Welcome to

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Kinston, North Carolina



St. Mary's: Serving with JOY!

The mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to bear God's Good News through joyful worship, Christ-centered teaching, compassionate care, and intentional relationships.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist Rite 2

September 20, 2020 9:30 a.m. (Outdoor Worship)

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church!

In these extra-ordinary times, St. Mary's offers two Sunday worship opportunities of Holy Eucharist: Rite 2. One is an online pre-recorded liturgy with Spiritual Communion. The other is an outdoor public liturgy (weather permitting), following the parameters outlined in Fr. Tom's Pastoral Letter of September 8 and in accordance with current state Executive Orders and guidelines from the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina.

For worshipers gathering in person, we thank you for taking seriously the measures that are in place that allow us to gather safely, especially observing six feet of physical distancing between different households at all times and refraining from congregational singing. We also encourage all present to wear a face covering and require one during distribution of communion since social distancing is not possible in that moment. These practices will make our time together safer and are appreciated as signs of love for one another.

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

SERVERS IN THIS LITURGY:

Officiant & Preacher: Tom Warren

Musicians: Marcus Jones (vocals) & Seraphim Smith (Recorder) Lectors: Sandra Warren & Jon Sargeant

Greeting & Announcements

The people may remain seated as this hymn is sung by the soloist. "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"





Words: William Williams

Music: Cwm Rhondda

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant

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.*

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

All may be seated for the readings

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah:

[3:10-4:11]

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked

the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

Psalm 145:1-8

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Church in Philippi:

[1:21-30]

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

All stand as they are able.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Father Tom

The Nicene Creed

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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.

All stand as they are able.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our diocesan bishop; and all bishops, priests, and deacons.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, especially Donald, our President; Roy, our Governor; and Don, our Mayor; and people of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially all who are on the St. Mary's parish prayer list, and those whose lives and livelihoods have been seriously impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the nursery-aged children of this church and the staff who love and miss them. We commend them all to your care, Lord, and look forward to the time when the nursery programming will resume safely.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayers may be lifted aloud or in the silence of our hearts at this time.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession Page 320

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

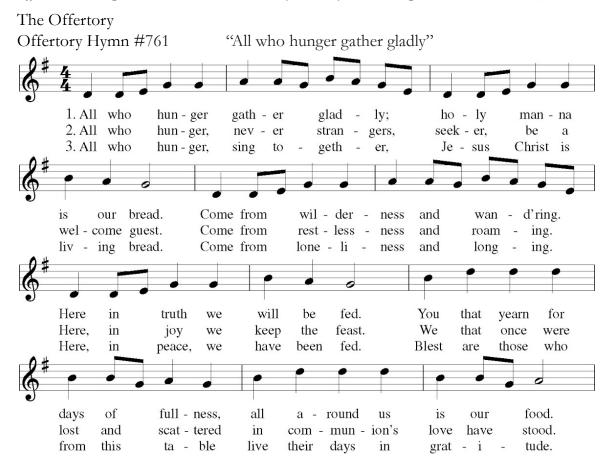
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not

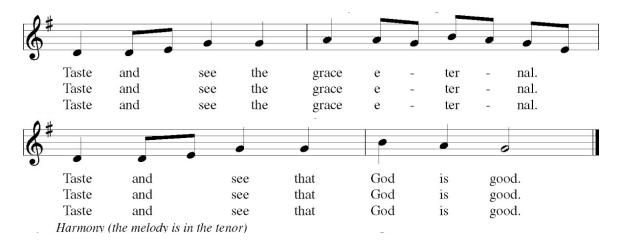
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God 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.*

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.





Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A Page 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the L

Celebrant 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

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

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.

Music: Holy Manna

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.

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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Ministration of Communion

The Celebrant says 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Please speak to the clergy if you would like to learn more about baptism and following Jesus as a baptized Christian.

To receive communion, please stand where you are, and the clergy will bring communion to you. Those in vehicles may remain in their vehicle if they so desire. After you have received the bread, please wait until the clergy has moved beyond six feet from you, then adjust your mask to consume the bread. Please he seated after you have received communion so the clergy can easily tell who still desires to receive communion.

