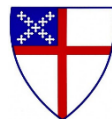


Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.
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January 15, 2023

Epiphany II
Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - *Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor*

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn – *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.



January 15, 2023
10:00 a.m.

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.***

Gloria

Hymnal S280

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors

of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Psalm 40:1-12 (Unison)

BCP 640

Expectans, expectavi

- 1 **I waited patiently upon the LORD;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.**
- 2 **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**
- 3 **He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.**
- 4 **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**
- 5 **Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!
there is none who can be compared with you.**
- 6 **Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
but they are more than I can count.**
- 7 **In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
(you have given me ears to hear you);**
- 8 **Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
and so I said, "Behold, I come.**
- 9 **In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'**
- 10 **I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.**
- 11 **Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the
great congregation.**

12 **You are the LORD;**
do not withhold your compassion from me;
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

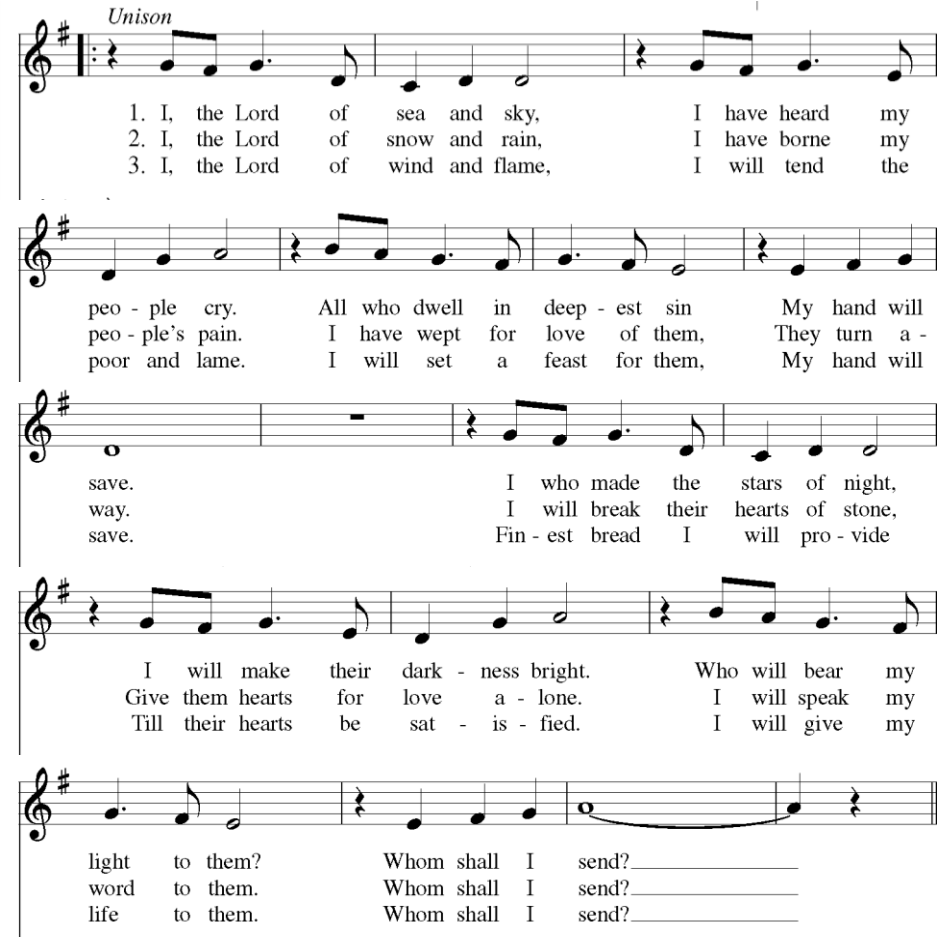
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn – *I the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Unison



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord,

if you lead me, I will hold your people in my

heart. heart.

Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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 priest, Walter and Marécia our assisting priests, Nancy our deacon; Peter, our retired priest, Stella and Patricia.

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, Caty Carter, Anna Gardner, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, 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 Barry Story, Gerald Herndon
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 adds a concluding Collect.)

