



October 24, 2021

**The Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost**

Proper 25

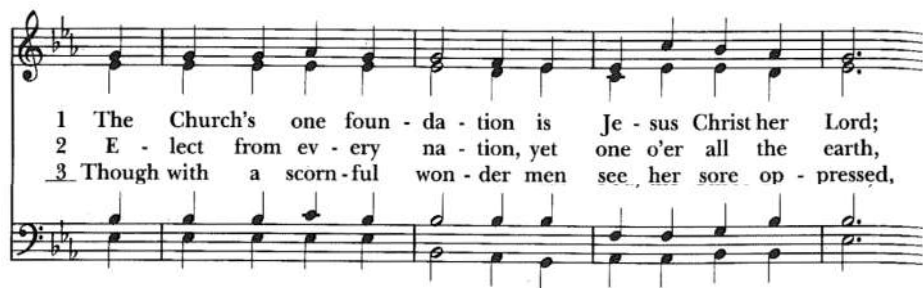
Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

Welcome! We're glad you're here. Masks are suggested but not required.

Opening Hymn

The church's one foundation

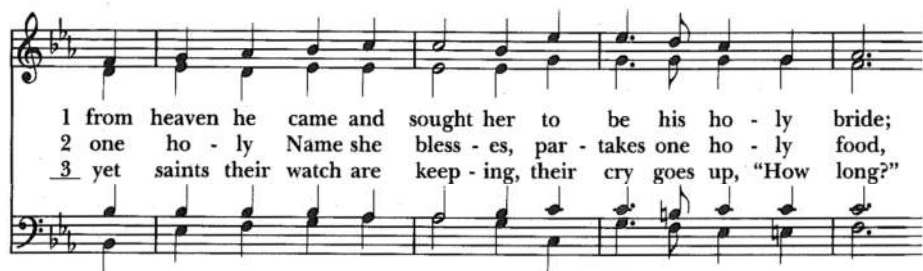
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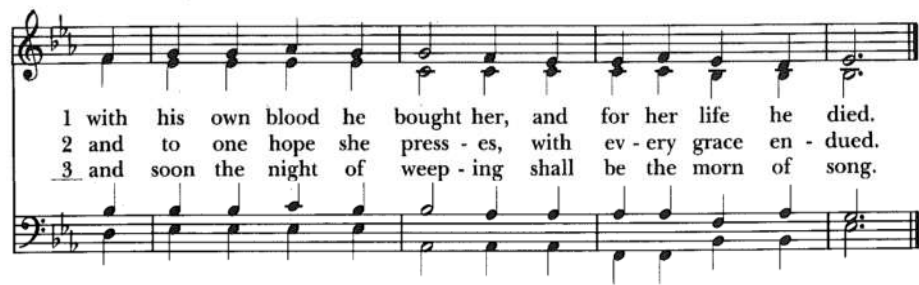
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see, her sore op - pressed,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.

The Word of God

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Celebrant: 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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Introduction to the Lesson

After criticizing God for his long life of woe, Job praises the Lord for his goodness. Job's fortunes are immediately restored, and the rest of his life demonstrates God's favor.

A reading from the Book of Job:

Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself,

and repent in dust and ashes.” And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 34: 1 –8

*The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse,
alternating each verse with the Lector who reads first.*

I will bless the Lord at all times;*
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;*
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 7:23-28

Introduction to the Lesson

The sacrifices of the old covenant had to be offered again and again, but in Christ, the one eternal sacrifice is offered to God in heaven.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

Serve God, Serve Others

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



The Holy Gospel

Mark 10: 46-52

Introduction to the Lesson

The disciples rebuke a man in great need for crying out for the Lord's assistance. Jesus, however, immediately grants his petition, just as he always hears our prayers.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People

In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

We pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and work. Pour your blessings on Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Frank our Bishop; and our clergy and leadership. Pray for the Church. (silence may be kept for a time) May we who witness Your saving acts in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

We pray for the world, your greatest Gift to us, and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of our world. Bless and guide our President, Joseph, our legislative and judicial institutions, and the members of our local government. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice. I invite your prayers for our world, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (silence may be kept for a time). May we who witness your power in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