For those not wishing to receive communion, we offer you this prayer, adapted from the Armed Forces Prayer Book. You may also cross your arms over your chest when the priest draws near to indicate

that you would like a prayer of blessing.

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I can not now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the

affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Let us pray.

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

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week's Schedule - September 20, 2020

Sun.	10:45 am	Adult Christian Formation (Moseley Hall and Zoom)
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6:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Tues. Noon
4:00 pm
Rector's Forum on Living into God's Dream via Zoom
ECW Bible Study - Email Pam Mazingo for the Zoom link.

6:30 pm EfM - Email Jon Sargeant for the Zoom link.

Wed. 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Email Gerry Fox for the Zoom link.

9am-Noon Fr. Tom's Office Hours 2:00 pm St. Mary's Staff Meeting

Thur. 2-4:30 pm Fr. Tom's Office Hours Fri. 9am-Noon Fr. Tom's Office Hours

MINISTRY FAIR CONNECTIONS - Last Sunday's "St. Mary's Day" was the beginning of our program year and, of course, much is different about the ways in which we will live into the heart of our ministries in this pandemic time. But, the essence of our Christian witness and ministry is as relevant and needed as ever! You may reply to the Ministry Fair survey at any time, but responses by tomorrow would be most helpful to our ministry leaders! The survey was sent in an email called "The Heart of

Ministry" last Sunday. Contact the church office with any questions. God bless you and may God bless the life and ministry of our parish family!

HURRICANE RELIEF - Hurricanes Laura and Sally have caused major damage recently in and around the Gulf Coast. Parts of the roof at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church (Lake Charles, LA) were ripped off, causing water damage inside the church and rectory. On Sep. 23, St. Mary's will make a contribution toward the church's rebuilding efforts. If you would like to add to this gift, please mark your check or online contribution with "emergency relief" in the memo. Donations to the overall hurricane response by Episcopal Relief & Development may be made separately, online at www.episcopalrelief.org.

AN EIGHT-WEEK STUDY OF THE GOSPELS, led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Spaugh, will kick off the Program Year on Sunday mornings from 10:45-11:45am, beginning today. Up to 25 people may attend the class in Moseley Hall, wearing face coverings & observing social distancing. Members may also participate in the class via Zoom. The Zoom link will be shared via email this coming week.

THE ECW BIBLE STUDY - Please join us for a study led by Pam Mazingo on the book of Genesis **Tuesdays at 4pm via Zoom**. The Zoom link will be emailed to all ECW members. Please contact the church office if you need assistance accessing the link.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS NOV 1 - Bishop Skirving will be visiting St. Mary's on All Saints' Sunday (Nov 1) and will confirm those who have prepared for this sacramental rite. If you're interested in being confirmed, please contact Fr. Tom. Please keep those who will be confirmed in your prayers!

POPSICLES ON THE LAWN WITH LIZ - Be sure to sign up <u>at this link here (one family/household per spot please)</u> to join Liz Hengst, the new Ministry Coordinator for Children, Youth, & their Families, for popsicles and getting to know one another. Bring a blanket or chairs and your memories from St. Mary's.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES OPEN DISCUSSIONS - Liz Hengst is inviting everyone who has been or is connected to Children's Ministries or EYC in any way to join us for an open discussion about our vision for the future If you have a child in either, have had a child in either or if you have volunteered, join us....if you are a current EYC student or a recent graduate, join us. We want many voices to be a part of this conversation. Children's Ministries Open Discussions will be on Thursday, September 24 from 7:30-8:30pm or Saturday, September 26 from 10-11am. EYC (Middle/High School) Open Discussion will be on Wednesday, September 23

from 7:30-8:30pm or Saturday, September 26 from 11:30am-12:30pm. Contact Liz Hengst by email at lhengst@stmaryskinston.com for the Zoom Link.

