



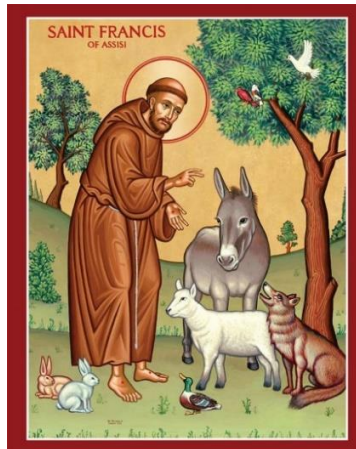
St. Francis
Episcopal Church

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 2, 2022

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church. We are glad to have you with us today as we worship and invite you to participate throughout the service. May God bless you this and every day.

St. Francis Sunday Schedule:

Nursery: *Infants to 3 years* - 9:00am in the Nursery

Sacred Earth; Sacred Soul: *Adults* - 9:10am in the Parish Hall

- Celtic Christian Wisdom & Spirituality for the Here & Now

Children's Chapel: *Children* - During the 10:00am Service in the Children's Chapel

Going Global: *Adults* - 11:15am in the Parish Hall

- Prep Class for our Adult Costa Rica Mission Experience

EYC: *Youth* - 11:15am in St. Mike's House

Jr. Choir: *3rd to 12th Graders* - 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Choir Room

Please check the calendar for updated information.

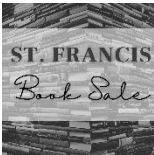
HISTORY OF ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

October 1954 - October 2024 - Celebrating 70 Years

St. Francis Church was organized in October 1954 as a mission of Holy Trinity Parish. The first service was held in Irving Park Elementary School in November 1954, with 104 people attending. A Charter Scroll was signed in the Octave of Epiphany 1955, at which time 180 baptized people formally transferred their membership to the new mission. Construction of the church building began in July 1955, the cornerstone was laid in October, and the first service was held on Christmas Day in 1955. St. Francis became an independent parish in union with the Diocese of North Carolina in 1956. The assistant rector of Holy Trinity, the Rev. Peter Robinson, became the first rector and served for 20 years.



The St. Francis Day School was founded in 1964. The Day School provides a preschool experience in a faith-centered environment that nurtures children spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically as it prepares them to be engaged students and good citizens.



The St. Francis Book Sale was started in 1958 and is one of St. Francis' prominent community programs. The proceeds go to local outreach programs.



Each year St. Francis Church invites the Greensboro community to celebrate the Blessing of the Animals honoring the Feast of St. Francis on the first Sunday of October.

We embrace the values of our namesake, St. Francis, and take them to heart: Simplicity. Compassion. Hope.

We practice these values internally, as we support and minister to the families of our congregation, Youth Ministry and Day School.

Equally important, these values are evidenced in our Outreach Ministries and activities. We care about the community in which we live and work to make it a better place for all.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint Francis of Assisi was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, but nicknamed Francesco; was an Italian Catholic friar and preacher. On July 16, 1228, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope Gregory IX. He is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment, and is one of the two patron saints of Italy. It is customary for Catholic and Anglican churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of October 4th.

Francis preached to man and beast the universal ability and duty of all creatures to praise God and the duty of men to protect and enjoy nature as both the stewards of God's creation and as creatures ourselves.

Perhaps the most famous incident that illustrates the Saint's humility towards nature is recounted in the "Fioretti" ("Little Flowers"), a collection of legends and folklore that sprang up after the Saint's death. It is said that, one day, while Francis was travelling with some companions, they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds." The birds surrounded him, intrigued by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away. He is often portrayed with a bird, typically in his hand.

Another legend from the Fioretti tells that in the city of Gubbio, where Francis lived for some time, was a wolf "terrifying and ferocious, who devoured men as well as animals." Francis had compassion upon the townsfolk, and so he went up into the hills to find the wolf. Soon, fear of the animal had caused all his companions to flee, though the saint pressed on. When he found the wolf, he made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf to come to him and hurt no one. Miraculously the wolf closed his jaws and lay down at the feet of St. Francis.

The most faithful follower of St. Francis was Clare Offreduccio. (1193-1253) Together they are credited with founding the Franciscan movement. It is said that the greatest gifts Francis and Clare leave for us are a deeply rooted desire for God, a fervent commitment to prayer, and a life that generates action.

