



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

September 28, 2022

A Message From Thack

One of the great stories of Greek Mythology is that of Antaeus and Hercules. Antaeus, like Hercules, was a giant with extraordinary strength. His parents were Neptune and Gaia, the personification of earth. When he and Hercules engaged in mortal combat, Hercules proved to be the strongest, but every time he had Antaeus exhausted and near defeat, Antaeus's flesh would touch Gaia (Mother Earth) and his strength was mysteriously renewed. He then resumed the contest with fresh vigor. Hercules finally slew the mighty Antaeus by performing the titanic feat of lifting him into the air where he was out of touch with the earth. The Greeks were saying by this legend that there is great power in touch. The earth was the source of life for Antaeus, and when he could not keep in touch with his source of life he lost his power, and, therefore, lost his life.

Though this story is a myth, the truth it illustrates is a fact. Direct contact with the source of life revitalizes you and rejuvenates the flow of energy. The power of touch can never be underestimated.

All of nature is a witness to the power of touch. If the plant world is not kept in touch with mother earth, no life can exist. Jesus used this fact of nature to illustrate the necessity for contact in the Christian life. In John 15:4-5 he said, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." Jesus is clearly saying that the power of life is found only by maintaining contact with the source of power. Get out of touch with Christ, and you are like Antaeus up in the air cut off from mother earth---weak, helpless and doomed to defeat.

The words of Jesus describe the great power in touch. We can all relate to this concept. Lovers know it and experience great connectivity with each other by just the holding of hands. Children know it through the touch of a mother's lips on a scraped elbow. From infancy, we ache for the warmth of one another's skin. Jesus did not have to touch any of the ones he healed in the gospels. He did not have to touch the blind man's eyes or the leper's sores, but he did. The Son of God understood the power of touch and healed with his hands.

The Church has embraced this idea of the power of touch and incorporated this by commissioning its leaders with the laying on of hands. The holy orders of bishop, priest, and deacon begin their ministry with the hands of God's people placed upon their heads. During the ordination of a priest, the bishop lays hands on the ordinand and says, "Fill him/her with grace and power, and make him/her a priest in your church . . . make him/her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor." (*BCP*, pp. 533-34).

These pastors' hands will eventually baptize babies, prepare sermons, and make crosses of ash on the penitents' foreheads. They will break the bread, pour wine, and comfort the uncomfortable. They will also make signs of the cross on the foreheads of the deceased and the dying.¹

¹ Rachel Held Evans, "Hands," in *Searching for Sunday*, (Nelson Books, 2015), p. 98.

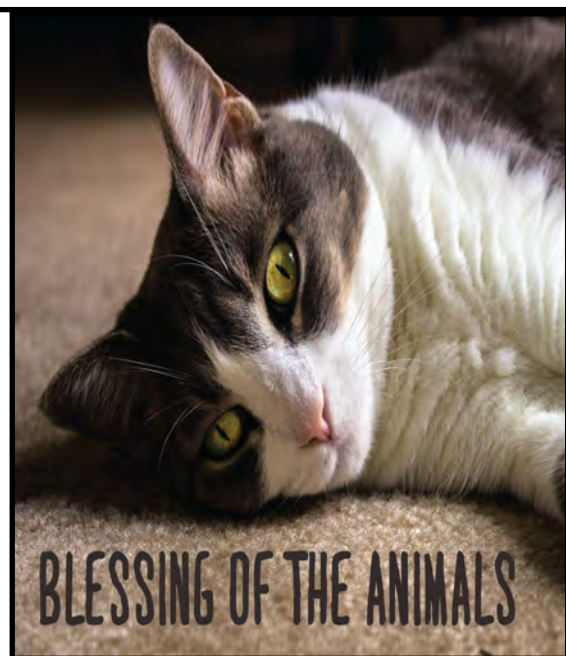
That said, the healing power of touch is not limited to ordained ministers. Since we are all ministers by virtue of our baptisms, the laity are also endowed with the power of touch. Whether in the act of passing the peace in corporate worship, passing a meal to the homeless on the street, or wrapping arms around the shoulders of strangers in distress, the power of touch can bring comfort, healing and peace to others.

