ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Lord, make us instruments of your peace."



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

November 8, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Live on Facebook and YouTube

Welcome to St. Francis-in-the-Fields!

Whether you're a guest or a member, rich or poor, young or old; whatever your political alignment, racial background, gender, ethnicity, or country of origin; no matter if you're a cradle Episcopalian, from another faith expression, or claim no faith at all – we're glad you've joined us for worship today. Please help us get to know you by completing the Guest Card in the rack at each end of the pew and placing the detachable part in the offering plate. There is a welcome table in the narthex (foyer) where you can receive more information about our parish, along with a small gift. Our clergy and greeters look forward to meeting you after the service.

Worship: Our liturgy follows the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), found in the book rack, with some material from *Enriching our Worship* (EOW). Our hymns come from the blue and green hymnals in the pews, along with other resources. All text for the service is printed in the bulletin. You are invited to prepare your soul for worship by kneeling silently in your pew before the service begins.

Children: We welcome all young children in our worship services, and ask you not to worry if your child is active or makes noise. "Busy Bags" for kids are available from the Ushers. Our "Children's Room" in the office hallway is available if at any time your infant or child needs a change of scenery.

Accessibility: At different times during worship, the congregation may stand or kneel according to custom. Those who suffer physical discomfort are invited remain seated, or stand or kneel as they are able. During Communion, please notify an Usher if you are unable to come forward and we will bring Communion to you. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Facilities: Two public restrooms are located in the office hallway.

*(Congregational words and responses are in **bold** text.)*

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in remembrance of Charles Schilling and for the love shown at St. Francis given by Kathy Schilling.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude: ***Nun Komm der Heiden Heliand*** ***D. Buxtehude***

The Great Silence

After the bell rings once, please observe a time of silence.
When the bell rings three times, please stand as able for the opening and procession.

Processional Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling **Hymnal 657**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect For Purity **BCP 355**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God — Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE FIRST LESSON — Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A Reading from the Prophet Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And

Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

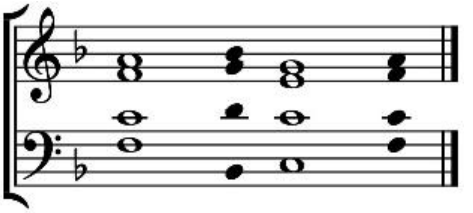
"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
Thanks be to God

PSALM 78:1-7



Hear my teaching, O my <u>people</u>; *
incline your ears to the words of my <u>mouth</u>.

**I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

**That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.**

**We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.**

**He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;**

**That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

**So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;**

ANTHEM: It Is Well with My Soul **Bliss/Purifoy**

It is well with my soul.

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

It is well with my soul.

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
And the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul.

The Second Lesson — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Sequence Hymn: Rejoice, rejoice, believers — Hymnal 68 (v. 1-2)

1 **Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!**
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

2 **See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;**
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

THE GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

THE SERMON **The Rev. Diane E. Faison**

THE NICENE CREED **BCP 358**

**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 worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form IV — BCP 388

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Daniel, our Bishop; Kevin, our Priest; Diane, our Deacon; Joe, our Music Director; and for all Bishops and other ministers.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Josh, our Governor, Donald, our President, all elected officials, and all who serve our communities.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Make us mindful of our own exploitation of the Earth for selfish ends, and lead us, through your wisdom, to responsible and faithful choices.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray this week for the parishes of the Montgomery Deanery, especially St. John's, Huntingdon Valley, the Brandywine Deanery and St. John's, Concord; for our community at St. Francis-in-the-Fields, and for the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and all who find Christ in and through their faith community.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We give thanks and ask your blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Bruce, Jan, Everett, Patrick, Diane, Janet, and Mahala. In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Vestry, Wardens, and other Administrative and Financial ministries of St. Francis, that they may direct our church with diligence and faithfulness.

Let us pray for our own needs, and those of others, offered now silently or aloud.

The congregation observes a period of silence, *after which spontaneous prayers are invited.*

A Prayer for Our Veterans

Celebrant: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad - those on active duty, as well as those who have completed their service. We give you thanks for their faithful service, and remember before you the sacrifices they made on our behalf. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

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 Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Church School Entrance: *(Please welcome our children to church from church school.)*

Savior like a shepherd lead us, how we need your tender care
In green pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us yours we are (2x)

Meditation Music

Holy Communion

The Offertory

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

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for you are the

source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 **Hymnal S129**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this 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 God, now and for ever. **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.