Francis is also credited with the idea of presenting the first live nativity scene using live animals and people. It was held in a cave in Assisi during Francis' lifetime using local villagers and their animals.

PRELUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, sung by all.

HYMN 400 (VERSES 1, 4, 5, 7)

All creatures of our God and King



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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Please remain standing.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

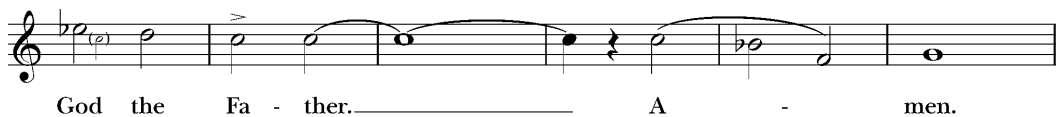
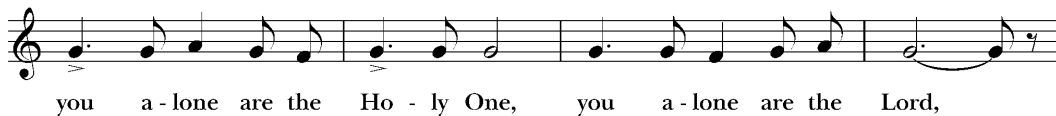
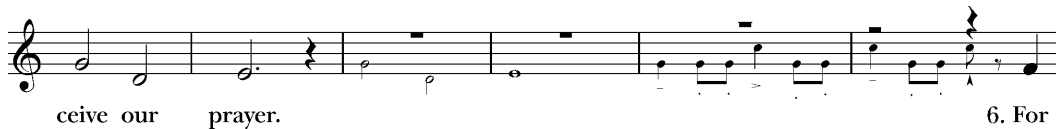
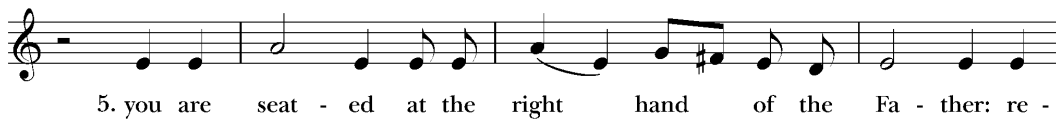
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Hymnal S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2, 24-2:4a

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all

PSALM 148 7-14

Anglican Chant, Sam Doyle



- 7 Praise the LORD from the / earth, *
you sea-monsters and all / deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and / fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his / will;
- 9 Mountains and all / hills, *
fruit trees and all / cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all / cattle, *
creeping things and winged / birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all / peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the / world;
- 12 Young men and / maidens, *
old and young to- / gether.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the / LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and / heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal / servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Halle- / lujah!

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians:

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: *Most High, omnipotent, good Lord*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25–30

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Addington

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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Celebrant and People:

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

Intercessor: Almighty God, you raised up your servant Francis of Assisi to be a champion for the poor, oppressed, and all of Creation. This day we give thanks for his witness, and pray for the furthering of your Kingdom which he sought to build on earth as it is in heaven.

We pray that you might make us instruments of your peace; that our land might be filled with justice, mercy, and forgiveness for all people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for those who see injustice in this world and speak out against it, and those who work with the poor, the sick, and the mentally ill, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for those for whom the darkness seems to hide the light, for those who suffer from depression and despair. Grant that we might show forth your hope and light to all whom we come in contact with, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray that we might know the joy of giving, the gift of consolation, and the virtue of patient understanding. Let us always remember that the things which unite us are stronger than the forces which seek to divide us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for the forgiveness of our sins, that being pardoned we might be free to serve you in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all of your Creation. For the right uses of natural resources, for ethical treatment of all animals, for a sense of awe and wonder in seeing nature, and for the wisdom and will to preserve the sacred gifts of the earth, of Brother Sun and Sister Moon, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those who need our prayers and whom we now remember:

People: [pause for silent prayer]

Intercessor: For them and for ourselves, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in joyful thanksgiving for all the special animals in each of our lives, given by Jim, Vara, and Lisa Cox.