We pray for the work of our church in the world. As we enter this season of intention and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure. May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed domestically or abroad and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets; for those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts (Intercessions for healing). We pray for those whose needs are known to you alone. May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

We pray for those who have died. (Intercessions for the departed) May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. Thank you especially for those members of our legacy society whose gifts to the church are felt beyond their lifetimes. May we who witness your eternal love in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

It is impossible to number the blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. For what are you thankful today? (silence may be kept for a time) (Intercessions for thanksgiving) May we who witness our gifts at work in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

Celebrant: With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace and love and blessings for Every Perfect Gift. *Amen.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Confession and Absolution

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 upon us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Ministry Moment

Carol Kane

Offertory Hymn

My faith looks up to thee

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system has three lines of lyrics, the second has three lines, and the third has three lines. The music concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign in the bass staff.

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

An Acclamation of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord

People: *And of your own have we given you.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A *Also found on page 361 in The Book of Common Prayer*

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.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: *Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

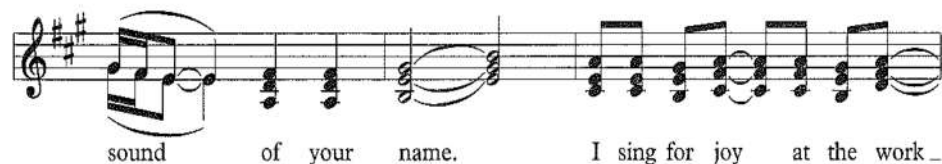
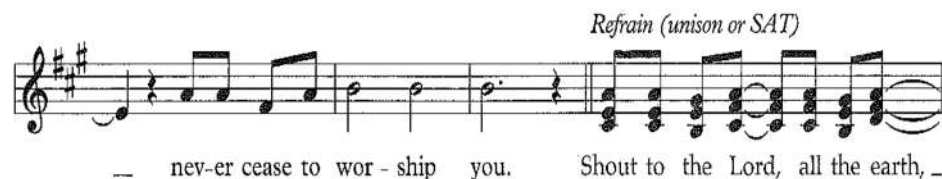
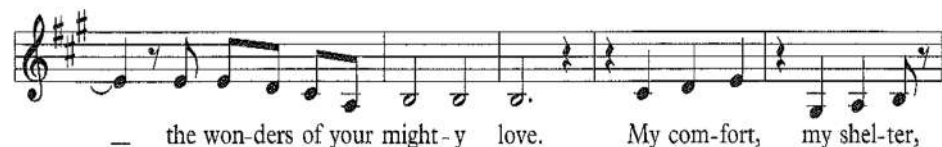
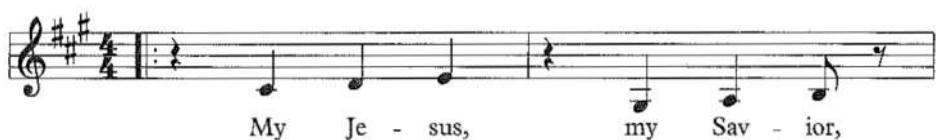
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion: At this time we are only offering altar bread, not wine.

Gluten Free Communion Bread: If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for Gluten Free bread when you come to receive.

Communion Hymn

Shout to the Lord





The Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and remain standing through the closing hymn

Celebrant and People: *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing and the Dismissal

Celebrant: Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

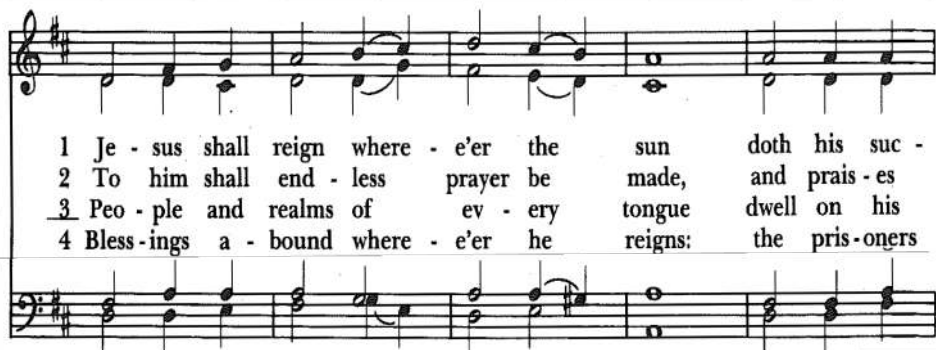
(The dismissal is said after the closing hymn. Children are invited to help the clergy with the dismissal.)

