



*November 25, 2021*

**St. Francis Anglican Parish**

**Thanksgiving Day**

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Processional Hymn.....*For the Beauty of the Earth p. 9*

### Acclamation

*Celebrant*                      Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
*People*                         **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

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.**

### The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

### Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, (+) Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*                      The Lord be with you.  
*People*                         **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading

### Deuteronomy 8

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is

bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 65:1-8** (in unison)

**Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed.  
O you who hear prayer,  
to you shall all flesh come.  
When iniquities prevail against me,  
you atone for our transgressions.  
Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell in your courts!  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your temple!  
By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas;  
the one who by his strength established the mountains,  
being girded with might;  
who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples,  
so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.  
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.**

## The Second Reading

James 1:17-27

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Refrain*                      Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!  
*Leader*                        You are the Christ everlasting, born for us all of a virgin,  
                                      You have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.  
*Refrain*                      Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

*Celebrant*                    The Holy Gospel (+) of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*                        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

*Celebrant*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                        Praise to you, Lord Christ

## Homily

Fr. Craig Lister

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

## A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution of Sin *(the people kneel as able and pray)*

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.*

## *The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Peace

*Celebrant*            The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And with your spirit.**

## Announcements

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant*    Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues:*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because the wonders of your Creation reflect your goodness and beauty; and your gifts of sun and rain, seed-time and harvest, manifest your constant love and care for all that you have made. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (+)  
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Consecration *(the people may kneel)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.” Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us (+) also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. 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 forever. ***Amen.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 forever and ever. *Amen.***

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant and People*

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

### **The Prayer of Humble Access (*Celebrant and People together*)**

*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.***

### **Holy Communion**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (*the people may kneel*)**

*Celebrant*                      Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to**

do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn.....*All People that on Earth Do Dwell, p. 10*

Blessing & Dismissal



## For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies

*Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill, and vale, and tree, and flower,  
Sun, and moon, and stars of light.

*Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony,  
Linking sense to sound and sight

*Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise*

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

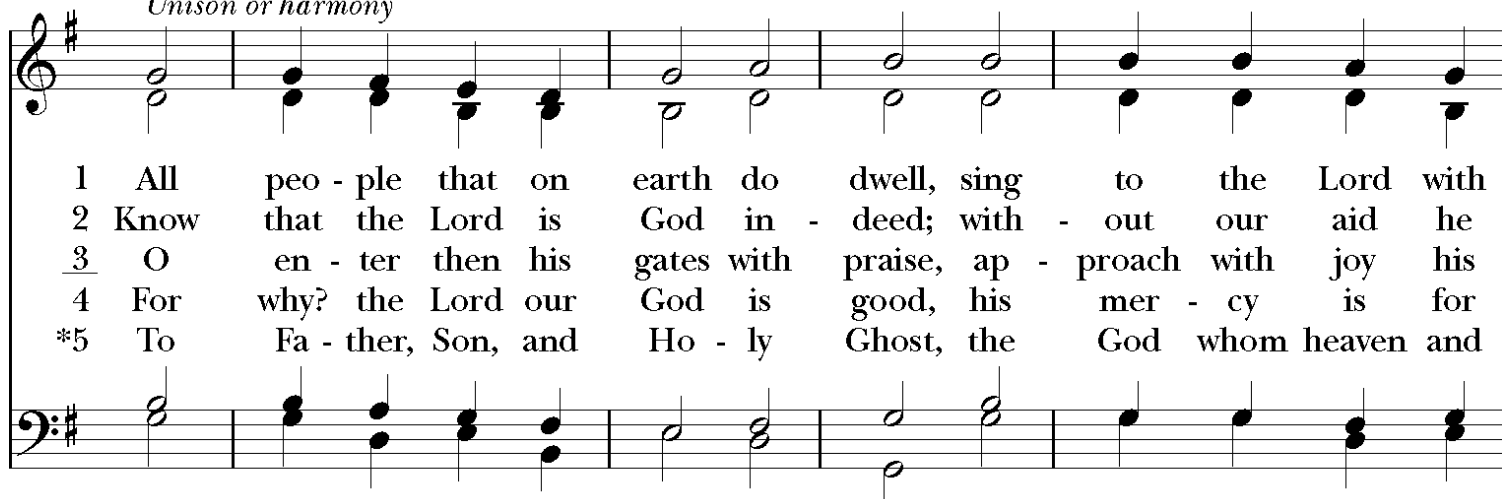
*Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise*

For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love.

