

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025  
10 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. Weather permitting, we worship outdoors on the first Sunday of each month from May to October.

At different times during worship, the congregation may stand or sit according to custom. Those who suffer physical discomfort are invited remain seated or stand, 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.

Restrooms may be found by entering the Main Entrance, going up the steps, and entering the Church Office hallway on the left. There are two restrooms in the hallway, and a baby changing table in the Children's Room.

Please stay with us for refreshments outside following the dismissal.

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

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of granddaughter Madison's birthday given by Everett and Shirley Warren.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE: *Prelude & Allemande from Partita No. 1 BWV 825*

### 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 opening and procession*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Christ is Alive! Let Christians sing! Hymnal 182

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.
- 5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

**A**lmighty 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: All creatures of our God and King Hymnal 400 (v. 1 & 2)

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
*O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- 2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice, *Refrain*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**L**et your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON

**Colossians 3:1-11**

### A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

**I**f you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things~ anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

**Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 49:1-11 (read responsively)

**H**ear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**

We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**

For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**

In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**

For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**

Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN: Take my life, and let it be

Hymnal 707

- 1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria

**W**e 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.

### Prayers of the People - Form VI

*Deacon*            In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Kevin our Priest, Diane our Deacon,  
Joe our Music Director, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the Valley Forge Deanery & especially Trinity, Gulph Mills; for the Brandywine  
Deanery, and St. John's, Gap; and for our community of St. Francis-in-the-Fields.  
**For those who share in the ministry of our church.**

For our Vestry, Wardens, and other Administrative and Financial ministries of St. Francis,  
that they may direct our church with diligence and faithfulness.  
**For those we share with in the ministry of our church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and especially for those celebrating  
birthdays this week: especially Laura, Sarah, and Esther.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*



Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**H**ave mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

**O** Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**L**ord, 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## MEDITATION MUSIC

### 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 1

EOW

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.**

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

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

### SANCTUS (*Yellow Card in Pew*)

Hymnal S127

**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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**O**ur Father in heaven, holy is 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 for 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** (*Yellow Card in Pew*)

Hymnal S374

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.

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all who feel called to a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat.*

**During Communion, our prayer minister will be waiting in the designated area.  
Anyone desiring individual prayer is encouraged to visit them for intercession.**

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** *Menuett & Sarabande from Partita No. 1 BWV 825*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 69

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

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665 (v. 1-3)

1. All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew,  
me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
2. Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;  
though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom passing thought:  
splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of nought.  
Ever more from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

## 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: *Gigue from Partita No. 1 BWV 825*

### Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, we will be hearing some selections from one of Bach's keyboard suites, the first Partita. During Bach's time, he composed these pieces for the "Klavier" which just means any kind of keyed instrument. Now, it's pretty much universal to use piano for these kinds of pieces, but in the past there were many options. These included the harpsichord, clavichord, organ, virginal, spinet, and my personal favorite the lautenwerk. These pieces were meant for pleasant listening at home or at a party, but like most music of the time, it was all music that you could dance to. The fancy titles of these small pieces are all referring to a specific courtly dance of the time.

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 3, 2025

### August 12: Blood Drive

Our Blood drive partner, Willistown United Methodist Church has a drive on Tuesday August 12, from 12-5 pm. Please sign up to donate if you are able. Simply scan the QR code on the flyer located at the bottom of the steps. The next drive at St. Francis is October 7th, from 2-7pm. Please call Nancy with questions, 484-757-4040.

### August 16: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

At 7 pm St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley (Malvern) welcomes ACT Players and their charming and hilarious production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to be performed outdoors behind the Bank Barn if weather permits and indoors if not. Fairies, donkeys, lovers, and amateur actors escape to the forest where anything can happen in this classic play. The event is free, but reservations are requested and donations gratefully accepted. Boxed dinners can be ordered and paid for in advance, and treats will be available for purchase on the night. You are also welcome to bring your own food, but PLEASE NO NUTS due to severe allergies in the cast. To let us know you are coming and to purchase boxed lunches please register on the website.

<https://onrealm.org/StPetersInGreat/PublicRegistrations/Event>

### August 17: West Chester Food Cupboard Collection

Our next Sunday drive for the West Chester Food Cupboard will be August 17, and the theme will be "Lunch Time!". On or before that Sunday, please bring items that might be packed in school lunches. Fruit cups, crackers & cheese, "Goldfish" packets, juice boxes, etc.

### Summer Fellowship

Help needed for Summer Fellowship August 17. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex. Thanks!

### More Than Books

***More Than Books***, a used bookstore formerly known as *Second Reading II*, has moved to the Gay Street Plaza in West Chester. Proceeds from their operation **benefit the West Chester Food Cupboard**. The new store has over 25,000 titles in a spacious 29,000 square foot space and sells many other items. The store hours are Monday to Friday 10 to 3 or 4 and Saturdays 10 to 2. Donations are accepted when open. Surplus titles are donated to other charities. *Second Reading I* on Church Street in West Chester is closed permanently.

