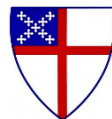


# Christ Episcopal Church



Christ Episcopal Church  
1521 N. Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA



November 27, 2022

Advent I  
Welcome to Christ Church!

Rite II



November 27, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Wachet auf ruf uns die Stimme*

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn - *The King Shall Come*

Hymnal 73

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Opening Salutation:

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

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

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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.

*People* **Amen.**

The Lessons

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 Unison

BCP 779

*Laetatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake,  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good."

## Romans 13:11-14

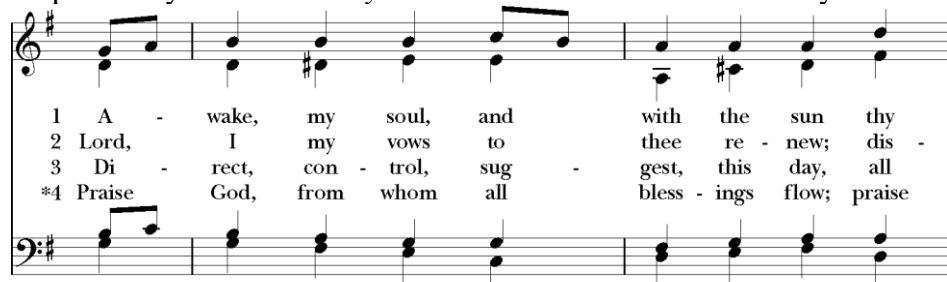
You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

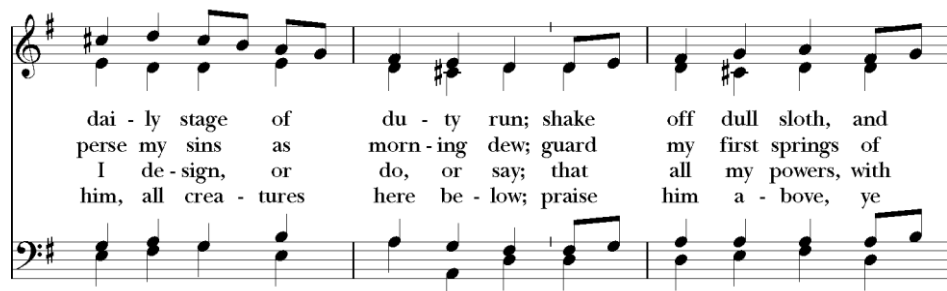
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn – *Awake My Soul*

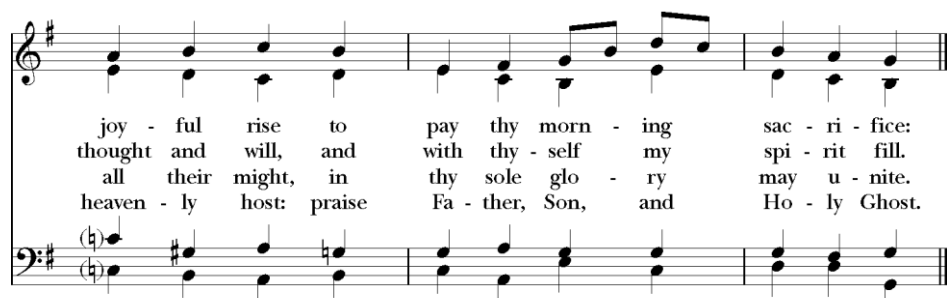
Hymnal 11



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -  
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
\*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:  
thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. David Perkins

## The Nicene Creed

**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.**

#### **Prayers of the People (Form IV)**

**Lay Reader:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We pray for Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus Christ and share that grace with one another and the world, and for all people in their daily life and work.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop, Scott our retired bishop; for David our Interim, Peter our retired priest, Walter, Maria, Stella, Patricia, and Nancy.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Joe, our President; Brian, our Governor, and for those serving in the Armed Forces.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Jimmy Carroll, Caty Carter, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Burt Tillman, Jerry Tyson

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation,  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially

that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*(The celebrant then concludes:)*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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 Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

Offertory – *Advent Echo*

Mary Kay Beal, Al Turner, percussion

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

# The Holy Communion

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
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 every-where 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 for ever say this to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior has taught us we are bold to say

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S169

*The Celebrant may say the following 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.

Communion Hymn – *Sleepers Awake*

Hymnal 61

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her  
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -  
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their  
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

**Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**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.**

## Blessing

## Special Notes

Hymn – *Low He Comes, with Clouds Ascending*

Hymnal 57



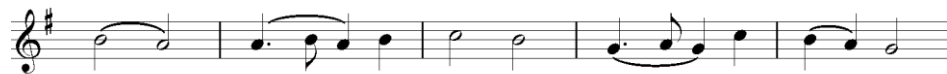
1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1792). Music: *Alleluia*, melody: Antonietta Arca (1710-1779); horn: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). alt.

