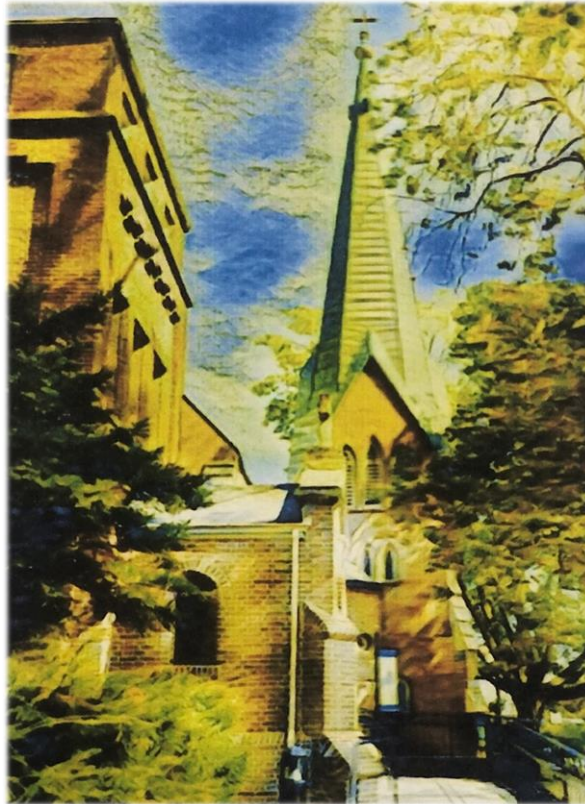


THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 10:15 A.M.



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship. For those who are new to our community, restrooms can be found on the other side of the parish hall. Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after each service. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. Douglas Beach

Amazing Grace is a Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written in 1772 by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton (1725-1807). It is an immensely popular hymn, particularly in the United States, where it is used for both religious and secular purposes. Johnathan Aitken, a Newton biographer, estimates that the song is performed about 10 million times annually.

OPENING HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

H450

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing if you are able)*

BCP 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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

GLORIA

Glory to God

HYMN S-278

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (*please be seated*)

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”

“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

PSALM 79:1-9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
 and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
 let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
 for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of you Name: *
 deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of god our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* **H410**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13 (*please remain standing if you are able*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’

Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand if you are able*)

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. (*pause*)
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 I (*please kneel if you are able*)

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Christ in your mercy, refresh our hearts.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all people, we pray for Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace, Gettysburg; and The Anglican Church of Brazil; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda, Stacey, and Jen, our clergy; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, especially Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,
especially Tiny Nolan, Claire Phillips, Kenneth Robert, Charlie Rahe, Melissa Braden,
Andrew, David, Joanna & Desi Torres, Hannah, Sea Macleish, and Bryna Paillard; Christ
in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them. For our friends at home, especially
Ellen Keller, Don Lovett, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney,
Carolyn McCarty, Al Kuser, Cynthia Minnich, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith
Kane, Merle and Donna Schnee, Carol Greenfield, and Sandy Grove; Christ in your
mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray
to the Lord. Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
Christ in your mercy,
Refresh our hearts.

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one
another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your
will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

People 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 the
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Stefan Latshaw by The Latshaw Family

THE OFFERTORY

Stand Up, and Bless the Lord

W Glen Darst

Words by James Montgomery

Tune *St Thomas* by Aaron Williams

James Montgomery (1771-1854) was the son of Moravian parents who died on a West Indies mission field while he was in boarding school. Montgomery inherited a strong religious bent, a passion for missions, and an independent mind. He was editor of the Sheffield Iris, a newspaper that sometimes espoused radical causes. Montgomery was imprisoned briefly when he printed a song that celebrated the fall of the Bastille of 1789. He also protested against slavery, the lot of boy chimney sweeps, and lotteries. He published eleven volumes of poetry, mainly his own, and at least four hundred hymns.

THE DOXOLOGY

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HYMN 380, vs. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

WLP 858

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 Father, 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 Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN S-149

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by handing your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister who will intinct and hand it back to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION SONG

There is a balm in Gilead

H676

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.
People *Because we all share one bread, one cup.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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

Know that the ever-present mystery we name God is in your past forgiving you, in your present loving you, and in your future meeting you. And may the blessing of the Source of life, the Word of life, and the Breath of life, surround, sustain and surprise you, this day and all your days. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers

Gilbert M Martin

Words by Daniel C Roberts

Tune *National Anthem* by George W Warren

God of Our Fathers is a 19th-century American Christian hymn, written in 1876 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. The hymn was written by Daniel C Roberts, a priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church serving as rector of St Thomas & Grace Episcopal churches in Brandon, Vermont. Roberts had served in the American Civil War in the 84th Ohio Infantry.

In 1892, Roberts sent the hymn anonymously to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be considered by a group tasked with revising the Episcopal hymnal. If the group accepted his hymn, Roberts said he would send them his name. The commission approved it. The hymnal editor and organist George W Warren were to choose a hymn for the celebration of the Centennial of the United States Constitution. They chose Roberts' lyrics, which were originally sung to a tune called "Russian Hymn." Warren wrote a new tune called "National Hymn."

