



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 II

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 17, 2026 ~ 9:00 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

*All stand.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 182

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

TRURO

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

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 also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 to you, Lord Christ.**

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 to you, Lord 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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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 IV, BCP p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*The People kneel.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The bidding and response are repeated after each petition.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

✠ We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is 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.**

*All stand.*

### 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.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD

Dear Friends: It has pleased God our heavenly Father to answer the earnest prayers of Clint and Theresa, members of this Christian family, for the gift of a child. I bid you join with them, and with James, who now has a new brother in offering heartfelt thanks for the joyful and solemn responsibility which is theirs by the coming of Leo to be a member of their family. But first, our friends wish us, here assembled, to witness the inauguration of this new relationship.

Clint and Theresa do you take this child for your own?

*Parents* We do.

*Then the Celebrant, holding or taking the child by the hand, gives the child to the mother or father, saying*

As God has made us his children by adoption and grace, may you receive *Leo* as your own son.

*Then one or both parents say these or similar words*

May God, the Father of all, bless our child Leo and us who have given to him our family name, that we may live together in love and affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

Since it has pleased God to bestow upon Clint and Theresa the gift of a child, let us now give thanks to him, and say together:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;**  
**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**  
**From this day all generations will call me blessed:**  
**the Almighty has done great things for me,**  
**and holy is his Name.**  
**He has mercy on those who fear him**  
**in every generation.**  
**He has shown the strength of his arm,**  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**  
**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,**  
**and has lifted up the lowly.**  
**He has filled the hungry with good things,**  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**  
**He has come to the help of his servant Israel,**  
**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**  
**The promise he made to our fathers,**  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below.  
 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 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, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly 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 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.  
 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.**

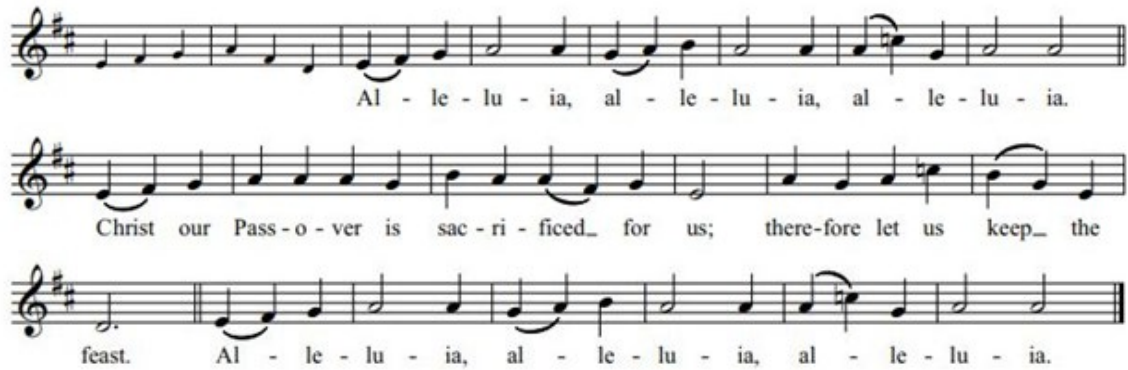
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 HYMN

*Blest be the tie that binds*

DENNIS



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian 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 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

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.**

*All stand.*

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](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, 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

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**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](mailto: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](http://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

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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 [camploucon.org/summer-camp](http://camploucon.org/summer-camp).

## 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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