

# HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

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## Youth Sunday 2024

Today is Youth and Graduation Sunday. Through their participation in worship today, and the celebration of our graduating seniors, we hope you have an opportunity to see how God is moving and working through our young people here and now, and in the future. We are blessed with a thriving youth program that seeks to give our youth a space to grow closer with God, each other, and learn more about what it means to be followers of Jesus that have a meaningful impact on our community and the world. In big and small ways, our youth point us to the living God through their wonder and energizing presence.

We also celebrate the Class of 2024 Graduates. Our prayer for them is that they head into the next chapter of their lives with the knowledge that they are loved by God and cherished by this faith community. We look forward to watching them continue to learn and grow as they embark on a new adventure at college and beyond!



Special congratulations to the students receiving the Rector's Award: Charlotte Peverley and Garrett Davidsen. These two excellent students have been an integral part of the church through their work in the community. Garrett has served on the Outreach Committee and has taken on leadership roles on several initiatives there. Charlotte has helped create and manage the Bakery Book Exchange, a ministry which seeks to provide books and other literacy materials to people around Jacksonville in underserved communities. We are so proud of them and their commitment to sharing God's love with their gifts and talents. If you see them around campus, be sure to congratulate them!

It takes a village to walk alongside a community of young people as they learn and grow. We are so thankful for our clergy, youth volunteers, and other amazing adults who walk alongside them in their faith journey! Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach! We are delighted to have you worship with us. In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Silence for Prayer

This contemplative service is preceded by a period of silence at 4:50 p.m.

## Prelude

I Must Tell Jesus

Arr. Heather Sorenson

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

## **Opening Sentences**

Lector	Risen Lord, we come to adore you. We desire to know you as living Lord And to experience your vitality within us. Break the seals, Lord, roll away the stone, rip open the protecting bandages.
People	Breathe the breath of life into our hearts.
	Risen Lord, we come to worship you. The world waits for your coming through us. We want to be filled with joy and to have the freedom to be your true disciples.
People	You breathe the breath of life into our hearts, and by Your resurrection, we are made new.
First Hymn	In Christ There Is No East or West
	In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north, but one community of love Throughout the whole wide earth.
	In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere Their high communion find; his service is the golden cord, Close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be; all children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

## Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Servant Christ, help us to follow you out of the dark tomb, to share daily your resurrection life, to be renewed daily in your image of love, to be used daily as your new Body in your service to the world. Servant Christ, help us to follow you. **Amen.** 

#### Please be seated.

## The Gospel

ReaderA reading from the Gospel according to John15:9-17

## People Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

## Reflection

Brooks Slater

A reflection is essentially based on a personal experience and is a great way to share what God is doing in our lives. When we listen to what God is doing in our brothers' and sisters' lives, we are likely to grow in greater awareness of how God works in our own lives.

#### One minute of silence follows.

Music for Meditation Beautiful

Heather Sorenson

You may stand or kneel.

## The Prayers of the People

Reader Alleluia! What was dead shall live: what was dark shall shine: what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed. God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this season give us hope, for Christ is risen: People Christ is risen indeed. On this season which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen: Christ is risen indeed. Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen: Christ is risen indeed. For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud. That death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: Christ is risen indeed.

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears,

People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.** 

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:

#### Christ is risen indeed.

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

#### Christ is risen indeed.

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death, and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

## Candlelighting

We continue our prayers through the lighting of the votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others. During the instrumental music, you are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers. Candles are located at the front of the main aisle to the left and right.

Please stand.

#### The Peace

Celebrant Angels said it to frightened shepherds, Jesus said it to dismayed disciples. And now these words which come from heaven are given to reconcile us to God and to each other: 'Peace be with you'.

## People And also with you.

Let us share this peace with each other.

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Please be seated.

## Welcome and Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Offertory

The Gift of Love

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Please stand.

