

# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 2025

*Boldly engaging the world as God's shepherds,  
sharing God's blessings and creating Heaven  
on Earth, one person at a time.*



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### Holy Eucharist – 9:00 a.m.

#### Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen*

#### Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

#### The Gloria

Book of Common Prayer p. 324

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

#### Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

(See 11:00 service)

#### The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

#### Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

*Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

*Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

#### Homily

The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

#### The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

**Prayers of the People**

Book of Common Prayer p. 328

**Confession of Sin**

Book of Common Prayer p. 331

**Peace**

**Announcements**

**Holy Communion**

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

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

1 Chronicles 29:14b

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer II**

Book of Common Prayer p. 340

**Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Agnus Dei**

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

**Prayer of Humble Access**

Book of Common Prayer p. 337

**Post Communion Prayer**

Book of Common Prayer p. 339

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Prayer is available at the altar.**

**Those Who Serve**

**9:00am:**

**EMs:** Deanna DuBose, Amy Nicolson; **Lector:** Mary Anne Koos; **Intercessor:** Jan Freeman;

**Usher:** Kanute Rarey; **Altar Guild:** Mary Rose Figura; **VPOD:** David Gribble;

**Ingles cards:** Elizabeth Rybicki

## Holy Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.

**Prelude**

Andante

S. Williams

**Processional**

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*

Hymnal 467

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,  
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;  
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,  
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.  
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?  
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.  
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anon., 1800, alt. Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

### Salutation

*Celebrant*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*

*Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.*

### Collect for Purity

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.*

### The Gloria

Hymnal S280

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved  
    my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
    on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
    and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
    and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
    but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
    and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
    and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
    that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
    why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
    what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
    and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
    and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
    it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
    and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **The Second Lesson**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

<i>Reader</i>	<i>The Word of the Lord.</i>
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, and we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:



father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Celebrant*                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                         Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Hymn** *I want to walk as a child of the light (v. 3)* Hymnal 490

**Homily** The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove

**Nicene Creed** Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form 6 Book of Common Prayer p. 392

**Confession** Book of Common Prayer p. 393

# Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And also with you.

## Announcements

## Holy Communion

**Offertory**      There is a Balm in Gilead      arr. Robert Lau  
Trio: Lois Ann Wentzel, Rachel Baughn, Mike Campbell

**Doxology** (v. 3) Hymnal 380

## Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship I

*The people remain standing*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with creation as we sing:

## **Sanctus**

Hymnal S125

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our

Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### **Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

#### **Fraction**

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

### **Invitation to Communion**

<b>Communion</b>	Ave Maria	F. Schubert
	Flute: Teresa Lemaire, Piano: Mary Carol Campbell	