### Brown Bag Lunch

We can't wait to see you again on **Tuesday, September 23**, when the Willistown Police Department will join us for a presentation! Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to join us. The BBL Ministry is already getting excited for the 2026 season, and we're looking for speakers or presenters who would love to share their insights on various topics, such as education, travel, hobbies, community events, and more. Perhaps there's a subject we haven't explored yet. If you're interested in presenting or know someone who might be, please don't hesitate to reach out to Shirley Warren, Cindy VanHefter, or Sheila Rees.

### Weekly Lectionary Bible Study

The study will resume on August 6. And when it returns . . . everyone is welcome to attend! This group is famous for wonderful conversation and creating life-long friends. A Zoom option is available with a reminder and link sent out each week.

### Mark Your Calendars! September 27: St. Francis Fair - noon to 4:00 pm.

This fall, St. Francis will be sponsoring a community fair featuring local groups that promote environmental and social awareness. Food banks, beekeepers, conservation agencies and farmers will inform the community about ways to serve those in need and maintain a sustainable environment. Food vendors and special activities for children too! More details to follow, including volunteer opportunities for parishioners.

### Let us take your picture!

Our pictorial directory is a great resource that helps members put together faces and names. However, many of our newer members don't have their pictures in the directory, and many of our longer-term members need to update their pictures. After service on

Sundays, please allow Roberta Torian or David Brooks take your photo to put in our updated member directory.

### **Join the Front Sign Ministry!**

One of the most effective ways we catch the eyes of those driving by is by changing our front sign almost every week. It's an easy task that has a big impact, and we need more people to help. If you can give an hour every couple of months, join the Front Sign Ministry team! See Fr. Kevin for details. Your help would be much appreciated!

**This week we also pray for:** Alice, Randy Bisesi, Andrew & Blair, Irene Balko, Nancy Crossman, Bishop Curry, Joan Corr, Donna Geiger, Hortense Gordon, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Doris Hood, Sharyn Huffman, Jojo, Ted Knauss, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Sue Lenkaitis, Leo, Chris Lindsay, Maria, Matt, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara Pearse, Elizabeth Pitt, Shirley Powell, Shane Smith, Nancy Kent Sowa, Bill Spane, Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Tom & Grace, Linton Warren, Quinn Ziegler, Diana Vaules.

**Birthdays:** Laura Vankoski, Sarah McGovern, and Esther Underhill.

**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 Valley Forge Deanery & Trinity, Gulph Mills; The Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. John's, Gap. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester, Trinity, Coatesville, and St. Peter's in the Great Valley as they each begin a search process for new Rectors.

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The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria, *Rector*

Diane Faison, *Parish Administrator & Deacon*; Joe Perry, *Music Director*



### **Our Vestry:**

Roberta Torian, *Rector's Warden*  
Lisa Buono, *Accounting Warden*; Kathy Schilling, *Secretary*  
Ed Damerau, John Groch, Susan Lenkaitis,  
Sherri Lewis, John McGovern, Susan Nangle

### **MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE**

|                                   | <b>August 3</b>                  | <b>August 10</b>                             |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Acolytes</b>                   | Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria   | Fiona Neely, Lisa Buono<br>Kimberly Osterman |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                | Roberta Torian<br>Karen Richards | Sherri Lewis<br>Meridith Ridginton           |
| <b>Flower Guild</b>               | Jane Brooks                      | Suzanne Steinberg                            |
| <b>Flower Delivery</b>            | Judy Culver                      | Ida Guckes                                   |
| <b>Intercessor</b>                | David Culver                     | Earl Needhammer                              |
| <b>Readers</b>                    | Dave Dutton, Skye Dellaria       | Sherri Lewis, Lisa Buono                     |
| <b>Summer Fellowship</b>          | Kathy Schilling                  | Cindy VanHefter                              |
| <b>Greeter/Usher</b>              | John McGovern, Mike Quinn        | Jamie Watson, Sherri Lewis                   |
| <b>Audio/Visual</b>               | Greg Kopia                       | David Brooks                                 |
| <b>Recycling Team</b>             | Mike Quinn                       | Tim & Sue Kelly                              |
| <b>Front Sign</b>                 | John Woodcock                    | Anne Crowley                                 |
| <b>Counters</b>                   | Jane Brooks                      | Karen Richards                               |
| <b>Linen Schedule</b>             | Meridith Ridington               | Meridith Ridington                           |
| <b>Sacred Bread</b>               | Janet Galib                      | Janet Galib                                  |
| <b>Vestry Member of the Month</b> | Kathy Schilling                  | Kathy Schilling                              |

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