Recently, the power of touch became especially poignant for me. Two weeks ago, two of my brothers, our spouses and myself gathered around my mother's bedside in her room in the memory care unit at her retirement community in Gulf Breeze. I offered her unction, the anointing with holy oil, in conjunction with prayers for the dying. As I laid my hands on my mother's head, a lifetime of memories washed over me. They were memories of her holding me as a small child, caressing my head and kissing me in happy times and comforting me in my pain. I remembered when she held my hand the many times we walked along the water's edge at Pensacola Beach. Her grasp was both soft and firm to make sure I didn't wander into the rough surf. Her touch was always comforting and reassuring.

These memories were reminders that through loving touch, God gave us the power to heal and to pass God's love on to others. My mother's touch passed God's love to me more times than I could ever begin to count. I hope and pray she felt God's love through me that last morning we had together.

Never forget the power of touch and pass God's love to others at every opportunity.

Peace, Thack



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 4:00 P.M. IN THE COURTYARD

It's that time of year when we gather to bless our pets in memory of St. Francis of Assisi. The Feast of St. Francis is **Sunday, October 2**. We will bless the animals at **4:00 p.m.** in the courtyard.

St. Francis of Assisi loved all of God's creation and was known to preach to birds, animals and reptiles of every description. According to tradition, he was able to communicate with them in such a way they could understand his message.

The church celebrates St. Francis' love of all of God's creatures through the blessing of the animals. They should be blessed, especially when you remember how much peace, joy and love they give us.

We will gather in the courtyard outside the church on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for the blessing. Please bring your pets (dog, cat, bird, snake, turtle, rabbit, gecko, or whatever) for the blessing.

Peace, Thack

**You are cordially invited to
Open House/Coffee Hour**

Sponsored by:



When: Sunday, October 9

Time: 9:00 am – 12:30

**(Immediately following the 8:00 am
and 10:30 am services)**

Where: Thrift Shop Building

For Who: All Ages

Appetizers and Beverages will be served.

Shop will be open for sales.

*Come check out YOUR Thrift Shop and
enjoy fellowship and tasty treats!*

New Magazine

MINISTRY

Have you heard the news?

St Paul's has a new ministry...the magazine ministry. Remember the last time you sat in the ER waiting room for hours with nothing to read? Well Noah Pino will be collecting magazine every Sunday and taking them to local hospital/ER waiting rooms. Bring your old magazines (tear the address label off) to Malone Hall- we will have a container there to collect them.

Please help Noah make this a successful ministry,



You are invited to

St. Paul's

OCTOBER PARISH BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 2nd

at 9:15 a.m.

in the Life Center gym.

This delicious breakfast is prepared for you by

St. Paul's Men's Group.

JOIN US FOR OUR

TRUNK or TREAT



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
28788 N. Main Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Join us for a Free, Safe and Unique way to
"Trick or Treat". Costumes are encouraged!

Interested in Participating? Register your Trunk at:
CALL OR TEXT 205-616-5194
There is no fee to participate.

St. Paul's Youth - Happy Fall!

Last Sunday we enjoyed serving dinner and hosting the family promise families in Malone Hall.

Save the dates:

- Sunday, October 16 Acolyte luncheon
- Sunday, October 30 Trunk or Treat.

Have a great week! See you Sunday!

Much love! Bonnie



Tracts Talk! Centering Prayer

You owe it to yourself to take just a few minutes every day to “Be still and know that I am God,” as in Psalm 46:10. Centering prayer is a wonderful way to do this. It gives us a quiet respite from the day’s activities and distractions, and it sets us up for better awareness of God’s constant presence. It can even reduce anxiety and increase patience throughout the day.