THE FRACTION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God — Hymnal S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (x2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is the Table of the Lord. Wherever they may be on their spiritual journey, everyone present is invited to receive Holy Communion, including young children. Anyone unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat.

During Communion, our prayer ministers will be waiting in the north (left) transept. Anyone desiring individual prayer is encouraged to visit them for intercession.

COMMUNION HYMN: O Master, let me walk with you — Hymnal 660

1 O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 in hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER — BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Creator, 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 HYMN: O for a thousand tongues to sing — Hymnal 493

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

DISMISSAL

The house microphones are still on! Please take any post-service conversations into the Narthex so those who wish, including our streaming audience, can enjoy the organ postlude.

POSTLUDE: *Prelude, Fugue, Chaconne* *D. Buxtehude*

Music in Ministry **by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director**

This Sunday, the prelude and postlude are by the North German composer Dieterich Buxtehude. Despite having one of the most entertaining composer names of all time, Buxtehude has fallen into historical obscurity today. During his time, he was one of Europe's best-known church musicians. He represents the North German school of organ composition which utilized the full resources of the extensive organs built for churches across the very lucrative North German shore. These pieces tend to introduce a lot of variety so that more parts of the organ could be used, this is best demonstrated in the postlude. Buxtehude was so popular that a young J. S. Bach journeyed to visit the master composer and then stayed an extra month to listen to his performances. This did not make Bach popular with his employer.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 8, 2026

TODAY - Church School: Children ages (roughly) 5 and up are invited to come downstairs at 10am for stories, songs, and activities. This morning, the Church School will be coming up for the baptism and participating in the prayers for the candidate.

Thursday, November 12, 6pm – Sacred Bread Baking: For centuries, eucharistic bread was baked in homes by church members, just as it is now at St. Francis. On Nov. 12, Sarah McGovern will be baking eucharistic bread in the St. Francis Kitchen. Anyone interested in joining the Sacred Bread Guild is invited to attend and learn the process.

Saturday, November 14, 10am – 2pm: "Light and Loss" Collage Workshop
Come to St. Francis for a time of reflection, creativity, and laughter. Prepare your journey through Advent, Christmas, and the Epiphany by exploring the Spirit's movement in your life with the power of images. We will be guided to use collage to create a unique project showing both light and loss, depicting both hopes and goals while also representing and offering up struggles and challenges we are working to overcome. $30.00/person. Lunch and supplies provided. Ages 15+. Call or text Donna Dellaria to register: (484) 401-1260.

Tuesday, November 17 – Brown Bag Lunch: We'd love for you to join us for **part two of Connie Black (Scanga)'s travel log** to New Zealand. **Part one, held on May 16**, was so informative and inspiring, and we're delighted to welcome her back. Nearly 30 years ago, Connie set off for Wellington, New Zealand, where she lived, worked, and spent three and a half wonderful years exploring the Antipodes. When she returned to Malvern, she brought back a serious case of the travel bug—and since then, she's spent many summers discovering new corners of the world. Connie is excited to share highlights from her journeys and might even inspire your next adventure.

Sunday, November 22 - West Chester Food Cupboard Quarterly Drive: 50,000 people are currently experiencing food insecurity in Chester County. We can help. Our next quarterly drive is Sunday November 22nd. Our focus is canned soups. Unexpired, easy opening, hearty soups would be welcome! Thank you for caring!

Saturday, December 5, 9 - 11am - Cookie Walk and Bake Sale: A St. Francis holiday tradition returns . . . with a new twist! This year, cookies AND other baked goods will be available for purchase. If you gift is cookies, great! But you can also bake brownies, cakes,

and other (dessert) items. This is an important fundraiser for our outreach ministries, so please consider contributing, and also helping to invite the community to St. Francis! During the Cookie Walk, our community partners, the **West Chester Garden Club**, will also be selling Christmas wreaths.