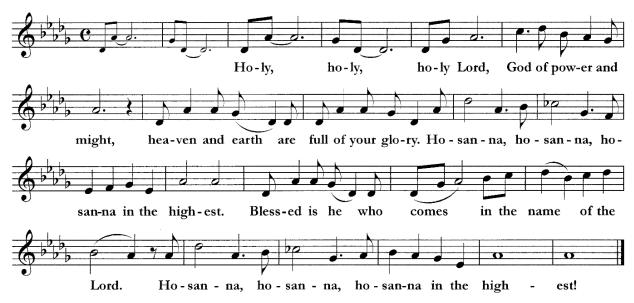
#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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 Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant continues

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:



#### Celebrant continues

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them, saying:

#### All together

#### "This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."

So, too, after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them, saying: *All together* 

#### "This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### All together

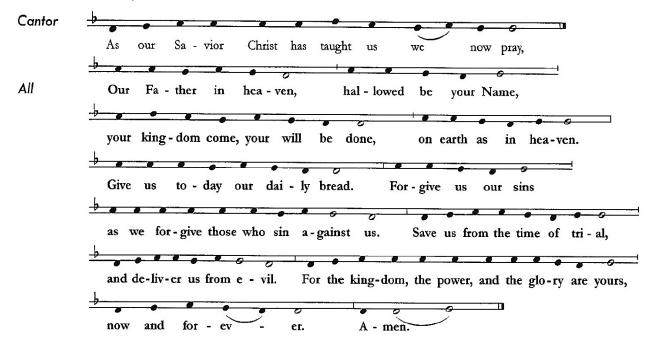
#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### Celebrant continues

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all.Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace.We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.** 

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### The Lord's Prayer

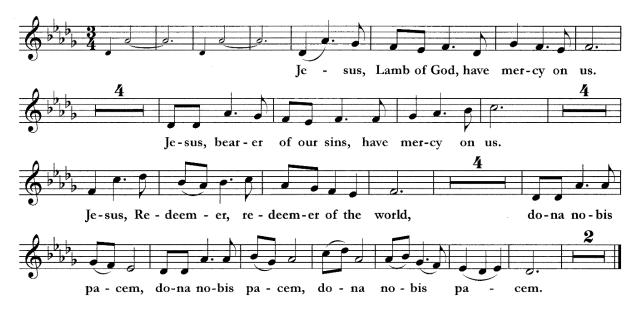


#### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

#### People Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

#### Lamb of God



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#### Celebrant continues

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

#### Please be seated.

## **Distribution of Communion**

## Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

## **Communion Music** The Servant Song

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

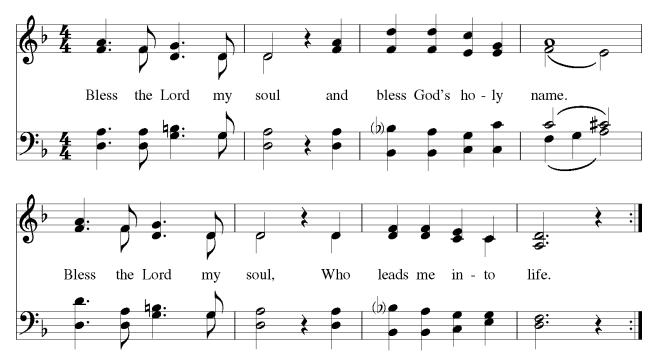
4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow, 'till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony.

6. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

## A brief moment of silence follows.





## After Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks that in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, you awaken us to your indwelling Presence and our true life. Help us to recognize and honor your Presence in one another, to treat each other with reverence and humility, and to become, more and more, the people we already are in you. Amen.

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* May the light and love of God shine in our hearts and through the universe that the whole creation may be transfigured to glory, in and through Jesus Christ, radiant in the splendour of the wounds of love. **Amen.** 

## **Music for Meditation**

Grace

Joel Raney

#### Please stand.

## Dismissal

*Reader* Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord has made a promise to love you faithfully forever. Go out with joy and be led forth with Peace.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude	Brethren,	We Are Met to	Worship	Arr. Mark Hayes

Following this service, you are invited to stay for dinner as an opportunity to get to know one another better. We hope you will stay and break bread with us.

Jerald Jay, Piano Rachel Kamps, Soloist



Christ Church serves the parish and our community throughout the week in addition to our Sunday services. These are a few of the upcoming and ongoing events you are invited and encouraged to check out, come and see what's happening on our Ponte Vedra campus and throughout the world.

Sunday Service Schedule and bulletins are available at ccpvb.org

# ANNOUNCEMENTS TODAY

#### Sunday Dinner and Fellowship

First Sunday, 6:00 p.m., Parish Center Dining Room On the first Sunday of each month, join us for dinner and fellowship after the 5:00 p.m. service.