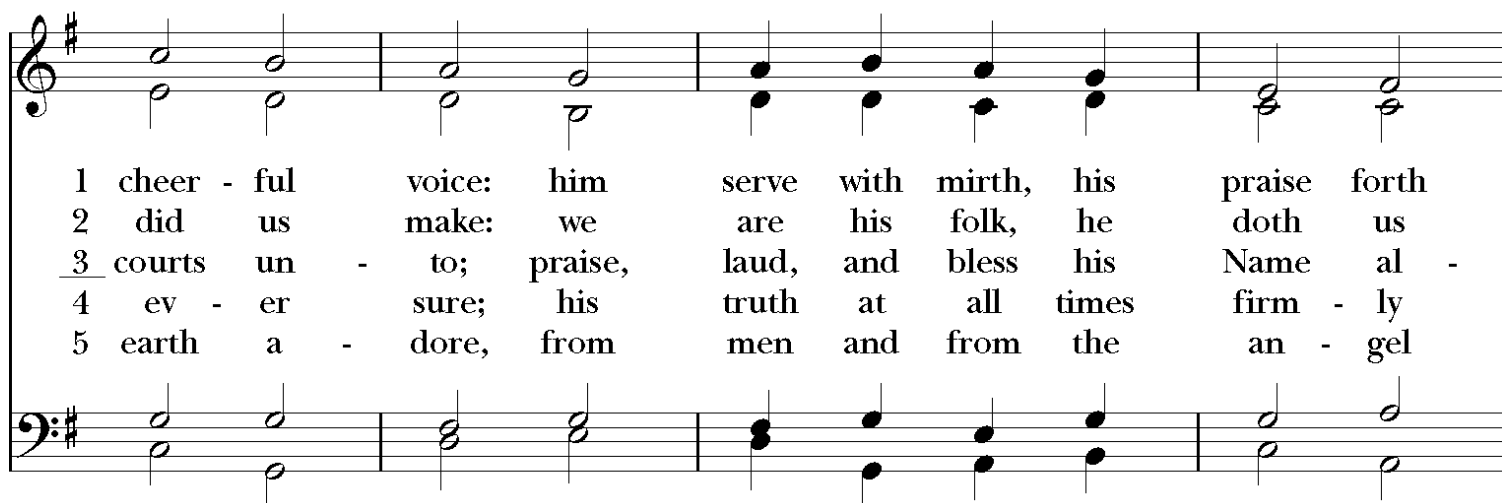
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# All People That on Earth Do Dwell

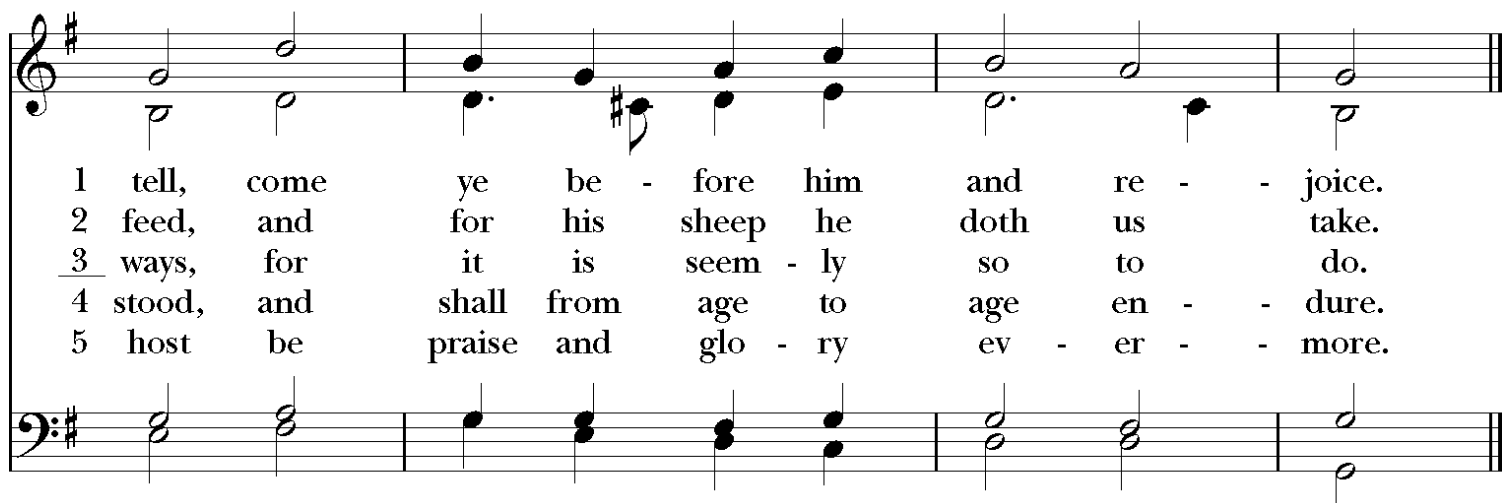
*Unison or harmony*



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for  
\*5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and



