

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 5, 2026

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



Holy Eucharist – 9:00 a.m.

Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

Celebrant
People

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

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Readings

(See 11:00am service)

The First Lesson

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The Psalm

Psalm 45:11-18

The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
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	
<i>All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.</i>	1 Chronicles 29:14b
Great Thanksgiving	
Eucharistic Prayer II	Book of Common Prayer p. 340
Lord's Prayer	
Breaking of the Bread	
<i>Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</i>	
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	
Dismissal	

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

9:00am

EMs: Kelly Williams, Randye Williams; **Lector:** Jan Freeman;
Intercessor: Sandy Freeman; **Usher:** Jose Arias; **Altar Guild:** Beth Hitchcock;
VPOD: Jane Boritz; **Ingles cards:** Dave Field;
Flower Guild: Kathy Wright

Holy Eucharist - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Diane Bish

Processional

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

Salutation

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my

master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Psalm 45:11-18 (*Chanted in unison*)

Eructavit cor meum

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Peace

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory

Doxology (v. 3)

Hymnal 380

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

Book of Common Prayer p. 369

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 him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Ruth and Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

Lord's Prayer

Bluebook p. 75

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

Invitation to Communion

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Recessional *O beautiful for spacious skies*

Hymnal 719

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materma*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

Dismissal

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Diane Bish

Prayer is available at the altar.

Those Who Serve:

11:00 am

EMs: David Cady, Tom Griffiths; **Lector:** Rachel Baughn; **Usher:** Jean Gora;

Altar Guild: Jan Chatterton, Gail Criss;

Intercessor: Rachel Baughn; **Altar Linens:** Kathy Marcel;

Nursery: Kathy Marcel, Helen Doulliez; **VPOD:** Jeff King; **Ingles cards:** Jeff King;

Videographer: Mike Gora; **Flower Guild:** Kathy Wright; **Greeter:** Laurie Wright

Lectionary Bible Study – Currently meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Library. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.

The Gospels in Shorts Sundays after Church

The four canonical Gospels share common material but differ in important ways in their telling the life and ministry of Jesus. In this course we will examine in brief each of the Gospels with an eye toward comparing and contrasting the likely contexts in which the Gospels were written, their intended audiences, and editor's intentions, their sources, their theology and themes, their common material and their unique contributions to the story of God with us.

July 5 - The Gospel according to Mark

July 12 - The Gospel according to Matthew

August 2 - The Gospel according to Luke

August 9 - The Gospel according to John



We will meet in the Parish Hall

Parish Life and Church Community

Good Shepherd's Fall Women's Retreat is currently at capacity. If you had planned to attend but did not sign up in time, please feel free to contact Tawanna via email or text to be placed on a waiting list.

The **3rd Annual Blueberry Festival** is **July 19, 2026 at 12pm**. This fundraising event is held for our Dental Fund & will feature a **Bake Sale and Live Music!** Friends and family are welcome! Admission is your donation. Featured items will include: blueberry pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverages! **Please plan to wear blue** to add to the festivities! **Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted for set-up, help the day of event and clean-up.** Bakers, remember to sign up for your donation to the **Anything Blueberry Bake Sale**, too!

Independence Day Celebration –Come help us celebrate our Nations 250th Birthday at our Indoor Picnic Luncheon, **TODAY** immediately following the 11:00 am service!!! Parish Life will be hosting. The church is providing hot dogs 🌭 and buns, French Fries, refreshments, Apple pie and ice cream 🍦.

Save the Date for the **Bethel-Guidry Golf Tournament** on **Saturday, September 26th**. Shotgun Start at Mountain Harbour Golf Club 9:00 am. Golf Tournament Sponsorship forms are now available! See the display in the Parish Hallway. Please see Sandy Freeman, Kevin Conley or Phil Klenke with any questions.

