



# ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

12:00 and 5:30pm

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS**

Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

**Mission Statement**

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love,  
and to serve the world in his name.*

## **Welcome to St. John in the Wilderness**

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. See the note to our visitors on the back inside cover for more information about receiving Communion and joining the church.

## **Reminders for Worship**

- Children of all ages are most welcome in worship, and during the service they may enjoy the activity bags, which are in the Tower Entrance. Nursery care is available for children from infancy to pre-K across Rutledge Drive in our Parish House Education Building from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Sunday mornings. Please use the crosswalk to get there!
- Formation is available for children, youth, and adults most Sundays from 10:10 to 10:45am in our Parish House complex across Rutledge Drive.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.
- A restroom is available near the front of the church and can be accessed through an exterior door. Please see an usher for directions.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.

# Ash Wednesday Eucharist, Rite I

12:00 & 5:30pm

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The service begins in silence. All stand when the clergy enter.*

*As the clergy kneel at the altar rail, all join in kneeling for a time of prayer.*

### Acclamation & Response

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*The people remain kneeling through the opening Collect.*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### First Lesson: 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.

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

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

**2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.**

3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

**4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**6 The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.

**8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

**14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost:**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.**

## Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*When the clergy stand, all stand for the procession and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.*

**HYMN (5:30): #143** The glory of these forty days

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

*All remain standing as the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People*     **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

**Homily**

The Rev. Josh Stephens

*After the homily, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.*

*The Celebrant says*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*

### **Prayer Over the Ashes**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*At the invitation of the ushers, all are invited to come forward and kneel for the Imposition of the Ashes.*

### **Imposition of the Ashes**

*The ashes are imposed with the following words*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*The following Psalm is then sung or said in unison with all kneeling*



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling.*

**Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People*     **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People*     **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People*     **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*People*     **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*People*     **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*People*     **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*People*     **We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*People*     **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*People*     **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*People*     **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

*People*     **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

*People*     **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

*People*     **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, stands and, facing the people, says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Exchange of Peace**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     **And with thy spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.*

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM (5:30): Wash Me Thoroughly**

David Halls

Text Psalm 51:2-3

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP p. 333

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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|                  | The Lord be with you.                 |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>And with thy spirit.</b>           |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Lift up your hearts.                  |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>We lift them up unto the Lord.</b> |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>It is meet and right so to do.</b> |

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

*People and Celebrant*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ 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**

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>Therefore let us keep the feast.</b>   |

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

*Celebrant and People*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors on the back inside cover of the bulletin.*

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM (5:30): Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake**      Richard Farrant

Text: from John Bull, Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations (1568)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to charge,  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Kneel before the Lord.

*The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn prayer over the people is used, as follows:*

*The people kneel, and the Celebrant says*

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

*Deacon*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The service ends in silence for those who wish to remain in the church for prayer.*









**The Prayers of the People** is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Cindy Brinkmann, Jeff, Legare Head, Elijah Stephens, Susan Rex, Bob Sundeen, Betsy Thagard, Tawana Gibbs, Chuck King, Jim Gibbs, John and Nancy Taylor, Ginger Quarles, Robert Odean, Dottie Dalzell, Betty, Mason, Mary, Sue, and Dale.

**Eucharistic Visitors** share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Art Mack, Judy Petersen, Anita Reid, Stan Rogan, and Bill Taylor.

**To Our Visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

| THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP      |                                   |                                |                                     |  |
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|                                       | Ash Wednesday<br>February 18      |                                | First Sunday in Lent<br>February 22 |  |
|                                       | 12:00pm                           | 5:30pm                         | 8:45am                              | 11:00am  |
| Lay Readers/<br>Eucharistic Ministers | Candace Lewis<br>Bill Taylor      | Judy Petersen<br>Lori Griswold | Bob Inglis<br>Mary Anne Inglis      | E. Christenbury<br>Mark Delk                     |
| Acolytes                              |                                   |                                | Laura Teel                          | Anita Reid                                       |
| Ushers                                | Bob Sundeen<br>Edgar Ham          | John Knapp<br>D. Christenbury  | Clint Adams<br>George Grzenda       | Hilton Swing<br>Ned Curtis                       |
| Greeters                              | Cathryn Harrell<br>Annabelle Hurd | Worth Gordon<br>D. Brombacher  | Brenda Hillyer<br>D. Brombacher     | Jann & Jim<br>Cooper                             |
| Cart Drivers                          | Nancy Cooper                      | Jill Owen                      | Mark Owen                           | Scott Bell                                       |
| Videography <i>(Service)</i>          | N/A                               | Jennifer Shelton               | N/A                                 | Tom Griswold                                     |
| Videography <i>(Formation)</i>        | N/A                               |                                | BJ McKee                            |  |
| Altar Guild                           | Cathryn Harrell<br>Diane Skelton  | Laurie Morris<br>Elaine Harris | Sandra Jeffery<br>Lynne Miller      | Sara Kester<br>Michael Jeffery<br><i>(Brass)</i> |
| Flower Guild                          | Lenten Branches                   |                                | Lenten Branches                     |  |
| Opening Gatekeeper                    | N/A                               |                                | Clint Adams                         |  |
| Closing Gatekeeper                    | N/A                               |                                | Catherine Popp                      |  |



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*In the case of a pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office and dial 5.*

Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesdays 10:30am in the Wilderness Room

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### 2027

Kitty Olson  
Catherine Popp  
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### 2028

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**Historic Churchyard Committee:** Sandy Rex

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