The pamphlet, **Centering Prayer**, gives tips on how to go about practicing centering prayer, and it answers some questions about why it’s a good thing to do. I think many of us have difficulty with any kind of meditation - and centering prayer is a type of meditation - because we feel we cannot clear our minds. It takes practice! This pamphlet gives suggestions on just how to do that. My two favorite FAQs included are: “What if I don’t feel anything?” and “What difference does it make?” Pick up this excellent publication to find out.

Vivian Silliman

St. Paul’s 4th Friday BINGO is ...

serving up spaghetti and winning numbers!!

come join family and friends –

6:00pm Friday, October 28, 2022

begin with a **\$5 spaghetti dinner ...**

salad, bread, dessert and drink – wine extra

then purchase an **11 game BINGO packet for \$20**

...

daubers available for use we play 11 games

(each sheet has 3 games to daub!)

regular **BINGO play ...**

plus fun postage stamp, T, picture frame and black-out games!

during last two games you can purchase extra tries
for \$1 each

each game ends with increasing **cash prizes**

for single winner – or multiple winners

there’s nothing quite like

4th Friday BINGO

at St. Paul’s on the Eastern Shore!!

y’all come!!



Prayer Requests

Please let us know if someone needs to be added or removed from the prayer requests.

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Stephanie Akins, Dave Baldock, Linda Bell, Deanna Cook, Faith Cornett, Nancy Dziubakowski, Sylvia Forbes, Laurie Fuller, Z. Wayne Gatlin, Laura Ann Gibson, Elaine Glover, Phyllis Hammond, Terri Hare, Sharon Hoiles, Shari & Linn Hyde, Dave Johnson, Amy Kingry, Ed & Brenda Kirby, Beverly Koepp, Jane Lathan, Jim Lonnergan, Pat McKeown, Joan McKnight, Jo Moran, Benjamin Moseley, Bill Organic, Judy Rayner, Judy Reeves, Marilyn Roberts, T.J. Ross, Nick Shoultz, D'ana Snow, Mike Turnipseed, Bud Wallace, Frieda Ward, George Warren, Laurie Wiggins, Rick Zwickey

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marty Adams, Christopher Blackwell, Betty Borroni, Pat Cannon, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Suzanne Damour, Dee Grantham, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Ann Kenney, Alexander Kielek, Lou Morgan, Buddy Morrow, Sara Patton, Billie Jo Robertson, Mary Rudolf, Kem Rutledge, Stephanie Sanchez, Pat Schlimmer, Cathy Slagle, Albert Thompson, Julia Warren

For the Departed: Tyler Wallace, Puddy Dyson

For Those Serving in the Military:

Bradley Billingsley, Ryan Bowman, James Cassebaum, Matthew Cheatham, Chase Clark, Jackson Deaton, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Chris Evans, Deron Frailie, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Walker Jackson, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Shane Kennedy, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Kaleb Sharpless, Brad Yonkers

For those with birthdays:

September 27-30 (27) Dylan Loes, AnnaLouise Hicks, (28) Barbara Morley, Anna Kate Jackson, (29) Jennifer Nagel, (30) Jennifer Doyle, Jaleah Beckley

October 1-31

(01) Haley Meshejian, (02) Bonnie Boll, (05) Linda Koenig, Shawn Alves, Sterling McFarland, (06) Wayne Gatlin, Ron Reece, Sharon Mitchell, (07) Joan McKnight, Michael Taylor, (09) Christopher Conger, (11) Ann Kavanagh, Nancy Beck, Alyssa Mullins, Jackson Mullins, Seth Mullins, (12) Emily McGirl, Jack Thompson, Alexander Wyckoff, (14) David Green, Kelly Meshejian, Astrid Wetzel, (15) Bob Wakeman, Debbie Quinn, Jean McDonnell, Patrick Davenport, Sara Beth Walker, (17) Rachel Ingraham, (18) Arthur Oken, Joseph Reosti, Cooper Dalto, (19) Elaine Glover, Cathy Slagle, (20) Marsha Chinal, Sylvia Forbes, (21) Court Hurst, Julie Taylor, Robin Dilsaver, (24) Ray Bing, Tim Michael, Mary Balhatchet, (26) Arvis Leininger, Caron Richards, Jeffrey Chamberlain, Donna Nolte, (27) Jo Moran, Margot Boll, Andrew Erdman, (28) Ann Davis, Townsend Vance, (29) Becky Costlow, Charlotte Patterson, Jennifer Erdman, Micah Beckley

Family Promise

The next Family Promise we will have for this year is: **November 6-12, 2022**. If you've never participated, this is a unique volunteer opportunity to make an impact in our community by serving the needs of homeless families in the Family Promise Program.