1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly  
5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel



1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.  
2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.  
5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

## Announcements

- **May we pray for you?** Fill out a blue card or see a prayer team member after service.
- **Choir Practice** meets Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- **Midweek Eucharist** is Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.
- **CUOC Food Pantry Drop Off** is Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- **Prayer Walk** from 8:00-9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, December 4, 11, and 18, starting and ending at Temple Theater.
- **Advent Dinner and Program** Wednesday evenings in Advent starting at 6:00 p.m.
- **Toys for Tots** Contact JJ Cuff or Bob Nelson to help collect, organize, pack or deliver gifts.
- **Christmas with The Chosen:** Contact Gordy for tickets to a 7:00 p.m. show Thursday, December 2, at Beaver Creek Commons Cinema in Apex.

### Those serving today

Greeter ..... Sue Comstock  
Ushers..... Chuck Lewis & Tom Reese  
Lector..... Mari Hann & Gordy Reese  
Crucifer..... Sarah Womack  
Acolyte..... Charlie Puckett  
Cleaners ..... Beth Puckett & Fernando Quinones  
Nursery..... Gillian Garrison & Nancy Lister  
Music Director ..... Audrey Hanna  
Organist ..... Rosemary Parten  
Altar Guild ..... Tammy Bennetts, Mari Hann,  
Beth Puckett, Carolyn Washburn

### Vestry

Through 2022: Oliver Crawley, *Junior Warden*; Joe Hanna; Beth Puckett, *Senior Warden*  
Through 2023: Johnnie Gordon, Phillip Lloyd, Helen Ward  
Through 2024: Jean Dabbs, Mark Mahaffey, Sarah Womack

**Office Hours: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday or by appointment.**

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# St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

**For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:**

*Lew Andersen	*Frances Granger	Cheryl Newton
*Norma Jean Bill	Suzanne Harmeling	*Shelley Nichols
Chad Blackwelder	*Brian Haynes	Molly Margaret O'Quinn
Caroline Brown	*Ann Hodges	Linda Powell
Ken Cameron	Ken Jeffries	Jack Sharpe
*Paul Dempster	*Jon Kerley	*Mackenzie Stinson
*Mary Ann Dusenbury	Jimmy King	Doris Washburn
Sherry Fisher	*Isabel Lawrence	*Charles Wick
*Helen Frechette	*The Mahaffey Family	John Wood
Mary Gillan	Tommy McDonald	Sam Wornom
	*Member of St. Francis	

**To add or remove a name from the prayer list, call Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at [suectrace@gmail.com](mailto:suectrace@gmail.com). Names will be removed after three weeks, but you may always contact Sue to extend the time.**

**Pray for those serving in our military all over the world:** Corbin Andrews, Alex Bogaski, Roger Buswell, Raymond DeSantos, Fortune Egbulefu, Katherine Gladd, Jody Gordon, Dan Hardin, Ben Hodsdon, Jim Makepeace, Jared Oldham, Matthew Pate, William Puckett, Lucas Rees, James Rozak, Dalton Sims, Nick Stavlund, Mac Swingle, Jason Williams, Eliza, Ellis, Evan, Trevor

**Pray for the departed:** Linda Cochran, Paul Cronk, Mary Frazier, Margaret Hatch, James Hattaway, Leon Charles Lockwood, Charlotte Mulford, Trina Oldham and Susan Riddle

**Altar Flowers** are given by Jean Dabbs to the glory of God and in celebration of her parents' anniversary and her birthday.

## Our Parish Mission Statement

*St. Francis' Anglican Parish exists as a church committed to the Lord Jesus Christ's Great Commission: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:17-20 ESV) We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, the second person of the Trinity, and the visible expression of the invisible God. His life, death, resurrection and ascension secure eternal life for those whose trust is in him. Upon his ascension, Christ entrusted the church with the mission to proclaim his teachings found in Holy Scriptures and to administer the Sacraments.*