MARY'S KITCHEN BREAD DRIVE & SERVICE DATE - Our next loaf bread drive for Mary's Kitchen will be next Sunday, September 27th. Our goal is 65 loaves of bread, enough to supply a week at the Kitchen. Please drop off your bread to the church during business hours during the week of September 21st-25th or bring it on Sunday the 27th at the morning liturgy. The bread will be taken to the kitchen that week to coincide with our next quarterly service date on Sat., October 3rd. The ECW is scheduled to serve. If you would like to volunteer for this date, please contact Audra Haddad or Jessica Shimer.

CHARITY SALE TO BENEFIT MARY'S KITCHEN - Mary's Kitchen is participating with our local Belk Department Store for their Charity Sale Event, October 9th-11th. Please consider purchasing these \$5 tickets that are valid for your local Belk purchase while 100% of the proceeds will go to supporting our ministry! With the loss of our Bingo Night due to the Coronavirus, this event could go a long way in helping us reach our revenue goals for this year. Purchase your \$5 ticket(s) at the church office during business hours, or feel free to mail a check made payable to Mary's Kitchen stating "charity sale" on the memo line (800 Rountree St., Kinston, NC 28501) and we will mail your tickets back to you. We thank you for your support as well as our friends at Belk for this opportunity!

ST. MARY'S YOUTH PAGE IS ON INSTAGRAM for EYC and Children's Ministries. Be sure to find us and follow these pages: for youth **@StMarysKinstonEYC** and for children **@StMarysKinstonKids**. We are excited to connect our children, youth, and parents!

ST. MARY'S REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES - Contact the church office **through Oct. 15th** to order your personalized, reusable water bottle with the St. Mary's logo for \$20. Preorder by cash or check (made out to St. Mary's Church with "bottle" in the memo line). For questions, email Ginger Dixon at gingerdixon@outlook.com.

WEEKLY MUSICAL OFFERING - Our weekly musical selection this week is **"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" by Allen Orton Gibbs**, and we invite you to listen to it <u>here</u> and learn the score <u>here</u> (SJMP License #14639). Enjoy!

MORNING PRAYER is offered in the All Saints' Chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30am (for safety, pews are marked and face coverings are required). Know that you are welcome to make this special time a part of your morning devotional.

CHORAL SCHOLAR FUND - St. Mary's Church now has an official Choral Scholar Fund that anyone can contribute to in order to build up the ability to sustain multiple Choral Scholars each year. If you would like more information on this fund and learn how to contribute, please contact **Sharon Veitch**, **Sam Gilmore**, or our Treasurer **Billy Page**.

THE SEPTEMBER BELL RINGER is available now!!! Read all about the "New Beginnings" at St. Mary's at <u>this link</u>, or be sure to pick up your hard copy on Sunday when you join us for 9:30am outdoor liturgy!

JOIN F3 NATION for Fitness-Fellowship-Faith at Bill Fay Park on **Sat. mornings** from 7-8am and Tues. & Thurs. at 5:30am. This group is free, outdoors, and open to all men. For more information, contact Fr. Tom or Chris Jenkins (252-341-7042; wjenkins@nccumc.org).

STAY CONNECTED - Access our membership directory here.

SUPPORTING THE LIFE OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH - We recognize the incredible impact of this pandemic on every facet of our lives and are grateful for the tithes and offerings that have continued to be sent by mail and online.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES - Access updated hurricane preparedness resources provided by the Diocese of East Carolina, the "Hurricane Hub," at this **link**.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church, Whiteville, The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, Lariza Garzón, Executive Director

Tom Warren Rector				
Sharon VeitchOrganist/Choirmaster				
o ParrottSenior Warden				
immy BallardJunior Warden				
Billy PageTreasurer				
Whitney GradyClerk of the Vestry				
Lori KellyParish Administrator				
Liz HengstYouth/Families Ministry Coordinator				
Sherry TannerCommunications Director				
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Cyndi RaffertyAltar Guild Chair				
Laury SargeantECW President				

Parish Vestry			
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Jess Edwards	Jimmy Ballard		
Gerry Fox	Sam Gilmore		
Whiteney Grady	Jessica Shimer		
Jo Parrott	Stuart Stroud		

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