We will need cooks, evening and overnight hosts to be with the families while they are staying in Malone Hall at St. Paul's. One of the evenings for each week will be reserved to take the families on a shopping spree at St. Paul's Thrift Shop (usually on Wednesday night.)

Take a look at your calendars and sign up today!

The link for signing up is below. You can copy and paste into your browser and it should take you to the sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A4A728A7FE3-november3>

Thank you so much and call, text or email with any questions!

Melissa Kielek 251-408-2483 Mulansmom1@gmail.com

St. Paul's Thrift Shop (251) 626-6102

Did you know the St. Paul's Thrift Shop has store sales just like regular retail stores? Or that the shop has seasonal merchandise change-overs? The store stays current with inventory appropriate for the season and holidays. The Fall transition took place on September 19 and now the shop is full of great items reflecting autumn. Friend our Facebook page so you can stay informed of upcoming sales.

The shop will also be hosting an "Open House" for the St. Paul's congregation on Sunday, October 9 from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm for everyone to visit following the 8:00 am and the 10:30 am church services. Mark your calendars now to join us for this preview day.

St. Paul's Thrift Shop

LET THERE BE LIGHT UPDATE

On August 18, 2022 – St Paul's made a 50% deposit to Case Architectural Lighting, LLC for 44 LED light fixtures. The light fixtures are tentatively scheduled for shipment around October 31, 2022. Hopefully, we will have new lights in our sanctuary by Christmas.

Peace & Love
Marty Ollinger



Join us for

RALLY DAY

Sunday, October 23rd

WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE ONLY

AT 10:00 A.M.

IN THE LIFE CENTER.

**THE SERVICE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED
BY A DELICIOUS FISH FRY PREPARED BY
ST. PAUL'S MEN'S GROUP.**

*Rally Day Menu: Fried Fish, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,
Fried Pickles, Hush Puppies, French Fries, Cake*

CARE - through snail mail - for our COLLEGE STUDENTS

Calling all **parents** of COLLEGE STUDENTS ... we need your HELP!!

The Daughters of the King would like to mail “mid-term greetings and encouragement” from our Church family to every student from St. Paul’s who is in college or trade school ... but we need your help in getting a good current address. Please call or text your student’s name, college and address to Linda McNamara (bamamcs1@aol.com or 251-610-4959) and we will send it off to them the first week of October!

Also, we invite **EVERYONE** who comes to the Church breakfast or coffee hour on **Sunday, October 2** to add their well wishes! We will have paper, cut-out cards, pens and markers plus list of names at each table so you can add words of greeting, spiritual wisdom, encouragement ... or even a corny Halloween joke! We’ll collect the cards and mail them to our St. Paul’s students keeping them connected with their Church family while they “hit the books” and study for exams!! Thanks for your help!!



The Order of the Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King are women dedicated to the extension of Christ’s Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. The DOK Chapter at St. Paul’s, named Julian of Norwich, recently welcomed new Daughters: Crystal Anderson, Eileen Head, Jane Shoultz, Gaye Wilson. If you are interested in learning more about DOK please see Cindy Op’t Holt, President or speak with any Daughter.

St. Paul's Daughters of the King recently admitted new members into our Julian of Norwich chapter: We welcome: Crystal Anderson, Eileen Head, Jane Shoultz, Gaye Wilson



Life Center Update

I am staying busy at the Life Center. Tuesday last the Coast Guard contingent met conference room A. There are various other conferences and meetings taking place: One day later this month, the 29th I think, Beckwith personnel are arriving to borrow the stage. Then it has to be brought back, sorted out and gotten ready for the Rally Day upcoming Oct. 23. The point is that things need some attention and that means I need another person for that and also to help move the goals. If you can help call me.

