

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28

November 16, 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. 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. 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 loving memory and thanksgiving of all whose lives have touched and blessed us.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE: *Every Morning, Birds*

Rachel Grimes

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, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal 7

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from the Prophet Malachi

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God

PSALM 98 (read responsively)

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

ANTHEM: *Song of Autumn*

James Kirkby

*When the lamps are lit, when the days begin to wane,
When the mountains glow and the creation is all aflame,
We give thanks to him, whose riches from the ripened fields we bring,
And praise him, our God and King.*

*As the earth waits in wonder, as winter draweth nigh;
We await the ancient promise of new birth as fields in silence lie.*

*May the blessings of this season come to you;
The mist of autumn eve and morning dew;
For bounteous gifts of fruit and grain our harvest hymn we sing,
And praise to him our God and King. Amen.*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee

Hymnal 376

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria

A brief time of silent meditation follows the sermon.

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. We pray especially for those who are preparing to be washed by the waters Baptism, especially Everett “Evie”.

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 Bucks Deanery, especially Emmanuel, Quakertown, the Brandywine Deanery and St. Mark's, Honey Brook; 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 Brian, Mary, Mark, and Suzanne. In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our ministries of care and mission, that they may lead us to love others as we love ourselves.

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.

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.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Members of the Invite-Welcome-Connect Committee, Vestry, or other sponsors come forward to stand with the new members and present them by saying:

Fr. Kevin, we present Hope Hoffman, Martha Naylor, Valerie Coyle., Paul Supina, and Frances Supina, and we welcome them to our community as they continue the process of growth in the meaning of baptism.

Celebrant: What do you seek?

Answer: **Renewal of my life in Christ in this community of faith.**

Celebrant: In baptism, you died with Christ Jesus to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Will you study the promises made at your baptism, and strive to keep them in the fellowship of this community and the rest of the Church?

Answer: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you attend the worship of God regularly with us, to hear God's word and to celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?

Answer: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you join us in our life of service to those who are poor, outcast, captive or powerless?

Answer: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive to recognize the gifts that God has given you and discern how they are to be used in the building up of God's reign of peace and justice?

Answer: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: People of St. Francis, as disciples of Jesus Christ we are all chosen to serve as companions to these persons in the pilgrimage of our faith. Will you support them by prayer and example and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God? Will you keep these new members in your

prayers, share with them in ministry, bear their burdens and, when necessary, forgive and encourage them?

Sponsors: **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord, our maker, for you form us in your image and restore us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, these children of God were buried with Christ and rose to new life in him. Renew them by your Holy Spirit, that, as members of this parish, they grow in the love of Christ. Strengthen their union with all of Christ's Body as they join us in our life of praise and service; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Please now recognize and welcome the newest members of St. Francis-in-the-Fields.

People: **We recognize you as members of the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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 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; 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

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 you may be on your 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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Hymnal 302

- 1 Father, we thank thee who hast planted thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus thy Son to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure, didst give us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.

- 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in thy love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands thy Church be gathered into thy kingdom by thy Son.

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: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in this faithfulness.
3. Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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: *Fugue, BWV 532*

J. S. Bach

This Sunday, and with the recent cold snap, things are finally starting to feel autumnal at St. Francis. To celebrate the seasons, I decided to pull some inspiration from centuries and centuries of composers who draw musical breath from the world around them. The prelude today, “Every Morning, Birds” is from Kentucky-based composer Rachel Grimes. Rachel writes music from symphonies, chamber groups, film scores, and most notably, piano.

This prelude is from one of her albums and sheet music collections entitled “Book of Leaves”. Like so many of her works, the atmosphere is set by the wide open harmonies in the score. This allows the natural resonance of the piano create a depth to the sound. Rather than listen for every note, let your mind open to the scene that Grimes is trying to paint. Listen especially for the bird calls towards the end.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 16, 2025

Thank You for Your 2026 Pledge!

A huge “Thank you!” to everyone who has turned in their 2026 Pledge Card, or who is planning to do so soon. Every pledge to St. Francis – every single pledge – is important and appreciated. As a community, every gift helps to “live as Christ’s body in the world”.

November 18: BROWN BAG LUNCH - Noon-1:00 PM

Co-Directors, The Rev. Diane Faison and Alice Briscoe-Brown, along with member, The Rev. Steve Lindsay, will represent the Diocesan Commission on Gun Violence and Bryan Miller of Heeding Gods’ Call will deliver a presentation on gun violence in the city and suburbs. We will also have letters to our legislators expressing concerns about gun violence and advocating for safer gun policies. **Please note: LUNCH AND BEVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED.** Please plan to arrive by 11:45am so you have enough time to mingle before we start promptly at noon. We look forward to seeing you on November 18.

November 23: West Chester Food Cupboard Collection

This is a very critical time for people facing food insecurity. Our quarterly food drive for WCFC will focus on **canned soup** (preferably with pull-top lids). You can bring your donations to St. Francis on Sunday mornings, or during office hours. Thanks!

November 23: Advent & Christmas Decorating

There will be a meeting for Advent & Christmas Decorating after church on November 23. All are welcomed.

December 6: Calling All Bakers!