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 - Lamb of God

by Kenneth Kosche

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.

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.**

Communion Hymn – *I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord*

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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

Hymn – *Peace Before Us*

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

peace un - der our feet. Peace with - in us,
 love un - der our feet. Love with - in us,
 light un - der our feet. Light with - in us,
 Christ un - der our feet. Christ with - in us,

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
 peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.
 love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.
 light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.
 Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *Voluntary in D*

William Boyce

Special Notes

Children's Church will meet on January 16th. Children age 3 – 5th grade are welcome to meet Keri Wilkin in the Children's Classroom in Gabard. (This is the first classroom on the left in the preschool hallway.)

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will return to the office on Tuesday.

The Tuesday Night Bible study led by Willa Valencia, will be held on January 10th, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

Stitchers of Love will meet this evening. Stitchers is held in the Parish Hall from 4:00 – 6 p.m. All are welcome to come. If you have ever wanted to learn to knit or crochet, please plan to join us, we have many teachers.

Vespers meets in person tonight in the sanctuary beginning at 6:00 p.m. to read the Compline Service, pages 127-135 in the Book of Common Prayer and for friendly conversation afterwards. Bring a brown bag supper and join us in the parish hall after Vespers.

Father Perkins Resignation – Father Perkins has announced his resignation as interim rector. His last day will be today, January 15th. The Rev. Hal Weidman arrives on Ash Wednesday and it has been Father Perkins practice to depart a month prior to a new rector's arrival. A Farewell Reception will be held immediately following the 10:00 service. Please plan to join us as we bid Father Perkins a fond farewell.

Notes to Father Perkins - It would be very meaningful to Father Perkins if you took a moment to write him a note about what this interim period has meant to you. Note cards and envelopes will be available at church the next two Sundays, or you can use your own stationary and bring your notes with you. We will place a container in the narthex in which you can drop your notes. You also can email Kim at office@christchurchvaldosta.org with your note.

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap Sunday - Calling all Jigsaw Puzzle enthusiasts! On Sunday, January 22nd, we will have a table set up in the Parish Hall for you to bring that stack of jigsaw puzzles you've worked through the pandemic. Bring puzzles and take puzzles...as many as you like... at no cost. Frances Guice and Pepi Nelson will be bringing about fifteen 1,000 piece puzzles for you to take and enjoy. They hope you will bring some too!"

Special Notes – (cont.)

Poinsettia – There are poinsettias in the breezeway left over from Christmas. Please take one or more home.

Executive Committee of Vestry selected: Senior Warden – Al Turner, Junior Warden – Steve Honeycutt, Treasurer – Stefani Carroll, Secretary – Sandra Fletcher

Garden Guild will meet Monday, January 16th 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. We will begin work around the rectory.

Stewardship Update – We have received 99 pledges as of Monday, January 9th for a total of \$448,070
3 new pledges totaling \$10,800
6 have previously given but not pledged totaling \$17,300.
41 pledges stayed the same totaling \$173,760
39 increased their pledge totaling \$224,030 with an increase of \$29,350
10 decreased their pledge totaling \$22,180 with a decrease of \$17,960 (making our overall pledge increase total \$11,390)
We encourage you to give prayerful thought to your commitments for 2023 and to render your pledge as soon as possible. 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).

Serving Today

LEM: Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail

Lectors: Rita Watters, David Sandbach, Gnann Moser

Acolytes: Nancy Lutsko, Chip Whiting, Phyllis Holland

Altar Guild: Team 3 – Frances Guice, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake, Kathleen Parsons, Krystle Black

Ushers: Hudson Tanner, Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby

Coffee Hour: Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail

Media Crew: Julius Ariail, 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

2023	2024	2025
Brad Burnette	Jeani Synyard	Phyllis Holland
Sandra Fletcher	Patricia Tyson	Steve Honeycutt
Dottie Pitts	Joel Williams	Molly Stevenson
Al Turner	Larry Wisenbaker	Mike Tanner

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Steve Honeycutt (Junior Warden)
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