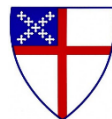


# Christ Episcopal Church



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



February 5, 2023

Epiphany V

Rite II

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Prelude - *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Johann Pachelbel

Opening Hymn – *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky* Hymnal 7

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



February 5, 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.*

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among

you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 112:1-9, 10** (Unison)

BCP 755

Beatus vir

1 **Hallelujah!**

**Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!**

2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 **Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever.**

4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 **It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.**

6 **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 **They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.**

8 **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 **They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.**

10 **The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

# 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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

1 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in  
 2 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in -  
 3 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, make  
 4 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, en -

ev - ery need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est  
 cease our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy  
 us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly  
 light - en us by that same word; teach us to

forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the  
 grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and  
 flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each  
 know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -

Son; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.  
 live; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.  
 heart; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.  
 bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

*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 5:13-20**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Dcn. Nancy Sartin

## **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 VI)**

**Lay Reader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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;

*For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For Joe our President, Brian our governor, for those serving in the Armed Forces, for this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop; for Scott our retired bishop; for Walter our supply priest, for Hal our incoming priest, for Marcia our assisting priest, for Peter our retired priest, for Nancy our Deacon, for Stella and Patricia our retired deacons and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
For the sick and troubled:  
*Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Caty Carter, Anna Gardner, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Melanie Ford, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, Burt Tillman, Joe Tillman, Jerry Tyson, Willa Valencia, Leslie, Andrew*

Hear us, Lord:  
***For your mercy is great.***

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***  
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*(Silence)*

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Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable 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.**

**Announcements** – Please be seated

Offertory - *Let Not Your Heart be Troubled*  
Mark Dickey

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

# The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer A

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S130

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;  
*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

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 S154

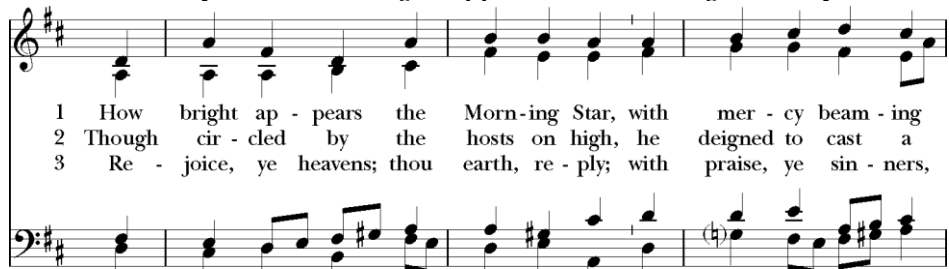
The Celebrant may say the following Invitation  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 – How Bright Appears the Morning Star Hymnal 497



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



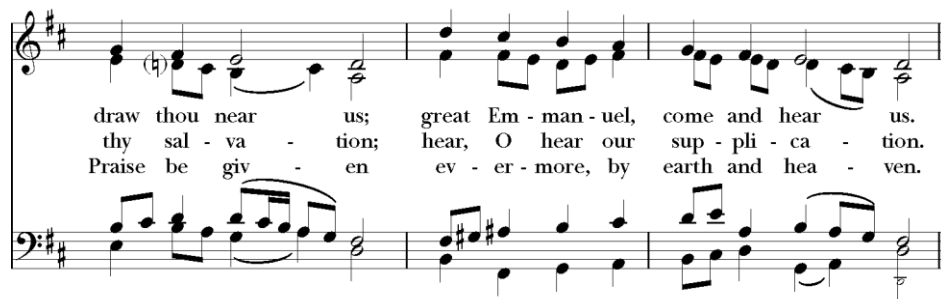
O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voi - ces:  
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Morris (1833-1896); Tune: Philip Hayes (1556-1600)

### 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 – *Come Gracious Spirit*

Hymnal 512

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and  
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us  
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us  
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,  
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -  
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.  
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – Postlude on Thaxted

Michael Helman

Special Notes

**Father Walter Hobgood** - The Rev. Walter Hobgood has graciously agreed to be our supply priest during the month-long transition between Interim and new Rector. Father Walter will be available for emergency, or pastoral needs during the supply time. Please reach out to Father Walter if you need anything. Father Walter can be reached at 229-630-6444. Please help the Vestry by extending our appreciation to Father Walter for his assistance to Christ Church.

**Children’s Church** will meet on February 5<sup>th</sup> Children age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday Night Bible study** led by Willa Valencia, will be held on – February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**HEP Lunch Group** --- HEP Lunch Group will gather Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please bring mini sandwiches to share or a dessert. The hosts will have soup and tea. John and Marcia McRae’s home: 2701 Green Meadow Dr. 229-220-5619. A wonderful chance to outreach, low key evangelism, and stimulating conversations.

**Fat Tuesday Gathering** – We will be having a Fat Tuesday Gathering on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will be having Gumbo, jambalaya, cornbread, black beans and rice and dessert. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:30. **RSVP is necessary so we have enough food for all in attendance. Please notify the church office prior to February 12<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your assistance.

**1Book1Diocese for Lent** - *Beginning to Pray* by Anthony Bloom. For several years, a book has been chosen to study as a Diocesan Community during Lent. Several members of Christ Church have participated on their own previously, but this year we will have a specified time to gather and discuss this year’s selection, *Beginning to Pray* by Anthony Bloom. Time and place are still being fleshed out, but in the meantime, some copies of the book will be available in the church office, or you can order your own on Amazon. (\$11.95 – paperback) – Contact Molly Stevenson with any questions (229) 292-8215 or [mollybs64@outlook.com](mailto:mollybs64@outlook.com)

**Usher recruitment:** High school and college students, all ages, male and female. Consider being a meet and greeter for Christ Church, thanks. Give your name, email and phone number to John McRae. 229-220-5619 or [jhmcrac@bellsouth.net](mailto:jhmcrac@bellsouth.net)



**Special Notes – Cont.**

**Reach out to a member** – Dustin, the son of Melanie Ford has reached out to the church requesting calls and visits to his mother. Melanie has been a member of Christ Church since the mid 70's. She has been watching our live-stream program each Sunday since Covid. Dustin said that Melanie would love some calls or visits. Melanie can be reached at: 229-630-3258 or at: 3716 Bermuda Run Drive.

**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.

**Upcoming Dates:**

HEP Lunch Group – February 17<sup>th</sup> at noon  
Fat Tuesday Gathering - February 21 6:30 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service – February 22  
Grace Cafe Dinner - February 23  
Reception for Father Hal & Michelle – February 26

**Serving Today**

**LEM:** Patricia Tyson, Nancy Lutsko, Maddie Yarbrough  
**Lectors:** Patricia Tyson, Maddie Yarbrough, Kathleen Parsons  
**Acolytes:** J.D. Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Nancy Lutsko  
**Altar Guild:** Team 1 – Sandra Fletcher, Rita Hightower, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman  
**Ushers:** Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley  
**Coffee Hour:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard, Margaret Mittiga  
**Media Crew:** Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
The Rev. Walter Hobgood, Supply Priest  
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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