St. Francis in the Fields
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 14
Sunday, August 9, 2026 ~ 5:00 p.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

All stand.

The Opening Acclamation
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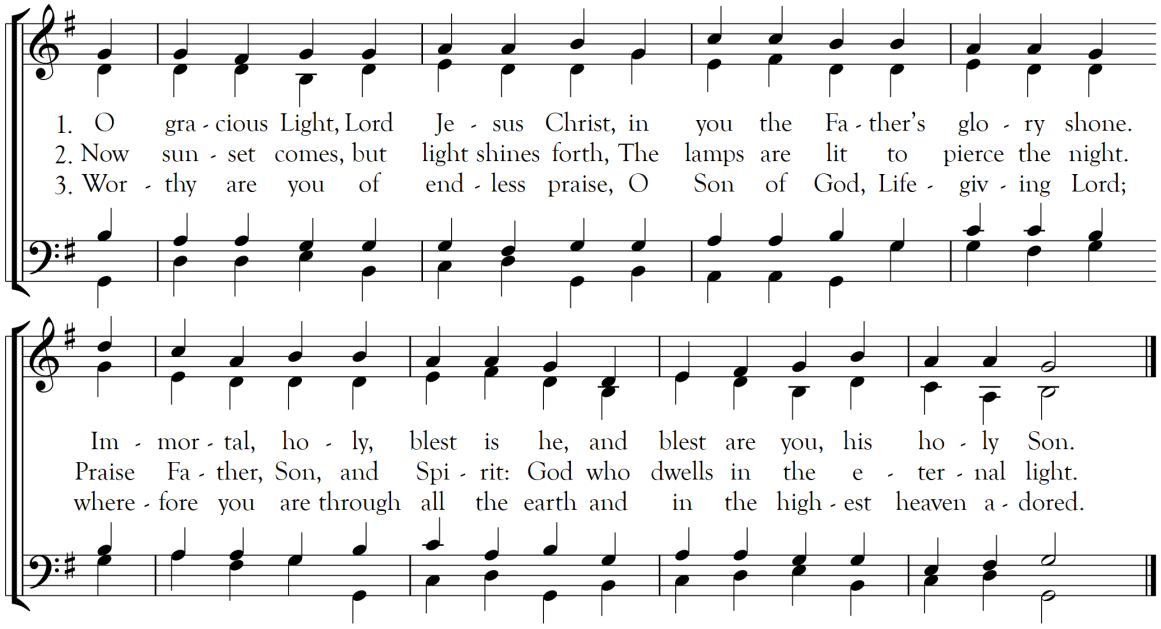
✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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

Phos Hilaron



The Collect of the Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Lesson
Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that

we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

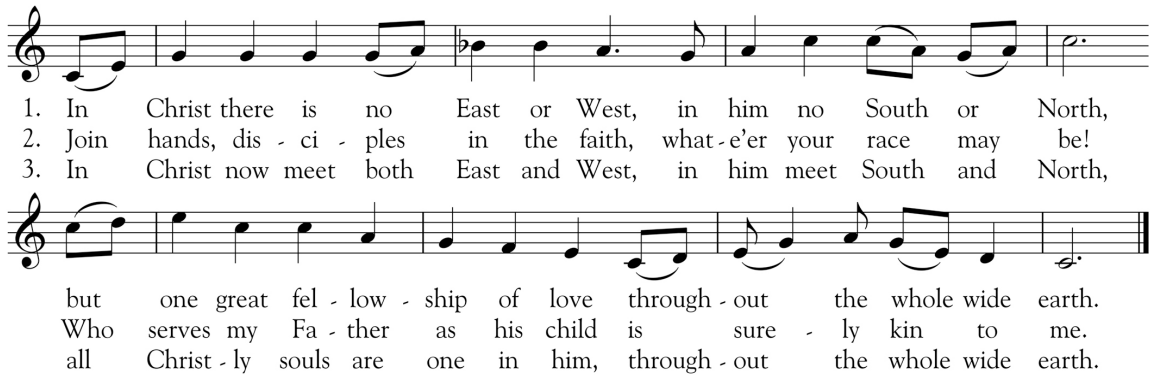
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The People stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN — *In Christ there is no East or West* — MCKEE



THE HOLY GOSPEL — Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

The People sit when directed by the Preacher.