The annual St. Francis Cookie Walk will be held this year on **Saturday, December 6**, from 9am to 11am, in the Parish Hall. Elizabeth Darnel will be our leader for the event. **How can you help?** By baking cookies, of course! Cookies can be baked and frozen in advance. Label all cookies containers for allergens, gluten free, etc., before bringing them to the church. At the event, cookies will be separated by allergen for safety.

December 7: Christmas Caroling

Sherri Lewis and the Church School will be hosting our 2nd Annual “All Church” Christmas Caroling event on Sunday, **December 7, from 4pm to 6pm**, at the Lewis home (8 Ridge Road, Malvern). EXPERIENCED ADULT VOICES ARE NEEDED! There will be a post-caroling party, so bring a snack to share!

December 9: Blood Drive

You can make a meaningful difference this holiday season! Won't you please consider signing up for our last partner blood drive of 2025 on 12/9, 12-5pm at Willistown United Methodist Church? Whole blood donors, your donation helps save 3 lives; Power red donors, you help Save 6 + lives! All donors are greatly needed and appreciated! Please sign up today at redcrossblood.org or use the QR Code on the flyer in the stairwell. Our drive code is SFXWUMC. I look forward to seeing you. My very best wishes for a joyful and healthy holiday season to you and your loved ones. With gratitude, Nancy.

December: Church Farm School *Why the Chimes Ring*

Church Farm School invites you to the 100th anniversary of their Christmas Pageant, *Why the Chimes Ring*, a timeless holiday tale about the gifts we give and those we receive:

Fri 12/12 | 8:00pm | Chapel of the Atonement, 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy, Exton

Sat 12/13 | 3:00pm | Church of Saint Asaph, Bala Cynwyd

Sun 12/14 | 3:00pm | Chapel of the Atonement, 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy, Exton

You're invited to a fireside chat with Head of School Dr. Troy Baker before Friday's performance at 6:00pm. Tickets are free but limited: Call 610.363.5333 or visit www.gocfs.net/pageant.

Upcoming Seasonal Events at St. Francis

Saturday, December 6:	"One Voice" Concert	6:00pm
Saturday, December 13:	Parish Christmas Party	6:00pm
Wednesday, December 17:	Daytime Christmas Fellowship	12:00pm
Sunday, December 21:	Church School Christmas Pageant	10:00am
Wednesday, December 24:	Christmas Eve Services	5:00pm & 11:00pm
Thursday, December 25:	Christmas Day Service	9:00am
Sunday, December 28:	Christmas Lessons & Carols	10:00am

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10am. Meets in-person and on Zoom to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Holy Eucharist follows at 11:15. A weekly email link is sent out for those who desire to attend virtually.

Church Farm School Clothes Closet

Winter is coming! Hats and gloves would be greatly appreciated. The Griffin Clothes Closet could also use the following items: black and brown belts (small and medium), deodorant, body wash, and plastic bar soap containers (they have a lot of bars of

soap). Donated items can be put in the bin located in the narthex. Thank you! For more information about donating please contact Cindy VanHefter cvanhefter@gmail.com

Easy Peasy!

Would you like to help seekers find St. Francis? Help get the word out! Go to Google Maps, click on St. Francis, and write a (positive) review! The more reviews we get, the more we show up in searches and inquiries. Your little review may help someone in find the loving community they've been searching for!

This week we also pray for: Alice, Maria Avalos, Randy Bisesi, Andrew & Blair, Bonnie, Bishop Curry, Leslie Fant, Donna Geiger, Hortense Gordon, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Doris Hood, Jojo, George & Jackie Kennedy, Ted Knauss, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Sue Lenkaitis, Leo, Chris Lindsay, Maria, Matt, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Larry Schroepfer, Shane Smith, Nancy Kent Sowa, Bill & Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Linton Warren, Diana Vaules, Linda Yates.

Birthdays: Brian Friedrich, Mary Wong, Mark Hansler, and Suzanne DeAngelo.

Our Ministries: In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our ministries of care and mission, that they may lead us to love others as we love ourselves.

Our Diocese: The Bucks Deanery, especially Emmanuel, Quakertown; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. Mark's, Honey Brook. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester 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*

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Our Vestry:

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

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	November 16	November 23
Acolytes	Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly	Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria
Altar Guild	Noel Dutton	Susan Thomas, Jane Brooks
Flower Guild	Laura Petersen	Mer Groch
Flower Delivery	Susan Thomas	Sharyn Huffman
Intercessor	David Culver	Sandra Healey
Readers	Ed Damerau, Tim Kelly	Jim Crowley, Skye Dellaria
Coffee Hour	Tim & Sue Kelly	Julie Alconera
Greeter/Usher	Nancy Needhammer Virginia Webb	John McGovern, Mike Quinn
Audio/Visual	John Groch	Greg Kopia
Front Sign	Ed & Ellen Simek	Mark & Liz Hanlser
Counters	Judy Culver	Susan Callahan
Linen Schedule	Meridith Ridington	Meridith Ridington
Sacred Bread	Tom Ridington	Tom Ridington
Vestry Member of the Month	Kathy Schilling	Kathy Schilling

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