in Graves Hall before our 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings. Our leader, the Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Sweets, has served as a Pastor/Head of Staff in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for 42 years and he teaches regularly on Sunday mornings at Second Presbyterian Church. The textbook is *Total Forgiveness: When Everything in You wants to Hold a Grudge, Point a Finger, and Remember the Pain—God Wants You to Lay it All Aside*, by R.T. Kendall. Rev. Sweets says, "This study has been one of the most transformative books I have read in years. It has certainly led to a greater depth of discipleship and spiritual maturity." Some copies of the book will be available in the vestibule for \$10.00 each or you can order the book online.

Kilgore Home & Garden Tour ... June 13 and 14, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Join us for the 26th Annual Kilgore Home & Garden Tour on June 13 and 14, featuring a beautiful collection of Louisville homes and gardens while supporting the mission of the Kilgore Samaritan Counseling Center. The tour is also a wonderful opportunity to meet Dr. Megan Paxton, Kilgore's new Executive Director and a fellow member of St. Francis in the Fields. Visit kilgoregardentour.org for more information and tickets.

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.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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*

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Dr. Kirk M. Rich, *Director of Music*
Dr. Jeffrey Smith, *Artist-in-Residence*
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Term Ending 2028

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Term Ending 2029

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