## **THIS WEEK**

Cursillo Men Fourth Day Mondays 5 p.m. Room F 202 This group is open to all men who attended a Cursillo Weekend. For those interested in attending or grouping at other days and times advise us at cursilloccpvb@gmail.com

#### Painting Group

Mondays 6-8 p.m. Hospitality Lobby All painters and/or portable crafters (i.e., hand sewing, knitting, jewelry makers, etc.) are welcome. Please join us. If you have any questions, please email barnettml615@gmail.com. Hope to see a lot of new faces!

## Tai Chi + Moving Mindfulness

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Room F 106

Practice Tai Chi with master teacher Daniel Jones. This practice leads to increased resilience, stamina, quiet mindfulness and balance. Suitable for all ages and abilities. \$12 per session. Please register online (not required, just helpful to know who is coming) and payments (cash or Venmo) will be received at the beginning of each class. For more information, contact Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org.

#### Confirmation

May 7, 6:30 p.m. Christ Church Main Sanctuary Bishop Chip Stokes will be on hand for the Rite of Confirmation. A reception will follow in the courtyard. All are welcome and encouraged to be on hand to celebrate with our confirmands.

#### Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark

Westbury Hall Dining Room Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Mother Amy Slater and Father Eric Kahl lead a study focusing on the Gospel of Mark, and discipleship. All are welcome!





#### Contemplative Community Circle

Wednesdays through May 15 3:00-4:30 p.m., Room F 224 We will discuss "How to Know a Person" by author David Brooks. Our time together always includes a period of silence followed by thoughtful discussions. Dr. Trey Wilson and Bridgett Vadeboncoeur will assist in facilitating. Order your book on Amazon. All are welcome! To register email Mary Anne Young at mayoung32082@gmail.com.

#### Homework and Hangs

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Youth House

6-12th grade students are invited to the Youth House for unstructured social time. Students are welcome to bring their homework, enjoy a snack, and play games with friends before Low Tide begins.

#### Low Tide

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Youth House Middle school students are invited to the Youth House for games, fellowship, and fun!

#### Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. The Cooper Chapel A quiet and reflective Eucharistic service with candle lighting.

#### Wednesday Night Community Dinner

5:45-7:00 p.m. Westbury Hall Dining Room On the Menu: ASIAN Price: \$8 per person, \$32 family max. Whether you are here for church activities or just want to gather with friends for a meal, you are welcome! Volunteers are needed - please contact Mel Johnson at Melissa.Kurz.Johnson@gmail.com

#### Christ Church Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Westbury Hall dining room

Please join us after dinner for a brief yet informative meeting. We will share in moments of gratitude for the blessings of the past year, provide feedback from the Town Halls held earlier this year, inform you of actions already underway based on your feedback, and envision the path forward in unity. Your presence and participation are important as we discuss important matters and approve the new leaders for Vestry who will shepherd us with wisdom and compassion.

#### Join A Choir

Rehearsals in Choir Room Formation + Arts Building If you are interested or have questions contact Dr. Rachel Root, rroot@ccpvb.org **Women's Ensemble** (high school students + adults), rehearse Wed 6:30 - 7 p.m, sings monthly at 9 & 11:15 a.m.





Men's Ensemble (high school students and adults), rehearse Wed 6:30 pm-7 pm, Large Rehearsal Room, sings monthly at 7:30, 9 & 11:15 am

**Chancel Choir** (high school students and adults), rehearse Wed 7 pm - 8 pm, sings weekly at 11:15 a.m.

Handbell Choir (high school students and adults)- *Thursdays* 6-7 pm, plays monthly at either 9 or 11:15

Children's Choir (age 4 - 5th grade) rehearse Wed- 5:15- 6:00 p.m. Room 124. For more information contact wendy.waller@comcast.net or sbennie@ccpvb.org

#### High Tide

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Youth House High school students are invited to the Youth House for games, fellowship, and fun!

## Christ Church Book Club

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Room F 204 or on Zoom Contact group leader Mark Barrett, mbarrett@vrlinkcorp.com for more information on the book club.

#### Women in the Word Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Westbury Hall 2nd floor conference room The Gospel of John: Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World written by Melissa Spoelstra. Please contact Mary Ann Reynolds (mahrey51@aol.com), Kay Verble (ksvpvb@gmail.com) or Jane Wallace (wilsonssidekick@gmail.com) for a study guide with video access to the teaching sessions.