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, grant us a sense of the Franciscan spirit- that we might live with compassion in our hearts, with simplicity in our devotion to your causes, and hope in all we do. Bless us, your people; help us to be good and faithful stewards of your bounty. These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit reign, one God, for all eternity.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

All: 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.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.
Oh Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there's despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood; as to understand, to be loved, as to love.
Oh Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen

Please stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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The musical notation is presented in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the respective parts.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sung by all.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory...

Celebrant: ...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Sung by all.

FRACTION

Hymnal 325 vs. 1

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;_____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;_____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me._____

The musical notation consists of four staves in B-flat major (two flats). The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the first ending. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff is marked 'Refrain' and includes a repeat sign. The fourth staff includes first and second endings, marked '1' and '2' respectively, leading to a double bar line.

THE PEACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: 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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive bread only, place one palm of the hand in another and the priest will offer the Body of Christ to you. If you would like to receive bread and wine keep your hands by your side, and the priest will intinct the body into the wine and place the body and blood on your tongue. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. If you are physically unable to approach the altar rail and desire communion, please let an usher know and they will tell the priest.

Please be seated.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Benita McFarland, organ

Please stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Please stand, sung by all.

CLOSING HYMN 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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THE DISMISSAL

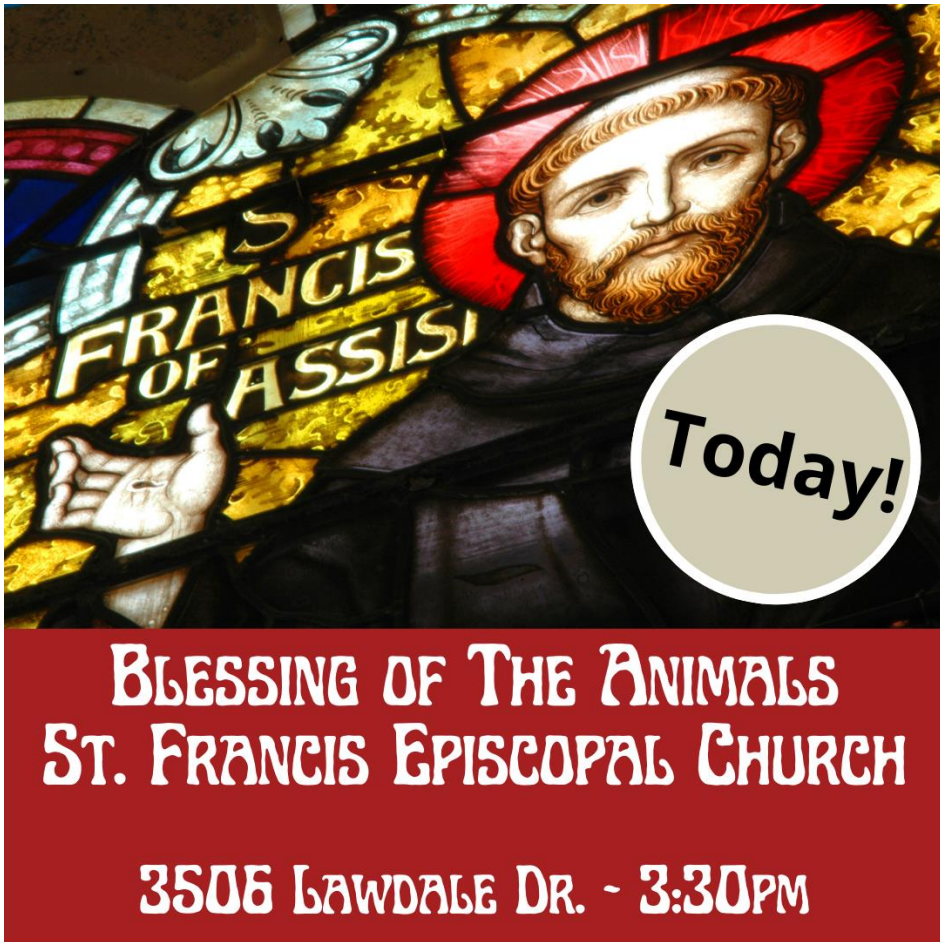
Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

3506 LAWDAL DR. - 3:30PM

We invite you and your gentle pets in containers or on leashes to celebrate the Blessing of the Animals honoring the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday, October 2nd at 3:30pm in the courtyard.

If you are new to St.
Francis, be sure to fill
out the E-Visitor Card.



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