

The First Sunday After Epiphany  
Baptism of our Lord



Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, January 11, 2026  
8:30 a.m.  
At Christ UCC

TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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### The Service of the Word

✦ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude.*

PRELUDE

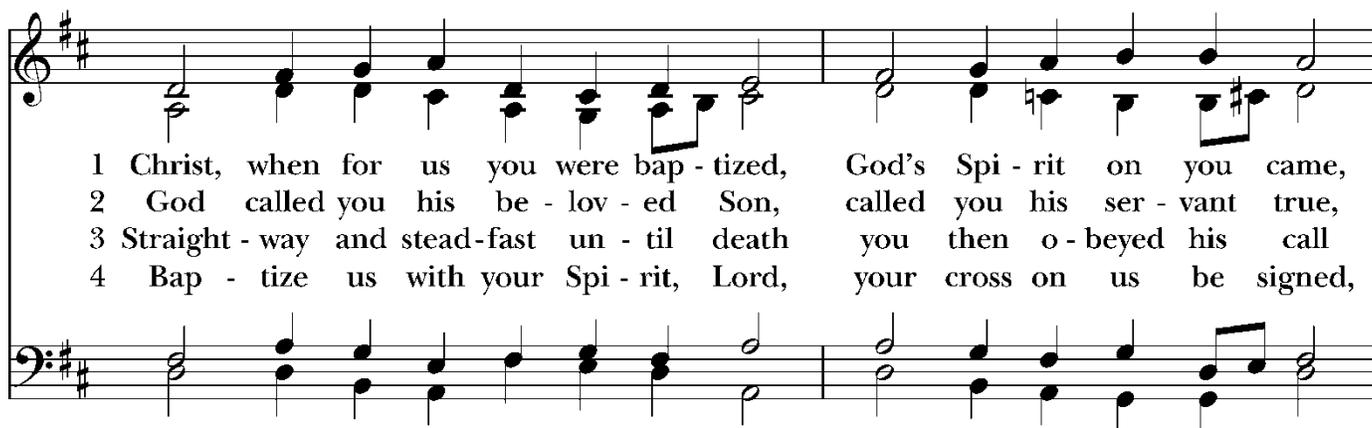
*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*

Dietrich Buxtehude

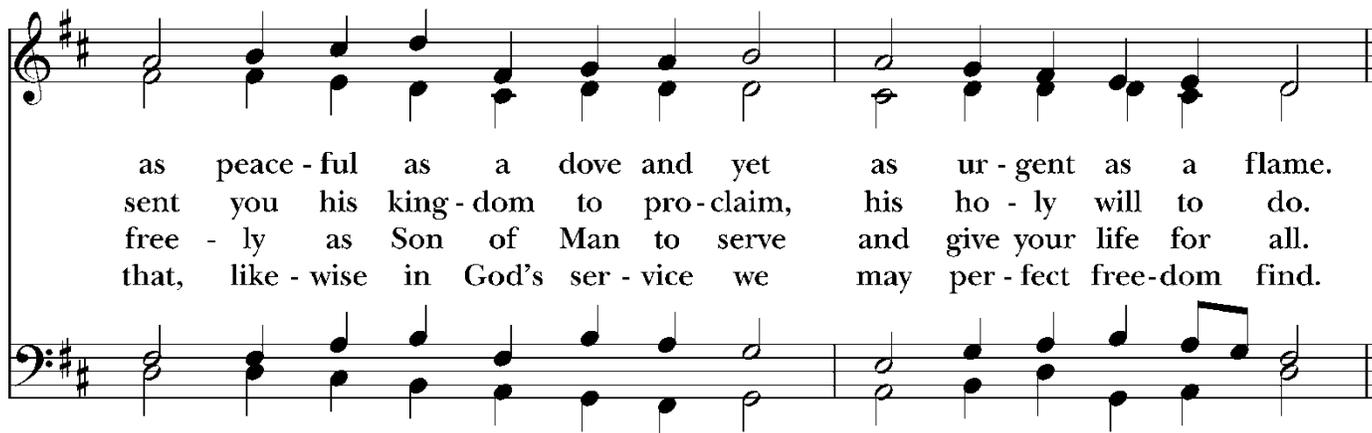
HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

CAITHNESS



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,



as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People *And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

GLORIA

Hymnal S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.



Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

*ANTIPHON*

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

*ANTIPHON*

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

*ANTIPHON*

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

*ANTIPHON*

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*ANTIPHON*

## THE EPISTLE

**Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both

in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

SEQUENCE HYMN

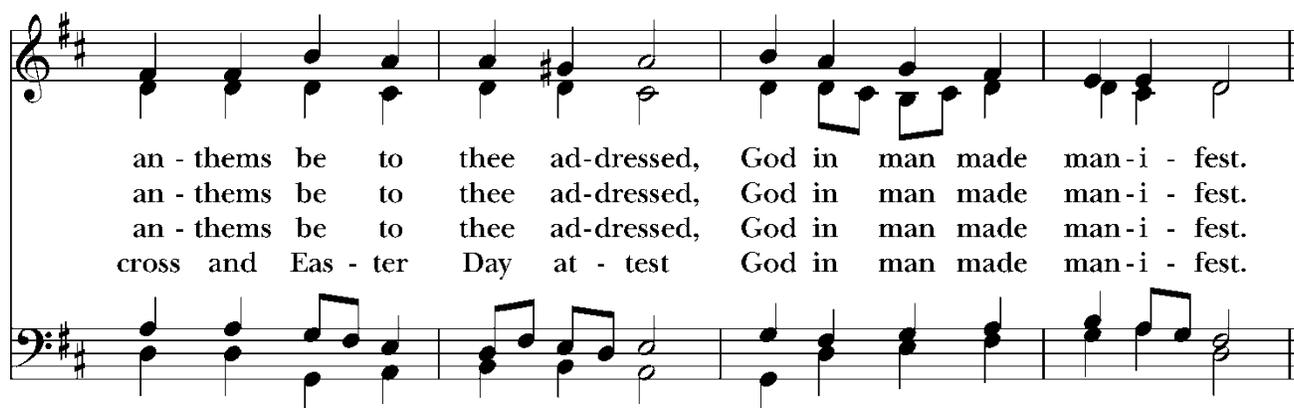
*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

SALZBURG

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

SERMON

Father Michael Molina

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

**Celebrant** Dear People of God, through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been reborn into new life in him. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate his Baptism, to renew the solemn promises and vows by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

**Celebrant** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People** *I do.*

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** *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.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People 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.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: *By your holy baptism, Hear us, we pray.*

For the Church, especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that in this New Year we may be a Light to those who are searching for direction and a sign of hope for those searching to begin again. By your holy baptism, ***hear us, we pray.***

For the people of Venezuela in their time of uncertainty and fear, that God will keep them safe from harm and guide their steps toward a better future filled with freedom and hope. By your baptism, ***hear us, we pray.***

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that God will put into the hearts of world leaders the desire to refrain from war and walk away from revenge and hatred in the name of the Prince of Peace. By your baptism, ***hear us, we pray.***

For the members of Congress, that God will empower them with wisdom, courage and foresight that they may faithfully serve in their charge to promote the well-being of all people. By your holy baptism, ***hear us, we pray.***

For those lacking food or heat, those who work with refugees and those fleeing violence, and for all who are in need of our prayers Mike, Sally, Fritz, and others we now name (*pause*), that in Christ the Beloved they may find new hope and peace. By your holy baptism, ***hear us, we pray.***

For those who have died, remembering especially those we now name (*pause*), that having been reborn in baptism, they may rejoice in the radiance of God's glory. By your holy baptism, ***hear us we pray.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

## THE PEACE

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

*People* ***And also with you.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the God-bearer all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Jesus, so lowly*

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth, christen me wholly, bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad, teach me that only Love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent and pale, be this the token: Love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free, teach me how glorious death is to be.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

*All* **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.  
 Empower us by your Spirit  
 always to proclaim  
 your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue forever  
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on 'Salzburg'*

Phil Lehenbauer



**Liturgical Ministers**  
**January 11, 2026**  
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Reader  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**  
**January 11, 2026**

**Our Partner-Parish:**

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

**In the Diocese of The Susquehanna:**

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanland, Bishop and  
The Rt. Rev. Kevin, Nichols, Assisting Bishop  
Epiphany, Glenburn; All Saints, Williamsport



**In the Anglican Communion:**

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

**Please pray for:**

- ❖ Mike Weaver
- ❖ Sally MacIntosh
- ❖ Fritz Wideman

**Please pray for these friends in need:**

Randy Alderman, Pam Basmadjian, Gary and Chris Battersby, Loretta Brobst, Charlotte, Joan Dawson, Jen Delp, Karen Ernst, Connie Evans, Ward Fanning, Clare Filko, Larry and Linda Fry, Hannah, Kevin, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Rheta Matthews, John Majczan, Jody Miller, Bob Opdyke, Patti Pasda, Judy and Barry Smith, Carol and Jack Vickrey.

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:

**[prayerlist@trinitybeth.org](mailto:prayerlist@trinitybeth.org) - by noon on Wednesday.**

Names will remain on the list for a month.

# Announcements



## *Annual Meeting & Parish Brunch – January 25, 2026*

Save the date! Join us on **Sunday, January 25** for our Annual Parish Meeting. We will begin with a **brunch** followed by a review of our 2025 Outreach successes, a full update on the Building Project, and a report on our finances.

We will also share the results of our recently completed visioning work. This work is a crucial step in our Rector search, as it allows us to present a clear, compelling mission to potential candidates. Your attendance is vital to help us meet our quorum and show our future Rector that Trinity is active, unified, and ready for the future. **Don't miss the brunch and this important update on the life of our parish!**

## *Second Sunday Collection through the end of January – Last day 1/25/2026*



In January, our gifts will go to Turning Point. We are soliciting warm winter items: Gloves, hats, scarves, socks and mittens, mostly for women and children. Please bring your donations to church throughout the month of January. Last day of collection will be Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Turning Point provides confidential resources and support for individuals and families in Lehigh and Northampton counties. In fiscal year 2024–2025, we served more than 3,772 Lehigh Valley residents through our trauma-informed, inclusive programs, which include: a 24-hour Helpline, Emergency Safe House, Empowerment Counseling and Groups, Legal Advocacy, Education and Training, and Medical Advocacy.



# About Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Clergy

The Rev. Canon Clifford B. Carr, Priest Associate

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Ken Grieshaber (Senior Warden)

Joanne Gulya (Junior Warden)

Marcie Lightwood

Ross Mangina

Ivan Martin

Sandy Mesics

Glen Walls