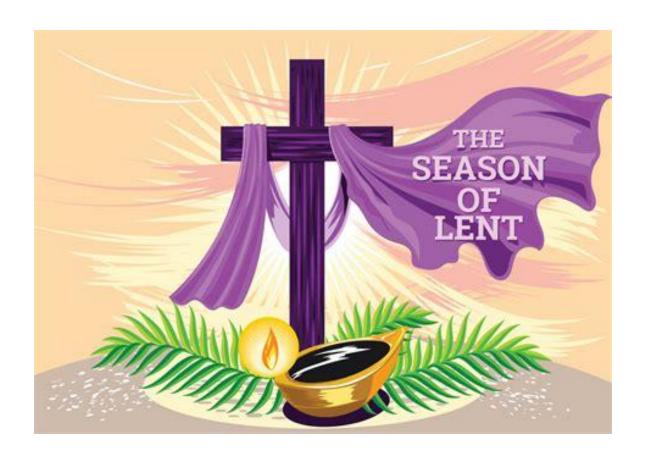
St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Ocean City, Maryland



Second Sunday in Lent February 28, 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 Amy Rothermel, Paul Rogers, Debbie Shuster and Tom Shuster. Enjoy the service and thank you for worshipping with us.

February 28 is The Commemoration of Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, Educators.

Opening Hymn Hymnal 401

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

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love; the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed: we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend; we shall, on eagles-wings upborne, to heaven ascend: we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore, and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness, triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" they ever cry; hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

THE GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL

Opening Sentences

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The Officiant(s) begin the service:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8*, 9

Confession of Sin BCP p. 79

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*.

The Officiant, kneeling, says

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

BCP p. 80

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. Except in Lent, add* Alleluia.

In Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95 1-7 BCP p. 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord:*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving* And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,*
And a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,*

And the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,*

And his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

And we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand,*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Please be seated for the Readings

The Psalm of the Day 22:22-30

BCP p. 611

The leader to announce manner of recitation

²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *

but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹ My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The Reader reads the Old Testament Lesson

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

15 God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord Answer: Thanks be to God

Canticle 14 BCP p. 90

A Song of Penetence Kyrie Pantokrator Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, * God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, * with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; * they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; * it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, * long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, * that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *

and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *

and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, * and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,

in accordance with your great mercy, *

and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *

and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

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.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

The Reader reads the Epistle

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your

descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord Answer: Thanks be to God

Canticle 13 BCP p. 90

A Song of Praise Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; * you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; * on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; * in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38

The Reader reads a lesson from the Gospel of Mark

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord Answer: Thanks be to God

THE CREED AND THE PRAYERS

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together say, all standing

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.

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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 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 BCP p. 97

- 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 Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day (in unison)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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.

The Prayers of the People Form III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

The Bishop has asked that we pray the following two prayers during this time of pandemic:

The Prayer for Peace

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Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Prayer for the Human Family

BCP p. 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We ask God to heal us, to show us the way to healing, to show us the way to be one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

A Prayer for Mission

BCP p.100

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. Amen.

Hymnal 707

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The month of February in the United States and Canada is celebrated as Black History Month. In November of 2004, Shirley Hailey and a few others from St. Paul's by-the-Sea traveled to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Georgetown Delaware to take a workshop with Horace Clarence Boyer, one of the Editors of the Lift Every Voice and Sing II, An African American Hymnal of the Episcopal Church. Shortly after that, a gift from a parishioner enabled us to provide copies of the hymnal in our church. Our closing hymn today is "Lift Every Voice and Sing", found on page 1 of the hymnal, which Dr. Boyer explained to us that he learned as a child as his national anthem (the hymn is known as the Black National Anthem). The hymn was written by brothers James Weldon Johnson (lyrics) and J. Rosamond Johnson (music) in 1899, and first performed on February 12, 1900 in Jacksonville Florida as part of Abraham Lincoln's birthday celebration. We are happy to have Shirley play it for us as today our recessional hymn.

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.*II Corinthians 13-14

Closing Hymn: Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

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, 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, Margaret Hudson, 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, Grace

This Week We Pray For ...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Paul's, Vienna, and St. Mary's, Tyaskin, and for their Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Dennis Morgan and his spouse, Jane.

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: St. Matthew Baptist Church, Bishopville.

Birthdays: Mark Kirby (3/4), Karen Gordon (3/4), Adam Showell (3/5), Michael Rutka (3/6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Visitation

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Marray will visit St. Paul's by-the-Sea and celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, March 14, 2021. This service will be streamed live, however, it is still undetermined if we will be in-person. Mark your calendars!

Emergency Contact Information

If you wish the church to have an emergency contact on file, in case you cannot be reached, please get in touch with Karen Gordon, our Pastoral Liaison. You can reach her by phone or text at 302-236-0592 or by email at dbriangordon@aol.com.

Tune In

During this time of suspended in-person worship, it is easy to forget that church services are taking place. We used to rise on Sunday morning with the intention of going to church at either 8am or 10 am. It was our routine, and our routines have certainly changed during the pandemic. The good news is that we are live streaming to Facebook a 10am service every Sunday! You can sit in your favorite chair with a cup of coffee or tea and worship along with the live video. Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook and you will receive a notification when we go live. Weekly bulletins are posted on the homepage of our website (www.stpaulsbythesea.org) so you can follow along with the service.

Pledge Update

To date, 27 pledges totaling \$61,026 have been received. This leaves us \$18,974 short of our \$80,000 Pledge Goal for 2021. If you have sent in your pledge, thank you. If you have not, please consider doing so and helping us achieve our goal. St. Paul's by-the-Sea needs your support, especially at this time. Thank you. The Finance Committee

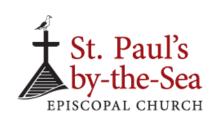
Memorial Bricks

Memorial bricks are again being offered for sale, through the end of February. 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, 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.

February 28th, 2021 - March 27th, 2021

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February 28 II Lent 10 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live	March I	2	3	B&G Mtg at SPBTS 11am	5	6
March 7 III Lent 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp via Facebook Live	8 Vestry Zoom Mtg 7pm	9	10	11	12	13
March 14 IV Lent 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Bishop Marray via Facebook Live	15	16	17	18	19	20
March 21 IV Lent 10 am Morning Prayer 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.



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The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop

2022 Jerilyn Andrews John Knotts -- The Parish Vestry -
2023

Karen Gordon

Paul Rogers

Bob Rothermel

2024 Kay Ayres Tom Shuster

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