

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Ocean City, Maryland



The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 31, 2021

A Service of Morning Prayer Rite II

Welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea. Today we are worshipping according to the Order for Daily Morning Prayer Rite II, led by our Licensed Worship Leaders: Paul Rogers, Amy Rothermel, Debbie Shuster, and Tom Shuster. Enjoy the service and thank you for worshipping with us.

The fourth Sunday after Epiphany lies on January 31, the day after the festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, once known as Candlemas. The Presentation marks the end of the Christmas season, and it is only then that the liturgical color is changed from white to green, and the Christmas tree(s) removed from the church. This Sunday's readings encourage reflection on our response – both personal, as individuals, and collective, as a congregation and a church – to the incarnation.

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 437

We encourage you to reflect on the music and the lyrics.

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name ~ the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

THE GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL

Opening Sentences

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The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising

Isaiah 60:3

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.*

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in

eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

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All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.*

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross:
The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Please be seated for the Readings

Psalm 24

The leader to announce manner of recitation.

1. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell the rein.
2. For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
3. "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4. "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
 who have not pledged them selves to falsehood,
 nor sworn by what is a fraud.
5. They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
 and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
6. Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
 of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
8. "Who is this King of glory?" *
 "The Lord, strong and mighty,
 the Lord, mighty in battle."
9. Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
10. "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
 "The Lord of hosts,
 he is the King of glory."

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.*

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated for the Readings

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:9-16

9. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord! Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago! Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? 10. Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea away for the redeemed to cross over? 11. So the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. 12. I, even I, am he who comforts you; why then are you afraid of a mere mortal who must die, a human being who fades like grass? 13. You have forgotten the Lord, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the

foundations of the Earth. You fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction. But where is the fury of the oppressor? 14. The oppressed shall speedily be released; they shall not die and go down to the Pit, nor shall they lack bread. 15. For I am the Lord your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar the Lord of hosts is his name. 16. I have put my words in your mouth, and hidden you in the shadow of my hand, stretching out the heavens and laying the foundations of the Earth, and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11

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Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, the City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction with in your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

Reader and People:

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.*

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:8-16

8. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

13. All of these died in faith with out having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. they confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14. for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

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Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Reader and People:

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.*

Gospel Lesson: John 7:14-31

14. About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. 15. The Jews were astonished at it, saying, 'How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?' 16. Then Jesus answered them, 'My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. 17. Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. 18. Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him. 19. 'Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?' 20. The crowd answered, 'You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?' 21. Jesus answered them, 'I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. 22. Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. 23. If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man's whole body on the sabbath? 24. Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgement.' 25. Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill? 26. And

here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? 27. Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.' 28. Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, 'You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. 29. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.' 30. Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. 31. Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, 'When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CREED AND THE PRAYERS

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing or kneeling as able, facing the altar

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.*

Suffrage A

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day (*officiant*)

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Diocesan Collect (*in unison*)

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Paul's by-the-Sea and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace (*in unison*)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Sick (*in unison*)

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those (*or N., or NN.*) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in *their* weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission (*officiant*)

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn

Hymnal 493

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy Name.

3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

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Prayer for the Dead

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The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

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O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to *thy* merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in *thy* peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (*or* Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do *thy* will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in *thy* fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who *liveth* and *reigneth* with *thee* and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Closing

Officiant: Thank you for joining us today. This concludes our service.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

LEV Hymnal 170

1 Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each vict'ry will help you,
Some other to win;
Fight still pressing onward,
Dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus,
He will carry you through.

Refrain:

Ask the Savior to help you,
Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.

2 Shun evil companions,
Bad language disdain;
God's name hold in rev'rence,
Nor take it in vain;
Be thoughtful and earnest,
Kindhearted and true;
Look ever to Jesus,
He will carry you through. [Refrain]

3 To him that o'ercometh,
God giveth a crown;
Through faith we will conquer,
Though often cast down;
He who is our Savior,
Our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus,
He will carry you through. [Refrain]

Welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Prayer List

Gary & Beverly Cooper, Robbie Whittington Joyce, Sylvia Tyler, Cathy, Shelton Watson, David Rouch, Danny Haberman, Joan Leatherwood, Christopher, Rachel Lee, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Pat Stephens, Shirley Connor, Yvonne Field, Nancy Turnbull, Joe Walcott, Jan West, Scott Burke, Jose Cabrera, Deborah Gooch, Jan Richardson, Joan Kamorowski, Melissa Martin, Ryan Fischer, Hannah Wolf, Julia Rayfield, Debbie Simpkins, Ember Poppiti, Max Long, Cary, Cathy & Mark Baxley, Katlyn, Mary Scott, Etta, Chris Lynch, Tom Stearns, David Warren, Aunua, Letty Trimper Hurst, Ann Smith, Ann Plowman, Matt Leszcz & family, Kenneth Rudia, Catherin Hatfield, Rev. Penny Morrow, James Miller, John Anderson, Judy Hoffman, Andy Hales, Ken Toms, Brannon Thacker, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Suzanne Zantzinger, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman

This Week We Pray For ...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the many lives that have been affected by the Coronavirus. For those who have died; for the family members that mourn their loss. For those who continue to heal and for the skilled caregivers that continue to fight this disease - we pray for you.

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: Faith Baptist Church, Berlin

Birthdays: Suzanne Zantzinger (2/6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, February 14th at 1pm we will gather via Zoom to review 2020 activities and look to the future. Please plan to attend! If you are not comfortable using Zoom please let us know by calling the church office, 410-289-3453. We have plenty of time to give you the assistance/instruction you may need to use the program and participate in the meeting.

Nominations are being taken to fill the two expiring vestry positions held by Andy Diaz and Tom Shuster. Nominations will only be accepted prior to the beginning of the meeting. Please contact any vestry member to submit a nomination.

The deadline for annual reports is tomorrow. On Friday, February 12, the report booklet will be emailed to everyone, as well as available at the church office for those who would like to pick up a copy.

SPBTS Book Club

Please consider joining the St. Paul's by-the-Sea Book Club for one or all meetings! Our next meeting is Thursday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom when we will be discussing *Tiny Beautiful Things*, by Cheryl Strayed. (It is your responsibility to procure the book.) The discussion will be led by Joy Connor.

Memorial Bricks

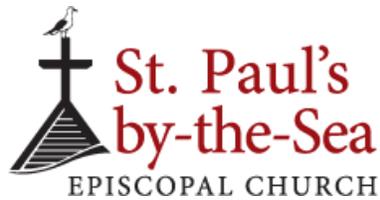
Memorial bricks are again being offered for sale, through the end of the year. Our brick 'garden' is located at the Baltimore Avenue entrance to the Fellowship Commons. The bricks are available in two sizes: 8x8 (\$500 each) and 4 x 8 (\$250 each) Wording is of your choice, and graphics are available. If you are interested in ordering a brick to honor or remember a beloved one, [click here](#) to download a brick form. You can also contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658 or ocshu@comcast.net, or the church office at 410-289-3453 or office@stpaulsbythesea.org, and we can forward the order form to you.

Donations are requested to purchase a brick to honor the work of our beloved Mary Wright and ALL the members of the Altar Guild, past and present. Please contact Debbie Shuster if you'd like to participate.

January 31th, 2021 – February 27th, 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 31 IV Epiphany 10 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live	February 1 Annual Reports Due	2 7pm Vestry Meeting via Zoom	3	4	5	6
February 7 V Epiphany 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp via Facebook Live	8	9	10	11	12	13
February 14 Last Epiphany 10 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live 1pm Parish Annual Meeting via Zoom	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 4pm Book Club via Zoom	19	20
February 21 I Lent 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp via Facebook Live	22	23	24	25	26	27

Shepherds Crook is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in DeWees Hall from 10am to Noon, serving free dry food goods. On Saturdays the NOEL Community will provide free carry out lunches.



“Love God, Serve the World”

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*

-- The Parish Vestry --

2021
Andy Diaz
Tom Shuster

2022
Jerilyn Andrews
John Knotts
LB Steele

2023
Karen Gordon
Paul Rogers
Bob Rothermel

-- 2021 Diocesan Convention --

Amy Rothermel & Tom Shuster—Delegates
Karen Cramer & Nancy Knotts—Alternates

Jerilyn Holston Andrews, *Sr. Warden*
Bob Rothermel, *Jr. Warden & Chair, Buildings & Grounds*
Cheryl Nottingham, *Registrar*
Paul Rogers, *Treasurer*
Cheryl Nottingham, *Finance Chair*
Josh Anderson, *Financial Advisor*
Amy Rothermel, *Chair, Memorial Fund*
Nancy Knotts, *Shepherd's Crook*
Joy Connor, *Director, Red Doors*
Karen Cramer, *Chair, Parish Life, Historian*
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