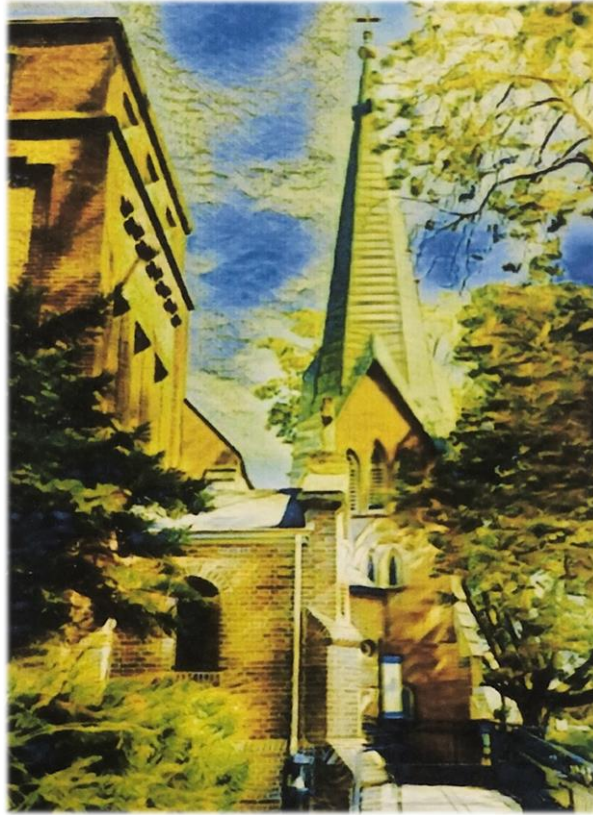


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**MASS OF CREATION**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.**

*As we continue to grow as a parish, a way to offer hospitality is to wear your nametag.  
If you do not have a name tag, please let the office know, we would love to get you one!*

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## **WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

## **TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING**

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall – just look for the red signs. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service. For those with small children, a nursery is available every Sunday, however our youngest members are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here!

## **A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

Our 10:15 a.m. service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom.

A word about the “Mass of Creation” which we will use during October and November: Each year, the ecumenical church celebrates the “Season of Creation”, culminating with the Feast of St. Francis, on October 4th. For us, the Blessing of the Animals takes place on that same day. Through the month of October, in our Sunday School classes, Adult Forums, and with the choir in worship, we remember that we are now in a “season of prayer and action” for the “protectors of our common home”. Our worship will be guided by the work of Marty Haugen's “Mass of Creation”, which remembers St. Francis and his ministry and through musical settings of St. Francis' prayer/poem, “All Creatures of our God and King.”

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share,  
please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.*

**PRELUDE** *Be Thou My Vision* Hal H. Hopson

**OPENING HYMN** *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* **HYMNAL 7**

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

*Officiant*      Reveal among us the light of your presence  
*People*        that we may behold your power and glory!

**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** (*the congregation sings the refrain; the choir sings the verses*)

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father. (*Refrain*)

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. (*Refrain*)
  
3. 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. (*Refrain*)

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*     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: Daniel 12:1-3 (*please be seated for the readings*)**

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

## PSALM 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we

have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*O God of every nation*

**HYMNAL 607**

*Verses 1&2 sung before the gospel reading; verses 3&4 after the gospel reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 13:1-8 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

*Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

**THE NICENE CREED** (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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 III** (*please kneel as you are able*)

**BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially St. Paul's, Lock Haven and  
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our diocesan Bishop; Amanda and Jen, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian; *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and we pray for those serving in the Armed Forces; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Pat Pankey, Nancy Strasburg, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Sandy Patrone, Stella, Meg and family, Marshall, and Dwayne; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

For this congregation, for those who are present and those who are absent, especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke. *That they may know your presence.*

Give to the departed, eternal rest; *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*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 OFFERTORY**

*O Brother Man*

Ringwald

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**HYMNAL 380 v.3**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER II**

*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 God 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
 hosts. Heav-en 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. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

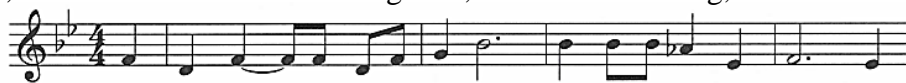
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

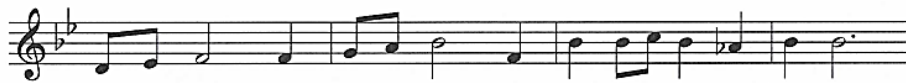
In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name; thy



king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.



Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,



as we for-give those who tres - pass a-against us; and

lead us not in-to temp-tation, but de-liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours  
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

**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. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. 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. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Come Home  
 O day of God, draw nigh*

Craig Courtney  
**HYMNAL 601**

**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.  
*People* We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

## THE BLESSING

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*The Church's one foundation*

HYMNAL 525

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Chaconne*

Louis Couperin

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## EXTRAGIVE FOR THE ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Please mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 22 for the ExtraGive! So far this year, our food pantry has served over 8,000 hungry people. With your financial support, we can continue serving our neighbors through the gift of a meal, the warmth of friendship, and the power of community. Please help us spread the word by sharing with friends & neighbors!

WE'RE PART OF  
**EXTRA GIVE**  
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**St. John's Food Pantry**

Our neighbors are hungry, please help us put food on their plates!

Click here to give! →

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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

### **St. John's Traveler Letter:**

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

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Hello from Windhoek! This week I write to you from Namibia, which is just north of South Africa at the southern tip of the continent. It's the driest country in this part of the world, despite having a long coastline along the Atlantic Ocean. It was also the first country to have protections for the environment written into its Constitution!

Up until about 35 years ago, Namibia was part of South Africa and was ruled under a terrible system of laws called "apartheid." Under this system, a small number of white people controlled everything – the government, businesses, and schools and treated anyone not white, but especially Black people, terribly. Black people were forced to leave their homes and couldn't marry anyone who wasn't the same race. They couldn't vote and were often prohibited from traveling to certain areas of the country. It wasn't all that different from how Black people were treated here in the United States not too long ago.

Along with Nelson Mandela, who spent many years in prison for his fight against apartheid and was later elected President of a free South Africa, Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu became one of the loudest voices opposing apartheid. While Bishop Tutu was from South Africa, he spent a lot of time here in Namibia, even after it became independent in 1990.

Thanks to President Mandela, Bishop Tutu, and other neighbors, Namibia learned from the terrible South African experience and today is a stable democracy. It goes to show you that it's never too late to avoid making the mistakes of the past – both here in Namibia, in the United States, and all over the world. We have lessons to learn from everywhere and from all people, even if we disagree with them.

Be well,  
John Traveler

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S:

### TODAY

*Coffee hour to follow each service*

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
- 1:00 PM Craft Workshop

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 12:00 PM Healing Service
- 2:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Transgender Day of Remembrance Service
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

*Clergy Day Off*  
**EXTRAGIVE!!!**

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

*Coffee hour to follow each service*

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

### TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: A SACRED DAY; A CALL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

November 20th is the annual International Trans Day of Remembrance. St. John's will hold a candlelight vigil in honor of the International Trans Day of Remembrance in our courtyard on Wednesday, November 20th at 6pm, led by TLC. We will remember and read the names of the trans and gender non-conforming people who were killed by violence over the previous 365 days in the United States (as of 10/25, this number was 28). Though this number doesn't include all suicides, we will also include the names of trans people locally who we know took their own lives due to anti-trans intimidation & bullying.

### ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our "All Creatures Great and Small Annual Giving Campaign! Current pledges total \$280,546 with 52 pledging units. With your help we can make our goal of \$442,000. Please submit your pledge card today!

## 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.

## OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector  
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The Rev. Jen Trenary, Assistant Rector  
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Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, Liz West, Ted Loose,  
Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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