THE SERMON — The Rev. Jennifer Grady

The People stand.

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

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

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form II, BCP p. 385

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

✠ I ask your prayers for the departed...
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for …

I ask your thanksgiving for our children and youth celebrating birthdays this week …

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

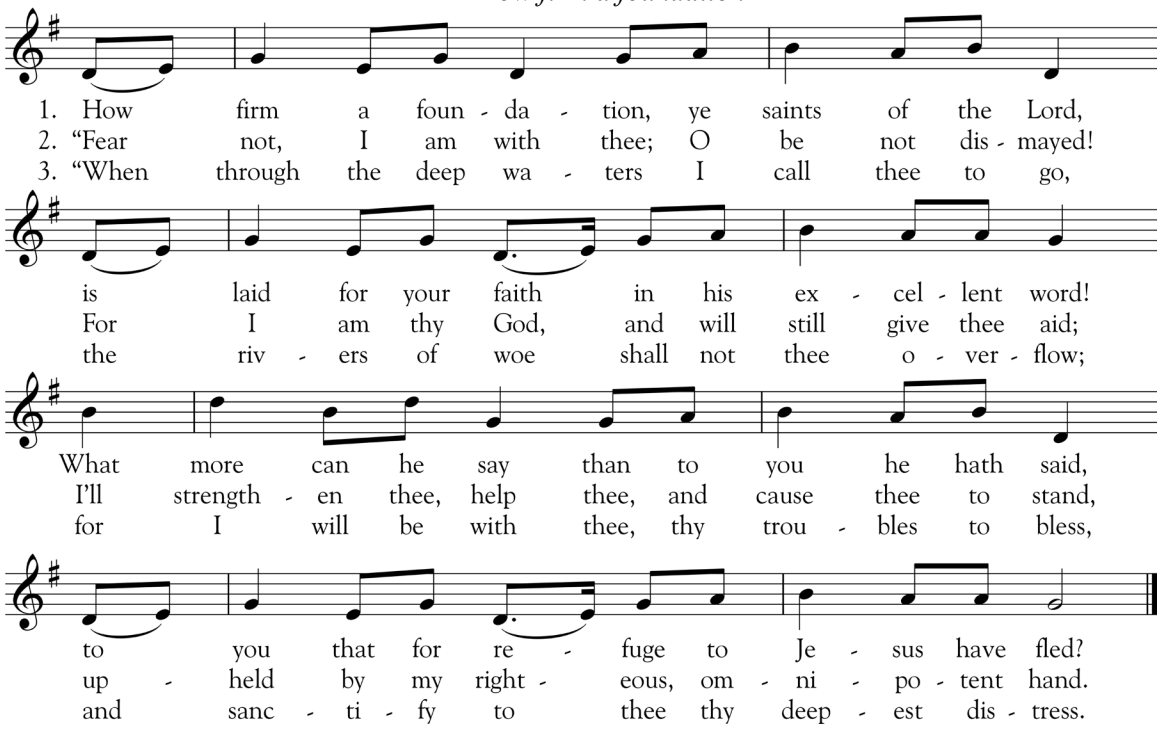
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN — *How firm a foundation* — FOUNDATION



The people stand.

AT THE PRESENTATION

All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING — Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing

praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love…
…we praise you and we bless you.

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

The Celebrant continues the prayer.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy… Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

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

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

The People kneel.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 365

Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

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

All stand.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Children's Chapel and Nursery Care

Children's Chapel is offered during the 10:00 a.m. service and is an opportunity for children ages 3 through fifth grade to come and worship together in the beautiful Davenport Chapel and listen to an age-appropriate lesson. We learn about the liturgy, prayer, and hymns. The children return to the service during the passing of the peace. Infants to children four years old are welcome in the nursery, located on the lower level.

Ways To Give

- **GIVE in Person:** Place your gift in the offering plate
- **GIVE on our Website:** Online at onrealm.org/stfrancisinthefields/give/now
- **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, Catharine Birch, David Birch, Allan Birch, Don Graeter, Ina Bond, Joe Caruso, George Thacker, Joan Koester, and Gail Hudson.

Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military ... 2LT Baxter Argo, 1LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, SPEC4 Danilo Caldeira, MMN2 Charles Floyd, MIDN John Floyd, LTJG 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, CDR Serge Samardzic, CPT Luke Schmidt, Jr., and CDR Lawrence Williams.

Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week ... Collins Morgan, Henry Neff, Rory DeMasie, Leticia Ferreira, Breck Bell, Virginia Chapman, and Alex Morgan.

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

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 flowers in the church this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of William Dow Price, Jr., father to Kim Graves, father-in-law to Grant Graves and Papaw to Jack and Brady.

Worship Volunteers

8:00	*Lector and Usher:*	George Vieth
10:00	*Lectors:*	Clark Rhea, Kim Rice
	Chalice Bearers:	Lyndee Kantor, Robert Rebecchi, Cindi Calvert,
	Acolytes:	Luke Alsauskas, William Creason, Carrie Dennis, Leo Falk
5:00	*Lector:*	Carolyn Fass
	Altar Guild:	
	Flower Delivery:	Hamilton Kemper, Ann Lawson Willig

Parish Announcements

Mark your calendars: The 2026-27 program year begins on Sunday, August 16! We will return to four Sunday services and resume our regular yearly programming, including Sunday School and weekly ministry offerings.

Rector's Forum: Ephesians ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning August 16 Join us this fall in Rector's Forum for our seven-week Bible study, "Ephesians: Identity, Unity, and Spiritual Warfare." Beginning with the soaring doxology of Chapter 1 and moving through Paul's vision of a united, gift-driven church to the practical demands of marriage, work, and spiritual warfare, this study will ground you in who you are in Christ and what that means for every relationship you have. No prior Bible study experience is required—just a willingness to dig in.

Newcomers Lunch ... Sunday, August 16, 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.

Fall Tuesday Bible Study ... Tuesdays beginning August 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For generations, Christians have been fascinated by the glittering picture of Christ's redemption of the cosmos laid out by the unknown author of the Letter to the Hebrews. Drawing extensively on the Old Testament, this early Christian address is liturgical, theological, cosmic, and practical all at once. This fall, our Tuesday Bible Study, "Heavenly Temple: The Letter to the Hebrews," will discover afresh the challenge and richness of this letter and its enduring significance for disciples of Jesus Christ today. Join us beginning August 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Graves Hall. The class includes a one-hour lecture followed by optional small group discussion. Registration is open now! There is no charge to attend, but we gladly accept a $10 donation to cover the cost of printing materials for this study.

Wednesday Night Dinner returns! ... Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. beginning August 19 All are invited to join us, beginning on August 19 at 5:45 pm for our weekly community dinner, followed by Bible Study. Register on Realm for the coming week, or for the whole semester. Cost is $13 for adults (age 13 and older), $6 for children 5-12, and free for children under 4, or $26 for the whole family. Season registration is a 15% discount on meals for the whole semester (and you don't have to remember to register every week!). For more information, contact Elizabeth Girardy.

Sowing the Fields: Wednesday Night Bible Study ... Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 19 Hosea is the strangest of love stories: God tells a prophet to marry a woman who will break his heart, so that Israel—and we—can see how faithfully God loves an unfaithful people. Join us this fall for "Sowing the Fields: Wednesday Night Bible Study" to study to book of Hosea. Bible study groups will be available to all ages, stages, and experience levels, beginning August 19 at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is provided, and no previous Bible study or small group experience is needed. Register on Realm, and contact Mthr. Barbara at barbaraw@sfitf.org with any questions.

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. Sign up today by visiting the link on our website.

Newcomers Class ... August 23 & 30 and September 6 at 10:15 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 Room 201 at 10:15 am.

Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study … Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. beginning September 3 Join us Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for a study of the book of Job. This volume covers one of the most popular books of the Old Testament, a book known for its themes of suffering and doubt. The book of Job tells the story of one man whose life fell apart, who went to the depths and questioned God, and whose life was eventually rebuilt. This class will be led by Fr. Clint and meet in Rooms 201/202. No charge but PLEASE REGISTER on Realm or call the front office to sign up.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Confirmation ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning August 16 We invite all baptized youth that are at least entering the 8th grade to seek confirmation! This will involve 9 months of Sunday school classes and spiritual formation through prayer and service. To register, please sign up on Realm today!