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
 Leads forth in beauty all in the starry band
 Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
 Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

...

*Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
 Lead us from night to never ending day;
 Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
 And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!*

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Connecting to our siblings in Christ across the world

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Bom Dia from Brazil! What a fun time to arrive here in South America. September 7 is Brazil's Independence Day, much like July 4 in the United States. It's a time of commemoration of their independence as a sovereign country from Portugal, and this year is the 200th anniversary of that day on September 7, 1822! The celebrations were lavish and colorful, with lots of music and dancing and parades and parties, some of which are still continuing now ten days later.

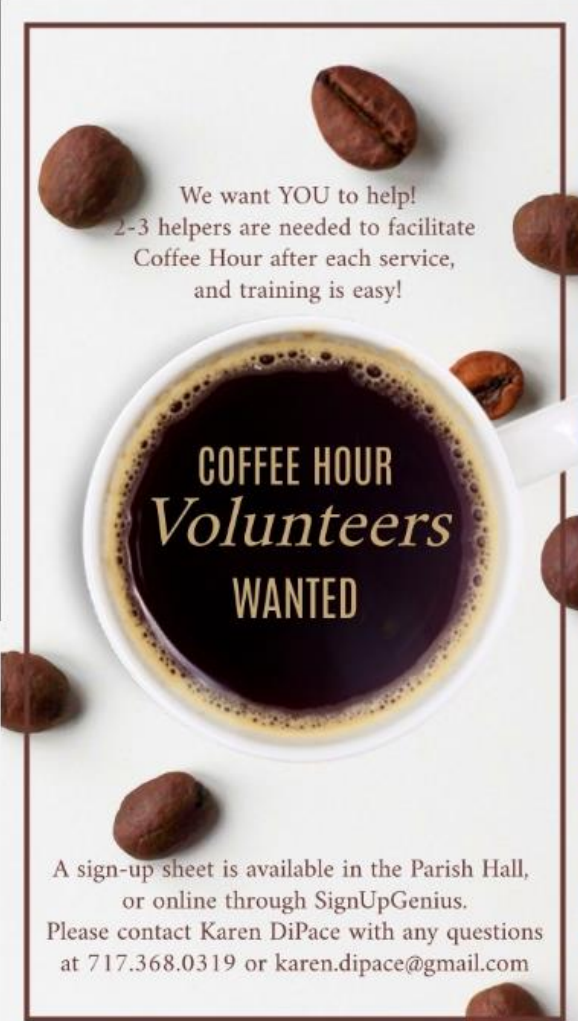
Brazil is well known for many things: football, the Amazon rain forests, football, beaches, football. Did I mention football? You'll remember that a St. John's youth group went on a pilgrimage to Brazil some years ago and made friends with children here by playing football. It would be interesting to ask around about their memories of that trip. A highlight photo op for many people is the Christ the Redeemer statue that stands high on a mountain top overlooking Rio de Janeiro. The statue itself is 30 meters tall, and is a constant reminder of the Christian influence throughout the country. As the original settlers from Europe were Portuguese, the early Christian churches were Roman Catholic. An early 1800's agreement allowed English missionaries to begin establishing Anglican churches, and that was the start of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil that is in your prayers today. This is a vibrant country of wonderful people with a rich culture and history. It's good to be connected by prayer.

Just as "aloha" is both a wish of greeting and of sending, so is bom dia. Bom Dia from Brazil.

Blessings to you always,
John Traveler

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

- HERES HOW YOU CAN HELP -



We want YOU to help!
2-3 helpers are needed to facilitate
Coffee Hour after each service,
and training is easy!

COFFEE HOUR
Volunteers
WANTED

A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall,
or online through SignUpGenius.
Please contact Karen DiPace with any questions
at 717.368.0319 or karen.dipace@gmail.com



*Nursery
Volunteer
Wanted*

We are looking for help in
our nursery during the 10:15
service to assist our nursery
caregiver. Please contact
Karen DiPace with any
questions at 717.368.0319 or
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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S:

TODAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting
7:00 PM Adult Forum on Zoom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00 PM DOK Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:00 PM Healing Service
6:30 PM O&A Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM Mental Health Workshop

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:15 AM Coffee Hour

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

Vestry Nominees/Delegates to Convention

Calling all members! The nominating committee is seeking faithful members of the parish to consider the ministry of vestry as well as representing St. John's in the 2024 Diocesan Convention. If you are interested in either of these crucial ministries please see John Gouveia, Leslie Morgan, or Mary Waskowicz.

Eagle's Nest Volunteers

The countdown is on! On October 5th, we will launch our 21st year of Eagle's Nest, our after school program from Fulton Elementary 4th and 5th graders and we need you! If you would like to volunteer or learn more about this Wednesday afternoon ministry, please email John Knouse at knousetrap@gmail.com

WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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Paula Wolf, Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish

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Martie & Brandy Walus, Book Keepers
John Knouse, Property Manager
Ellia Osofsky, Nursery Care

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