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

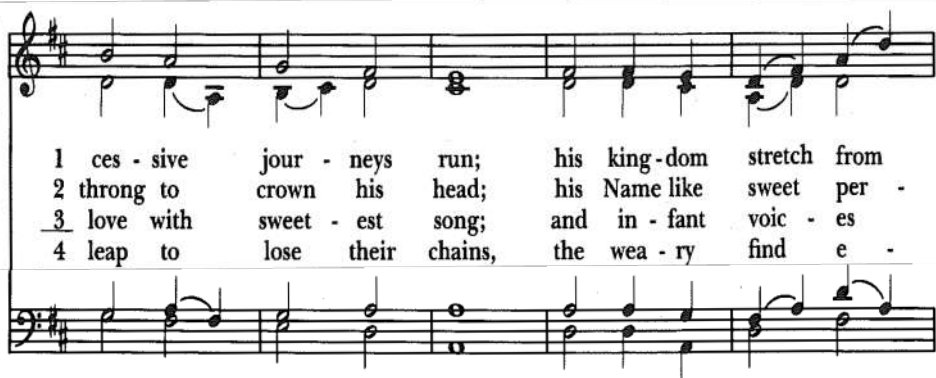
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Recessional

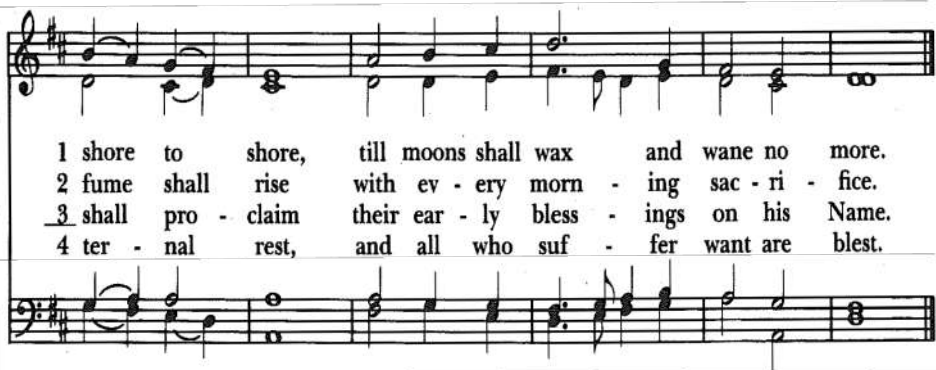
Jesus shall reign



1 Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

Welcome to Holy Comforter—We're Glad You're Here!

Our first joy is to welcome our guests and newcomers. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? Please sign our guest register.

Do you want to be part of Holy Comforter? Call the parish office (706-210-1133) and we'll be glad to help you. *Also, please make sure that we have your e-mail address to receive our weekly E-News*

Children's Church

Children's Church meets Sunday mornings at 10:30am! Prior to the start of church service parents will escort their children, grades Pre-K through 5th, downstairs where their hearts and minds will be filled with God's love! Children will then be escorted upstairs in time for communion.

Easing of COVID Restrictions

As COVID levels decrease in our area we are going back to Phase Two of the COVID guidelines. At the Vestry meeting this week it was decided to suspend the requirement that masks be worn by all; rather mask are now suggested for those who may need them. And we will once again be able to offer the 8th Sacrament of the Episcopal Church—coffee! Can Cheetos be far behind?

Fall Festival Thank You!

A huge shout out to Mallory Halterman and her team of volunteers for yesterday's wonderful Fall Festival. It was a great time of fun and festivities. Thank you so much Mallory for this gift to all of us.