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns* David N. Johnson

**Children's Church** will not meet on November 27<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving Holiday. We will begin meeting again on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Garden Guild** will meet Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. (later time – weather permitting). We will meet under the Dave Clark Cook Shelter on Mondays and Wednesday. Bring your gloves and tools. All are welcome.

**Poinsettia Order Sheet** is available in the bulletin today and for the next two weeks. Please drop sheet with contribution in the offering plate, or bring your form by the church office by **December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**2023 Liturgical Kalendars** are available in the Tower; a \$3 donation is appreciated.

Kick off the Church New Year (Advent) at our annual **Advent Wreath-making Event**. Today following the 10:00 service. Everything needed to make a fresh greenery Advent wreath will be available.

**All Episcokids** (age 3-5th graders) are invited to attend our **Christmas Party, December 3rd**. We will meet at 4:30 at the Gabard building to pick out costumes and have a short practice. We will then head over to Grace Cafe for hot chocolate, cookies and fun while we watch the parade. Everyone is invited to attend. Please let Keri know if your child/children will attend and/or if you'd like to volunteer to help!

**H.E.P. Lunch Group** - Save the date and time HEP (Happy Episcopal People) lunch group. **Friday, Dec 16 at noon**, John and Marcia McRae's home - 2701 Green Meadow Dr. Host are serving up chili, both vegan and chicken. Please bring your favorite chili side dish or a dessert to share. Requested to RSVP to 229-220-5619. Great time to share low key evangelism by bringing a friend or another member. Next lunch group will be Feb.17.



### Special Notes – (cont.)

**Stewardship Update** – We have received 69 pledges as of Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> for a total of \$356,010 – 3 new pledges totaling \$10,800  
2 have previously given but not pledged totaling \$5,800.  
22 pledges stayed the same totaling \$104,020  
35 increased their pledge totaling \$217,610 with an increase of \$27,810  
7 decreased their pledge totaling \$17,780 with a decrease of \$13,260  
(making our overall pledge increase total \$14,550)  
We encourage you to give prayerful thought to your commitments for next year and to render your pledge by November 20th. That gives the finance committee support and insight as they anticipate our 2023 budget. You can render your pledge by putting your card in the box in the narthex, mailing it to the office, or emailing Amy ([books@christchurchvaldosta.org](mailto:books@christchurchvaldosta.org)).

**Save the dates:** Below is a list of upcoming calendar dates. A calendar link has been added to the bottom of the Christ Church website homepage as well. More details will be distributed when the events get closer, but we wanted to get these dates out so you can mark your calendars:

- Dec. 3:** Children’s Christmas Party and Parade Watching
  - Dec. 4:** Stitches of Love – 4:00 p.m. – Parish Hall  
**Vespers** – 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary
  - Dec. 10:** Lunch Bunch – 11:00 a.m. – Parish Hall
  - \* **Dec. 10:** Habitat House Dedication for Christmas
  - Dec. 16:** H.E.P. Lunch – 12:00 p.m. – McRae’s Home
  - Dec. 18:** Christmas Recital – 3:00 p.m. – Sanctuary
  - Dec. 23:** H.E.P. Party – 6:00 p.m. – Sandbach’s Home
  - Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Services – 4:30 & 11:00 p.m. – Sanctuary
  - Dec. 25:** Christmas Day Service – 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
- \* **Denotes Date change**

### Serving Today

**LEM:** Stefani Carroll, Nancy Lutsko, Sheri Gravett  
**Lectors:** Marcie Dennard, Stefani Carroll, Bonnie Hanson  
**Acolytes:** Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Nancy Lutsko  
**Altar Guild:** Team 4 – Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick  
**Ushers:** David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Martin Holland, Sparky Greneker  
**Coffee Hour:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard  
**Media Crew:** Tom, Carroll, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
The Rev. Dr. David Perkins, Interim  
Kim Dudley, Church Administrator  
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper  
Keri Wilkin, Director of Children’s Ministry  
Chris Rutland & Joel Williams, Co-Directors of EYC  
Charles Whiting, Director of College Ministry  
Issa Young, Director of Music  
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

### **OUR VISION**

To receive God’s grace in Jesus Christ, and share this grace with one another and the world.

### **VESTRY**

2022	2023	2024
Alex Alvarez	Brad Burnette	Jeani Synyard
Stefani Carroll	Sandra Fletcher	Patricia Tyson
Bonnie Hanson	Dottie Pitts	Joel Williams
Nancy Lutsko	Al Turner	Larry Wisenbaker

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Nancy Lutsko (Senior Warden)  
Alex Alvarez (Junior Warden)  
Bonnie Hanson (Secretary)  
Stefani Carroll (Treasurer)

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