Attention: writers or "wannabe" writers

The Arts & Spirituality Ministry is pleased to announce an upcoming writing group to be led by Jean Gora. The "**Mining Our Memories Writing Group**" will meet in the library on **Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm for 8 weeks, July 16 - September 3**. The group will be **limited to 10 participants**. The purpose of the group is to articulate and share memories and written form, not to prepare a manuscript for publication. Each week, the group will select a "prompt" for the following week. Group members will write whatever they want in response to the prompt. At the next meeting, each person will have 6 minutes to read what he she has written. Once everyone has finished, the group will choose a prompt for the next session. Participants agree to treat what others say as confidential. The prompt for the first group meeting is "How I Got My Name".

A sign-up sheet is in the hallway or you may contact Jean Gora at 828-389-1590 or jean@middlebass.org.

Monthly Newsletter – If you have something you'd like published in the monthly newsletter, you must email it to Amanda at gsepiscopal@brmemc.net **no later than the 20th of the month preceding the month you would like the item to appear**. Anything received after the 20th of the month will not be in the newsletter until the following month.

Stewardship Reflection

“Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” Matthew 11:19b

Biblical theology tells us that God owns all things and that we are given the opportunity to manage (steward) the gifts we have been given to meet our needs, those of others, to honor God, and to further God’s dream for all creation. It is God’s wisdom to trust us as stewards of our God-gifted time, talent, and treasure. That wisdom is vindicated by our actions, our practice, but only if we act with trust and generosity. As others have said, “the proof is in the pudding”. Do we trust that God will provide enough for us and all else? Do we demonstrate that trust in practicing generosity?

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 **July 7, 2026** are:

<u>Town:</u>	Aline Conley
<u>City:</u>	Kevin Conley
<u>Tusquittee:</u>	David & Teresa Gribble

In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing:

Pat Fox, Denise Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Helen NaiSmith, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Richard Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Philip Bannister, Frank Burdo, Teresa Gribble, Cooper Godfrey, Adelaide Fullilove, Anne Hourdequin, Merri Samsil, Lynne Walters, Kenny Waldroup, Alexis Bernal, Jose Arias, Helga Reaves, Mike Campbell, Bryson Joyce, Paul Swanson, Hattie Sheehy, Clyde Taylor, Sandra Green, Don Roman, Turner Guidry, Janet Beall, Kim Brabon, Margaret Rybicki, Mike Stringer

Good Shepherd Ministries:

This week we pray for the *Dental Fund Ministry* at Good Shepherd.

Calendar

Monday July 6

9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:00 am	Library Maintenance
10:30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)
11:00 am	Private Group (Undercroft)

Tuesday July 7

	Meals for Friends
10:00 am	Chair Yoga (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm	Soaking Prayer
6:00 pm	BOTF

Wednesday July 8

9:00 am	Exercise (Parish Hall)
10:30 am	Moving Meditation (Parish Hall)
11:30 am	Private Group (Undercroft)
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary Bible Study (Library)

Thursday July 9

10:00 am	Community Outreach (Hayesville Square)
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Friday July 10

	Church Office Closed
9:00 am	Exercise Class (Parish Hall)
10:30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Hall)

Saturday July 11

Sunday July 12

	7 Pentecost
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:30 pm	Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)



Bishop Jose's Farewell Purse and Hermitage Fund

As we near the end of our shared ministry with Bishop Jose, we are invited to share and show him our appreciation and love. There are two opportunities to contribute to this effort.

First The Diocese would love to send Bishop Jose into the next chapter of his ministry with a Purse he and Laurel will be able to use as they see fit.

Bishop Jose has also invited contributions to match his pledge of \$150,000 to construct two or more new Hermitages at the Valle Crucis Conference Center.

The Hermitages at Valle Crucis were built in 2008 as a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina and the Valle Crucis Conference Center. They are used by anyone seeking renewal and retreat. Writers, artists, teachers and people of many faith backgrounds have loved these quiet places.