Every Perfect Gift

Our stewardship campaign is in full swing. We are fast approaching Celebration Sunday, November 21, when we ask that all pledge cards for 2022 be returned. On that day we will have a luncheon for the whole church. Some households have already returned their pledges. So far we have 17 families making pledges for a total of \$88,500. Please be in prayer how you may best support Holy Comforter. Submit your pledge card through the mail or online by scanning the QR code.



Open phone camera
Hover over QR code
Make your pledge

Bishop's Visitation

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue will make his first official visit to Holy Comforter as our new bishop of the Diocese of Georgia on All Saint's Sunday, November 7. We will be offering the Sacraments of Confirmation and Baptism at that time. If you would like to be baptized, please contact Church Administrator Vivian Vaiden at 706-210-1133.

Cooper's Cards

You did it!! We have enough Christmas cards so every inmate at Leath Correctional Facility for Women will receive at least one during the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who generously donated these beautiful cards. And thank you to those who have offered to help write a message inside each card. If you would like to help with this, contact Linda Barger on at lhbarger@gmail.com or 706-267-8668

The Book Club

Our next Book Club meeting is Wednesday, November 10 at 10:00am at the church. Our book for November is *We Gather Together* by Denise Kiernan, a biography of gratitude. "The story of Sarah Josephine Hale, a widowed mother with no formal schooling who became one of the 19th century's most influential tastemakers and who campaigned for decades to make real an annual day of thanks." For more information about The Book Club, contact Mary Kelly at marykelly919@comcast.net or 206-859-8418.

Monday Meditations and Prayers

Holy Comforter is now open on Monday mornings from 9am -11am. This will be a time for parishioners to pray, meditate and have conversation with others. A peaceful and caring time for all. Hope you will stop by now and then. For more information contact Mary Kelly 206 -859-8418.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Holy Comforter will offer its second pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year, led by the rector, Cynthia Taylor along with The Rev. Donald Fishburne. May 11-20, 2022. This pilgrimage is for anyone who wants to experience the spiritual trip of a lifetime. We will prayerfully visit The Galilee, including Magdala, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and more. If you wish, you can take an optional extension to Petra and other sites. Pick up a brochure in the foyer. Sign up now as space is limited.

Prayers of the People

Persons remain on the list for two weeks; those with chronic needs continue to be prayed for by our Prayer Chain. You may add prayer requests at the lectern in the foyer.

For those in need of healing: Cindy Taylor, Loren Waldo, Jerry Hahn and Thomas Roberts

For those celebrating birthdays: Will Liebel, Mary Beth Arnold, Cindy Taylor, and Kathy Fulghum

For those celebrating anniversaries: Stew and Arielle Kremer

Thanksgiving for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School, The Claiborne, 143 Ministries, and Kairos Prison Ministry.

For those who are homebound: Donna Garvey, Loren Waldo and Joan Jackson

For the safety of all those who serve abroad, including Will Liebel.

Missions and Prayer

Prayer Shawl Ministries: Make them at home or come to Edgar's Bakehouse every Tuesday at 10:30am to make shawls which are given to anyone with a prayer need.

Food Bank: Please place non-perishable items in the red wagon by the front door. The food collected goes to Columbia County Cares. Our goal each month is to give away 500 pounds of food!

Ministering to the needy of Columbia County. We need toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, detergent, feminine needs, dish wash, soap, and shampoo. Place those items in the kitchen in the marked container. And thanks!

September Financial Report

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| Actual Revenue as of September 30, 2021 | \$243,545.29 |
| Actual Expenses as of September 30, 2021 | <u>\$254,620.76</u> |
| Surplus/Deficit as of September 30, 2021 | -\$11,075.47 |

Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant
Lay Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Guild
Altar Bread
Ushers
Vestry Person of the Day

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Jenny Frey
Barry Paschal
Carole Nelson and Linda Barger
Mallory Halterman
The Halterman's
Mallory Halterman

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor, Pastor
Vivian Vaiden, Church Administrator
Lara Fort, Financial Secretary
Dr. Brad Green, Music Director

Vestry

Fred Hoogland, Dave Blake, Jr. Warden (Class of 2022)
Mallory Halterman, Bill Liebel (Class of 2023)
Tab Carter, Pam Vanscoy (Class of 2024)

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