Upward Basketball will be picking up for I think it's 19th season in Daphne,. Registration is Oct 3-31 with evals on Monday & Wednesday Nov 7 & 9th; please note that election day Tuesday the 8th. Practices begin the week of Nov 28th, first games are on Saturday Jan 7, 2023. I'm hoping my friend Cooper Donahue will retake his paid position as clock/scorekeeper. Melissa I'm sure will be doing concessions again but could use help again. Thanks Roxanna and Debbie for your help last year! As usual I will be enlisting help from the parents who come to Upward.

Parish breakfasts are going strong and without a hitch thanks to an excellent group of volunteers. Thank you all who participate in this ministry.

And don't forget BINGO, two more times this year, Sept. 23 & Oct. 28th. I hope to see you all then.
David



St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Animals

Courtyard
October 2nd
4:00 p.m.

Annual PorkFest

November 19th



Annual Meeting of the Parish

in Malone Hall
Sunday, November 20th
9:00 a.m.

Come and Behold Him - Nativity Exhibit

in the Life Center Gym
Friday and Saturday, December 2nd & 3rd - 10:00-4:00 and
Sunday, December 4th - 9:00-3:00

ST. PAUL'S 14TH ANNUAL
"PORKFEST"

Saturday, November 19, 2022

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church ,
28788 North Main Street, Daphne, AL
251-626-2421



Boston Butts — \$40.00 Each

Pulled Pork Sandwiches — \$5 Each

**Boston Butts can be picked up

between 10:00 a.m. — NOON

Contact Howard Wilson for more information:

251-408-1111

Beckwith Camp & Retreat

JOIN US FOR OUR

Beckwith
Women's
Retreat

OCT. 21-23, 2022

10400 BECKWITH LANE
FAIRHOPE, AL 36532

"GETTING CREATIVE
EXPRESSING YOURSELF"

KEYNOTE - ALYSON JACKSON

251-928-7844

REGISTER AT
WWW.BECKWITHAL.COM/PROGRAMS

SAVE THE DATE:

TWO EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS ONE EXCEPTIONAL DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6



EVENT/ENTERTAINMENT: 5-8 PM
LAKEWOOD GOLF CLUB | FAIRHOPE, AL

SHOTGUN START AT NOON
LAKEWOOD GOLF CLUB | FAIRHOPE, AL

To register your team, purchase tickets or become a corporate sponsor
contact: Jennifer Flad - 251.625.8955
jenniferbflad@gmail.com • exceptionalfoundationgc.org

Exceptional Foundation invites everyone to support this important and impactful program at this October 6 fundraiser. Get a foursome together to play GOLF with shotgun noon start ... or buy a ticket to the ARTS live auction with music and food from 5 - 8pm ... all at the beautiful Lakewood Country Club near the Grand Hotel. Thanks for your support - always!

Treasurer's Report, by Janet Norman

Following is an excerpt of discussions during our last vestry meeting.

- Terri has trouble sleeping because she worries about the church cash flow.
- The church runs two payrolls a month. And Terri worries about having enough cash on hand to cover payroll.
- The church has a loan payment due every month of \$23,000. This keeps chipping away at our \$2.2 million remaining mortgage balance.
- The church insurance premium, due quarterly, is about \$21,000.
- We have at least two insurance claims a year for lightning strike damage. Our deductible is \$5,000.
- We continue to struggle with flooding issues at the preschool building. The men's group has come up with a band-aid solution to tie us over because having a contractor come in would be cost prohibitive at this time.
- Two of our A/C units were found to have limited coolant last month during a regular maintenance inspection. Just refilling the coolant for each unit was over \$1,000 each.
- We all (vestry, treasurer, clergy) HATE begging our parishioners for contributions.
- As I have said month, after month this year, we are struggling with cash flow. Necie Boroni has offered to help create a cash flow statement for the church. Thank you Necie.

