

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after Ascension Day**

May 17, 2026
8:45 & 11:00am



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 Sundays. Please use the crosswalk to get there!
- After the service, please join us for fellowship and refreshments outside the church on the Carriage Entrance patio. If it is raining, we will have Refreshment Time in the Wilderness Room 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.

Weekly Wondering

Each week this summer, we are sharing a prompt to help start conversations and forge connection. This week's wondering is:

What graduation memory, whether for you or a loved one, has been meaningful for you?

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

PRELUDE: Andante Tranquillo, from *Capriol Suite*

Peter Warlock

Welcome & Announcements

ENTRANCE HYMN: #215 See the Conquerer mounts in triumph

In Babilone

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation & Response

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do

you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse at 8:45 and sung in unison at 11:00. The 11:00 congregation remains seated as it sings the Psalm.



Chant setting, #410 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music
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- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be / scattered; *
let those who hate him flee be- / fore him.
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a- / way; ***
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of / God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before / God; *
let them also be merry and / joyful.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the / heavens; ***
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be- / fore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of / widows, *
God in his holy habi- / tation!
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into / freedom; ***
but the rebels shall live in dry / places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your / people, *
when you marched through the / wilderness,



8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of / Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of / Israel.**

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in- / heritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was / weary.

10 **Your people found their / home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the / poor.**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the / earth; *
sing praises to the / Lord.

34 **He rides in the heavens, the ancient / heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty / voice.**

35 Ascribe power to / God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the / skies.

36 **How wonderful is God in his holy / places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be / God!
Glory to the Father, and to the / Son,*
and to the Holy / Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is / now,*
and will be for ever, a- / men.**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world

are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.

GRADUAL HYMN: #484 Praise the Lord through every nation

Wachet auf

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

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

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

The Gospel: John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Hulin

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

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively. The Leader begins

As we celebrate with joy the Good News of Christ's resurrection this Eastertide, let us pray that we may trust in him to transform us into the risen Body of Christ so that his joy may be in us and our joy may be complete.

We thank you, Almighty God, for coming to be with us in Christ Jesus; for his teachings and example, for redeeming us through his death, and for allowing us to share in his resurrection; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, be with your Church in this community and across the world: build in us a capacity to trust you and to care for each other, make us one as you and Christ are one, that your Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to not despair when we grow weary from the good work you give us to do or when our eyes grow dim and we struggle to see you at work around us. Remind us in each moment that you are with us always, even to the end of the age, and that your power is working in us to do far more than we can ask or imagine; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with all lay people in their ministry to represent Christ and his Church. Be with our clergy, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop, and be with Kathy, Bill, and Josh, our priests. Inspire us, sustain us, and bless us in our ministry to your Church and to those in need; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of this fragile earth, our island home. The beauty of this world surrounds us with your goodness and we are sustained by your grace through her gifts. Helps us to be good and faithful stewards of this planet so that we may honor you in our care for all of your Creation; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with those nearby and around the world who are in need, [*especially* _____]. We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and those in danger. As your compassion is endless, renew us to respond with your love to our brothers and sisters who are hurting; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord our Sovereign, bless the leaders of our land, especially Donald, our president, and Josh, our governor, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us in our earthly citizenship to work together for the Common Good, to listen well to each other, to offer our hearts and hands in service to our community, and to seek the good of our neighbors and enemies alike; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Finally, we pray for all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; And be with those on our parish prayer list: Robert, Julie, Alicia, Jeff, Betsy, Tawana, Chuck, Chris, Nai, Brylin, Marilyn, Ginger, Bob, Dottie, Faith, Mary, Legare, Tom, Ack, Germ, Kenna, Jan, Luann, Helen, Katherine, and Julie. Are there others?

The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.

We pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we remember this Eastertide all who have died, especially Edgar Ham.

The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.

Continue to sanctify them and, through your Son Christ our Lord, may they rest in peace and rise in glory; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.
Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY MUSIC:

8:45 Largo, from *Serse*

George F. Handel

11:00 Sing to the Lord

Antonio Vivaldi/arr. Hal Hopson

Dr. Charles Hulin, accompanist

Sing to the Lord. Heaven and earth rejoice. Sing praises. All heaven and earth rejoice and sing.
Hear, O Israel. The Lord is a mighty God. All earth rejoice and sing.
All heaven and earth rejoice. The Lord is a mighty God. Be joyful. The Lord is a mighty God.

Text: Psalm 148

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or 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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand,

awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant continues

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 in the back of the bulletin.

The choir often begins by singing while the congregation receives the Sacrament. Following the choir's musical offering, please join in as we sing the Communion Hymn together.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

8:45 Now the Silence

Michael Helman

11:00 What Does the Lord Require of You?

Jim Strathdee

What does the Lord require of you? Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

COMMUNION HYMN: #460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

DISMISSAL HYMN: #494 Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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: Robert Odean; Julie Morse; Alicia Wallace; Jeff; Betsy Thagard; Tawana Gibbs; Chuck King; Chris, Nai, and Brylin Price; Marilyn Jones; Ginger Quarles; Bob Lipinoga; Dottie Dalzell; Faith Baker; Mary McCarty; Legare Head; Tom Griswold; Ack Thompson; Gary German; Kenna; Jan Knapp; Luann Ham; Helen Laughton; Katherine Gee; and Julie Kehl.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Robert and Jeanne Littlefield, by their loving sons, Robert, Richard, and Donald.

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

| | The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17 | | The Day of Pentecost May 24 | |
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| | 8:45am | 11:00am | 8:45am | 11:00am |
| Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers | John Barker | Candace Lewis Bill Taylor | Sandra Jeffery John Barker | Will Rodriguez Mark Delk |
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| Videography (Service) | Jennifer Shelton | N/A | N/A | Tom Griswold |
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| Opening Gatekeeper | BJ McKee & George Grzenda | | Jill & Mark Owen | |
| Closing Gatekeeper | Steve Sittnick | | Steve Sittnick | |



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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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2026

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2027

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2028

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Meal Ministry: Catherine Popp

Needle Work Ministry: Judy Petersen

Sustainability: Elizabeth Christenbury

Ushers: Clint Adams & Bettie Orr

Visitor Ministry: Clint Adams

Wedding Coordinator: Elaine Howe