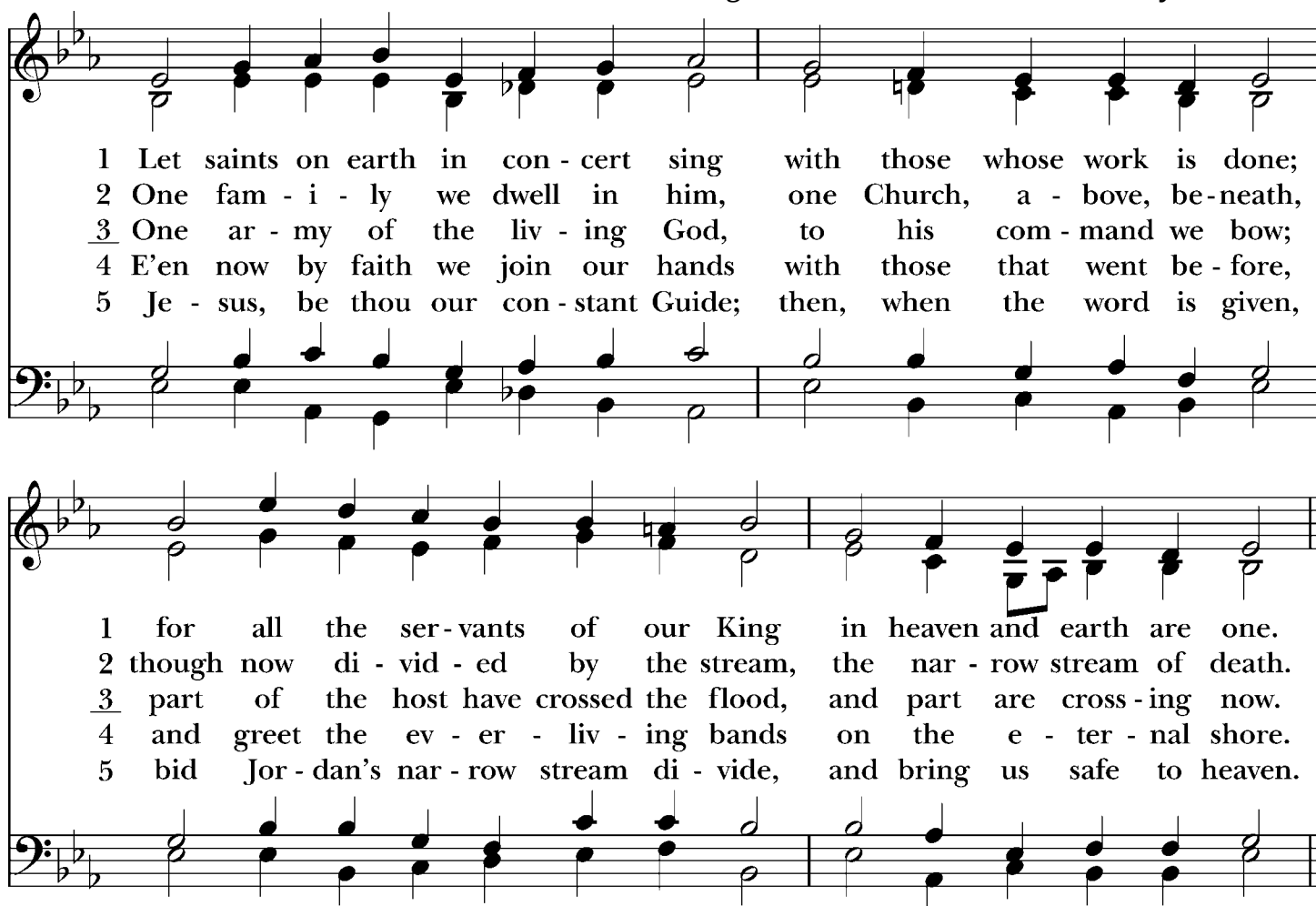
### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Blessing**

**Recessional***Let saints on earth in concert sing*

Hymnal 526



1 Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;  
2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,  
3 One ar - my of the liv - ing God, to his com - mand we bow;  
4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,  
5 Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,

1 for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.  
2 though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.  
3 part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are cross - ing now.  
4 and greet the ev - er - liv - ing bands on the e - ter - nal shore.  
5 bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

**Dismissal****Postlude**

Prelude in F

J.S. Bach

**Prayer is available at the altar.****Those Who Serve****11:00am:**

**EMs:** Ron Dutton, Janet Beall; **Lector:** Betsi Wilson; **Intercessor:** Carol Smucker;  
**Usher:** Mike Stringer; **Altar Guild:** Pat Halloran, Beth Hitchcock, Mary Stewart King;  
**Altar Linens:** Mary Stewart King; **Nursery:** NOT FILLED!, Barb Field; **Flower Guild:** Aline Conley; **VPOD:** Tawanna Dutton; **Videographer:** Glenn Marcel; **Ingles cards:** Dave & Barb Field; **Greeter:** Jose Arias

## Christian Education

### Wednesday- Lectionary Bible Study

We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Undercroft. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

### Thursday- The Parables of Jesus

During the month of August, we will meet each Thursday at 12pm in the Undercroft. Bring your Bible, your lunch & let's dig in!!! Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

## Parish Life and Church Community

**Coffee Hour-** Please join us after our 9 & 11am services Sunday morning for a time of fellowship!

On **Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** we are hosting our **Cancer Support Group** in the Parish Hall at **5pm**. Bring something to share in thoughts, ideas, and of course some food. Contact Jose Arias with questions.