If you have any questions about our finances, please contact me at (224) 515-6938

or jmn9210@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Janet Norman

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Monday-Saturday

Morning Prayer
8:05 a.m.

Live Streamed on
St. Paul's Facebook page only

Sunday-Thursday

Compline
8:00 p.m.

Live Streamed on
Judith Comer's Facebook page only

Wednesday

Healing Service with
The Holy Eucharist
Wednesday
NOON

*Church Services are also live-streamed
on our Facebook Page*

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:
8:00 am -- 4:30 pm

Friday:
8:00 am -- 11:30 am

St. Paul's Thrift Shop
251-626-6102

St. Paul's Preschool
251-626-2774

**ADULT BIBLE
STUDIES**

Sunday

Christian Education
(Life Center Conf. Room A)
Adults
9:15 am

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
7:00 am
ZOOM Meeting only

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
10:30 am

**St. Paul's Vestry
2022-2024**

Terms Ending

December 31, 2022

Joe Cook, Jr. Warden
Donna Nolte
Jim Green
Tim Michael, Sr. Warden

December 31, 2023

Necie Borroni
Alyson Jackson
Michael Koepp
Vivian Silliman

December 31, 2024

Edith Henry
Matthew Thomason
Sue Ann Turnipseed
Tom Walker

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Martha Lathan,
Clerk of the Vestry

Janet Norman, Treasurer

Clergy

The Rev. Thack H. Dyson,
Rector
The Rev. John K. Talbert,
Curate

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Facebook Page

St. Paul's Eastern Shore

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Church App

<https://tithely.app.link/st-pauls-eastern-shore>

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CO RD 99, LILLIAN, AL

251-961-2505



20th ANNUAL

BBQ & BLUES

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 15TH, 2022

10:00am- 3:00pm



AWARD WINNING BBQ
BY PIT MASTER: JOHN SWIFT



***PLATES SERVED 11AM- 1PM* \$15 per plate**

**INCLUDES BBQ SANDWICH, SLAW, FAMOUS ADVENT BROWNIE
AND DRINK**

**ENJOY OUR SILENT AUCTION *
CASH RAFFLE* LIVE MUSIC * AND
ARTS AND CRAFT VENDORS ***

All silent auction Items are donated by our generous sponsors and merchants.
Proceeds from the sale directly benefit local charity and community organizations.

BAYLIGHTS
AT BECKWITH
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2ND
MUSIC, FOOD & FUN ON WEEKS BAY

Register and Purchase Tickets @
www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights

Friday, Sept. 30th

6:30pm - \$25.00

Music by Casey Kearney

(with Fr. Richard Proctor on the drums)

Includes dinner, beer & wine

Bring a lawn chair

www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights

Sat. - Oct. 1st
Live ticket draw down
\$100

www.TuscanResort.com

www.AntiguaCaribbeanBliss.com



Weekend Includes

Friday Sept 30th

6:30pm Music and dinner

Saturday Oct 1st

12:00pm Bishop's BBQ

2:00pm Diocesan Ultreya

5:00pm Music by Robert Sully

6:00pm Low Country Boil

8:00pm Last ticket drawn

Fun activities for the family

Football games shown in Wilson Hall



Last ticket drawn wins

Win a trip to Tuscany, Italy
or Antigua for 2 or 4 people

\$100 ticket

Purchase tickets at

www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights

You do not have to be present to win

Trips can be taken at any time in 2023 or later
Winner chooses their destination

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The Rev. Thack H. Dyson, *Rector*
The Rev. John K. Talbert, *Curate*
Elizabeth Faust, *Christian Education & Preschool Administrator*
Bonnie Hindman, *Youth Leader*
David Kielek, *Life Center Sexton*
John Matson, *Choirmaster*
Joan McKnight, *Staff Assistant*
Terri McMillan, *Administrative Assistant*

Office Hours 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday)
8:00 a.m. — 11:30a.m. (Friday)

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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*