Middle School Sunday School: Cloud of Witnesses ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning August 16 We invite all baptized youth that are at least entering the 8th grade to seek confirmation! This will involve 9 months of Sunday school classes and spiritual formation through prayer and service. To register, please sign up on Realm today!

High School Sunday School: The Path ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning August 16 This program year, our high schoolers will walk their way through the Bible, connecting the various stories they may have heard their whole lives. This class will give them an opportunity to dig deeper and see the bigger picture. Join us in Room 115 every Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

Back to School Bash ... Sunday, August 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Help us kick off the new program year at the Youth of St. Francis! We are inviting parents to come hang out with us and see what happens at Sunday Night Youth Group. We will have dinner, pray together, and play get-to-know-you games from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.!

Children's Announcements

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with "Crossroads: Faith in the Fields," our Wednesday-night children's gathering from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Volunteers will assist with setting up the room, preparing materials, and helping children with activities during the evening. No teaching experience is needed, just a willingness to lend a hand and help create a welcoming place for children to learn and practice their faith! Please contact Amber Picklesimer if you are interested in serving.

"Growing in the Fields" Sunday School Kickoff ... Sunday, August 16, at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School is back, and we'd love to welcome your children on our first morning together! On Sunday, August 16, children are invited to meet their teachers, explore their classrooms, and receive a blessing for the coming year. Together, we'll get a first look at what lies ahead and how we will encounter Christ through the stories of Scripture and the seasons of the church. We hope your family will join us as we begin our new Sunday School year together!

Introducing "Nights in the Fields" - Preview and Pizza Party ... Sunday, August 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. A new Sunday evening gathering for children is coming this September! "Nights in the Fields" will bring children together each week for a rotating variety of activities, with something different to experience throughout the month. Children are invited to help us kick things off on Sunday, August 16, with pizza, a group art project for the children's ministry hallway, and a first look at what "Nights in the Fields" will include. Come join us as we begin something new together! Please contact Amber with questions or for more information!

Crossroads: Faith in the Fields ... Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. beginning August 19 Our Wednesday night children's gathering, Crossroads, will return this fall following dinner at 5:45 p.m. At Crossroads, children will explore the larger questions and practices of the Christian faith through Scripture, prayer, conversation, and hands-on experiences. This fall, we will begin in September by exploring how the Church is a people, learning about baptism, belonging, and our place in the Body of Christ. In October, we will discover how the Church tells time through the liturgical year, seasons, colors, saints, and feast days. In November, we will consider how the Church gives thanks through the Eucharist, gratitude, hospitality, and the sharing of God's gifts. Crossroads seeks to help children grow more confident in the shared beliefs, prayers, and practices of the Church and begin to understand how faith shapes their everyday lives.

Nights in the Fields: The Story Table ... Fourth Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. beginning on August 30 At The Story Table, children will gather around great literature, beginning with C. S. Lewis's The Magician's Nephew. Through reading, conversation, Scripture, prayer, and creative activities, we will explore how good stories can help form the Christian imagination and point us toward God's great story. This offering will be for children in grades 2-5.

Nights in the Fields: Feasts and Seasons ... First Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 6 At Feasts and Seasons, children will experience the Church year through food and the shared table. Children will assemble, layer, arrange, garnish, and create beautiful seasonal foods while learning about the feasts, fasts, stories, and symbols of the Christian year. This offering will be for all children, but we ask that any children under 7 be accompanied by a parent/adult.

Nights in the Fields: Hearts and Hands ... Second Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 13 Hearts and Hands will be a service night in partnership with our pastoral care ministries. Children will pray for, serve, and encourage members of our parish who are sick, grieving, lonely, or walking through difficult circumstances. These evenings will help children learn that they are not simply preparing to become part of the Church's ministry someday. They are already members of the Body of Christ with gifts to offer. All are welcome to join; we ask that children under 5 be accompanied by a parent/adult.

Nights in the Fields: Candlelight and Compline ... Third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. beginning on September 20 Children are invited to come in their pajamas for a peaceful evening of candlelit dinner, Scripture, and Compline. We will learn the Church's nighttime prayers and practice placing our joys, worries, and whole lives into God's care as the day comes to an end. All ages are welcome, but we ask that children under 5 be accompanied by a parent/adult.

St. Francis in the Fields
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The Rev. Barbara White, *Senior Associate Rector*
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The Rev. Jennifer Grady, *Priest Associate*

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