For the next 3 weeks, we will have order forms available in the Parish Hall during both Coffee Hours and you can order your very own festive, multi-colored, short sleeved, **tie-dyed t-shirt!** And just in time for the cooler weather...Hoodies!! The **zip front hoodies** are navy blue with our Good Shepherd logo printed on the front left. If you'd like either of these items, please complete an order form and return to Kathy Wright or Mary Ann Miller, who can also answer any questions you may have.

The **Bethel Guidry Scholarship** awards 2 scholarships each year to deserving students at the 2 local high schools. Our Annual **Golf Tournament** raises money for these scholarships and will be held this year on **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Donations payable to Good Shepherd (memo: Golf Tournament) can be left in the church office, in the offering plate, or with Sanford or Kevin in the parish hall after services. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help serve lunch and run the fund raising games on the 20<sup>th</sup>. See Kevin Conley or Sanford Freeman if you have questions.

**Spiritual Journaling**, a spiritual practice that incorporates Gratitude, Paying Attention, and Reflection is a powerful tool for self-development & awareness and spiritual growth. There are many different journaling methods, and when starting out, it can be unclear where to begin, or what technique to use. If you're interested in journaling, you are invited to join in a time to learn from one another and share our journaling experiences. Our class will be held from 10-11:30am in the Library each Thursday in September: 4, 11, 18, 25. Please, contact Carol Smucker with questions/interest: 706-994-8104 or [carolsmucker@hotmail.com](mailto:carolsmucker@hotmail.com)

**Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights –**  
No later than Wednesday of each week at noon

**Deadline for September Newsletter Articles-**  
Thursday, 8/21/2025

## Service

**Matt's Ministry** – Contact Joe Rybicki

**Meal Ministry** – Contact Kathy Wright

**Medical Loan Closet** – Contact Helga Reaves

**The Order of St. George** – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

**Brotherhood of the Fire** – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

**Meals For Friends**– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **August 19, 2025** are:

Town: Jan Freeman

City: Aline Conley

Tusquittee: Dave & Barb Field

## In Our Prayers

**Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:** *Pat Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Rich Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Wally Figura, Ella Angelillo, Philip Bannister, Kathy Wright, Frank Burdo, Helen NaiSmith, Teresa and David Gribble, Mary Strange, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Shiloh Farmer, Sallie Free, Brenda Scheneman, Meagan Borro, Tom and Angela Wilkerson, Adelaide Fullilove, Sharon and Rick Sanderson, Shane Douylliez, Janice Lemaire, Jay Miller, Anne Hourdequin, Megan Hoffer*

**Good Shepherd Ministries** – This week we pray for the *Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Committee & Tournament Ministry* at Good Shepherd.

# Calendar

## Monday

*August 18*

9:00 am	Exercise Class
9:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam

## Tuesday

*August 19*

10:00 am	Yoga
5:00 pm	Cancer Support Group
6:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Fire
7:00 pm	Soaking Prayer

## Wednesday

*August 20*

9:00 am	Exercise
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary

## Thursday

*August 21*

10:00 am	Yoga
12:00 pm	Parables of Jesus (Undercroft) September Newsletter Article Deadline!
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal

## Friday

*August 22*

9:00 am	Exercise Class Parish Office Closed
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## Saturday

*August 23*

No activities scheduled

## Sunday

*August 24*

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:30 pm	Vestry Retreat (Undercroft)

**Jesus Christ, Head of the Church**

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop  
The Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton, Theologian in Residence  
The Rev. Beverly Braine, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)  
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist  
Teresa Lemaire, Director of Music  
Susan Wyman, Bookkeeper  
Kevin Conley, Treasurer  
Tawanna Dutton, Assistant Treasurer  
Liz Rybicki, Nursery Supervisor  
Jon Czarnecki, Sexton  
Amanda Farmer, Parish Administrator

**VESTRY**

Sr. Warden: David Gribble; Jr. Warden: Phil Cox  
Class of 2025: Patti Brownlee, David Gribble, Pam Roman  
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson  
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King

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