Sunday December 6, 4:30 - 6:30 pm - Christmas Wreath Decorating Workshop: Please join us for a revival of one of St. Francis-in-the-Fields' Christmas traditions: the Wreath or Swag decorating workshop. More of a casual get together, actually, with instruction and supplies! Just bring your own wreath (swag materials will be provided if you choose to make one of those) and the rest (materials, ideas, guidance, fun, music) will be provided. No real expertise needed, so don't be intimidated if you have not done this before. Friends from outside the church are welcome! Refreshments will be served! A sign-up sheet will be found in the Narthex, or you can contact Laura Petersen at ljpetersenpa@gmail.com or 610-348-1132 to sign up or ask any questions. Depending on numbers, there may be a small (5$) donation requested. This is always a very fun event, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Weekly Contemplative Prayer: The group meets in the library on Sunday evenings at 6pm. The service includes simple prayers and singing, with 20 minutes of Centering Prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study: This weekly Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10 am, in-person and on Zoom to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is a free-flowing (and often wide-ranging!) conversation. No study required! Holy Eucharist follows at 11:15. A weekly email link is sent out for those who desire to attend virtually.

Sunday, November 15, 2-4pm on zoom: If you are a parent or caregiver of an adult who is stuck mental health wise, this November 15th ZOOM program offered by NAMI Main Line PA is for you! You will learn how to begin replacing reactive behaviors with practical strategies, and help your adult child regain forward momentum in terms of their mental health. A national expert on helping families, **Dr. Jeff Bernstein** will use principles of positive psychology, cognitive behavioral therapy and family psychology to discuss (and interact with you) around how you can get unstuck with your adult child.
To register, visit https://namimainlinepa.org/

Collection for Trinity Church, Coatesville: We are collecting for "Paper Pantry A Go!" for Trinity Church, Coatesville for college students in need and will be an ongoing collection. Collection of shampoo and single-serve meals. **Single-serve meals must be shelf stable and not frozen!** Samples of the single-serve meals will be in the Narthex. A bin is in the Narthex for your donations.

Church Farm School-Griffin Clothes Closet: Current "Most Wanted" list: Black dress socks (new), underwear (new), belts (M-L), dress shoes, 1/4-zip fleece (light), and heavyweight fleece sweaters. Also, winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves (M most needed), lotion, combs, razors and laundry detergent. Note: Clothing should be appropriate for today's teenagers. All donations may be placed in the bin located in the narthex. Please contact Cindy VanHefter at cvanhefter@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for supporting the scholars at CFS!

This week we also pray for: Alice, Debbie Bachman, Dana S., Bob Bark, Patricia Bird, Randy Bisesi, Carrie Hall Borgert, CJ & Family, Carol Estornell, Leslie Fant, Victoria Ford, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Jeff Hicks, Karen, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Nicole, Maria, Ruthe Meyer, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ruth, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Diane Schopf, Larry Schroepfer, The Rev. Edwin Smith, Sr., John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson, Linda Jackalous.

Birthdays: Bruce Hartlein, Jan Pizarro, Everett Warren, Patrick Collins, Diane Lynn, Janet Galib, and Mahala Renkey.

Our Ministries: In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our Vestry, Wardens, and other Administrative and Financial ministries of St. Francis, that they may direct our church with diligence and faithfulness.

Our Diocese: The Montgomery Deanery, especially St. John's, Huntingdon Valley; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) St. John's, Concord. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester, as they proceed in their search process for new Rectors.

Our Vestry:

Roberta Torian, *Rector's Warden*; Lisa Buono, *Accounting Warden*; Tom Neely, *Secretary*; Ed Damerau, John Groch, Carol Forte, Laura O'Brien, John McGovern, Susan Nangle

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Ministers of Worship & Service

	November 8	**November 15**
Acolytes	Noah Alconera, Lana Alconera Mike Quinn	Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly
Altar Guild	Sherri Lewis, Ellen Simek	Roberta Torian, Laura O'Brien
Flower Guild	Mer Groch	Mer Groch
Flower Delivery	Judy Culver	Jill Quinn
Intercessor	Carol Cashon	Paul Faison
Readers	Regis Turocy, Mike Quinn	Larry Schroepfer, Tim Kelly
Coffee Hour	Tom Neely	Sue Kelly
Greeter/Usher	Jamie Watson, Dana Pizarro	Sherri Lewis, Virginia Webb
Audio/Visual	David Brooks, Paul Supina	John Groch
Front Sign	Barbara Rivers, Greg Kopia	Cindy VanHefter
Counters	Karen Richards	Judy Culver
Linen Schedule	Meridith Ridington	Meridith Ridington
Sacred Bread	Tom Ridington	Tom Ridington
CS Teacher	Sherri Lewis	Sarah McGovern
Vestry Member of the Month	John McGovern	John McGovern

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