You may make your check payable to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and note whether for Bishop's Purse and/or Hermitage Challenge and what amount for each. Then place it in offering plate or drop it by Church office.



OR you may log onto www.diocesewnc.org and click Bishop Transition then scroll down to see Farewell Purse Donation or Hermitage Challenge.

We'll report to you on this fundraiser when the campaign ends. Thank you for your generosity.

Please contact Kathy Rarey 502 525 7256 or kprarey@gmail.com with questions.

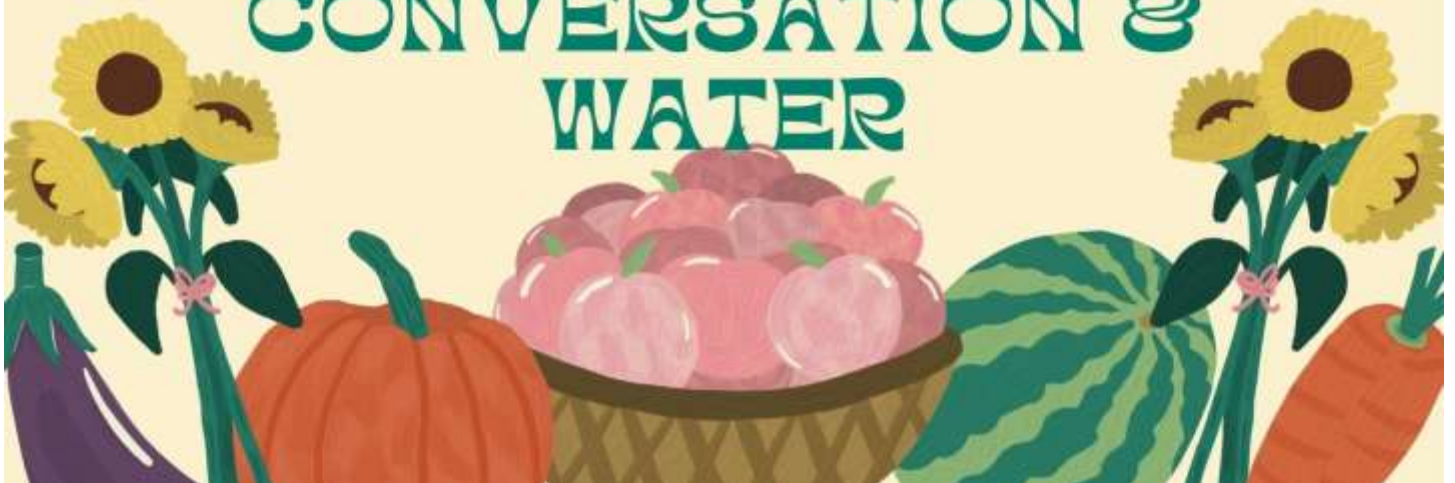


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Sept. 29th,
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Sunday, July 19, 2026 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

3rd ANNUAL BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Friends and family welcome!

BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

Sausage

Applesauce

Beverage

Suggested donation \$ 10.00

GOOD SHEPHERD ANYTHING BLUEBERRY BAKE SALE

LIVE MUSIC

Turner (Guidry) Classics

Greetings
ISLAND

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 Lewis, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dcn. Turner Guidry (Ret.)
Mary Carol Campbell, Organist
Sharon Kyser, Pianist
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: Betsi Wilson
Sub Sr. Warden: Aline Conley
Jr. Warden: Tawanna Dutton
Sub Jr. Wardens: Jeff King (Grounds Maint.), Barry Benson (Indoor Maint.)
Community Life Team: Jose Arias, Jane Boritz, David Cady, Phil Cox
Class of 2026: Phil Cox, Tawanna Dutton, Betsi Wilson
Class of 2027: Jose Arias, Aline Conley, Jeff King
Class of 2028: Barry Benson, Jane Boritz, David Cady

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