#### Blessings in a Backpack

Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Dining Room

Join the team packaging food items to be distributed to local children at the end of the school week. Contact Sharon Kehoe for information at biggieinga@aol.com.

## Total Health Works: Brain + Body Thursdays

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Room F 106, Formation + Arts Building Facilitator: Pam Smith. This class focuses on functional exercise with an emphasis on brain work - challenging individuals cognitively as well as physically. Participants work on memory, multitasking, and sequencing, as well as strengthening, cardio, core, and balance. Suitable for people of all ability levels. \$10 per session. Contact Leila@ccpvb.org for more information. Register online (not required, just helpful), payments (cash or Venmo) will be received at the beginning of class.

## Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

Fridays, 7:00 a.m. Westbury Hall Dining Room Lively discussion and great breakfast, fellowship. Come as you are, leave transformed. All men are welcome!





### MOMs Community Circle

Fridays, 9-10:00 a.m. Room F 224 The MOMs Community Circle gathers for inspiring discussions, guest speakers, community service opportunities, and supportive connections. All moms are welcome! Contact Amy Schmitt at aschmitt@ccpvb.org for more information. May 17 is the last meetup before this group goes on hiatus for the summer.

#### Praise and Play Pals

Fridays, 10:00-10:45 a.m. Room F 224 Experience the joy of our baby/toddler playgroup! Engage in delightful stories, songs, and activities centered around spiritual themes. For further details, please reach out to Amy Schmitt at aschmitt@ccpvb.org. May 17 is the last meetup before this group goes on hiatus for the summer.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### 2024 Senior High Dinner

May 13, 6-8 p.m. Off Campus Class of 2024 seniors and their parents are invited to the home of our Youth Ministry Director for a dinner and fellowship to celebrate our graduating seniors and their accomplishments.

#### Book Club for Kids May 15

6:15 p.m., Room 106 Join Amy for stories, crafts, and conversation. All ages welcome!

#### Special Friends Spring Gathering

Thu, May 16 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Dining Room

A spring gathering for our more mature friends please join us for lunch, fellowship and fun! Please RSVP to the office 904-285-6127.

#### Lighthouse Family Dinner

Thu, May 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Lighthouse youth, family, and friends are invited to join us for dinner. Please reply no later than May 12th to Catherine Montgomery at thelighthouseflorida@gmail.com. The Lighthouse is open to LGBTQIA+ middle and high school students in Jacksonville and the Beaches area, including people of all faiths and no faith.

## 60+ Fun: Trip to Ft. George Island

Saturday, May 18 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join the 60+ Fun group on a spring outing to Fort George Island. Learn about the historic Episcopal Church, its history and the history of this beautiful island. We'll have a picnic lunch and great fellowship along the way. The fee for the bus ride and boxed lunch is \$20.00 to be paid that morning.





You MUST RSVP by May 15 with the receptionist at the church office so we have an accurate count for lunch and the bus. We'll depart at 9:45 am sharp. Come make new friends and see new things!

## Pentecost Sunday May 19

Pentecost is a moveable feast in which we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension. All are encouraged to wear bright colors of reds, oranges, or yellows, symbolizing the flame of the Holy Spirit. We have some special events planned for the day - including a cake contest! Details to follow.

#### **Centering Prayer**

Wednesdays, starting May 22 11:15a.m. - 12:00 noon The Center for Spirituality will offer weekly centering prayer, beginning Wednesday, May 22 at 11:15 a.m. This is a meditative type of prayer which makes space for us to listen. Each session will include a bit of Father Keating's teaching, a period of silence and closing comments. For more info contact Deacon Leila at leila@ccpvb.org.

#### Love First

Vacation Bible School July 8-12, 2024 At Love First VBS, Bible stories, games, crafts, and music, help curious kids learn more about faith and connect with one another. This fun and inspiring week is made possible by the service of youth and adult volunteers. Registration is now open at ccpvb.org. For more information or to volunteer, contact Amy Schmitt at aschmitt@ccpvb.org

## Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp

For children ages 8-17

Session I: June 17-20, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Session II: July 15-18, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. This summer we will travel through France and other parts of the world, bringing farm fresh ingredients to our tables. Classes include a recipe book, apron, kitchen safety techniques, regional culinary history, hands-on cooking experience, and a chance to bring your creations home to share with your family! \$260 per person. Contact jderycker@ccpvb.org for more information





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**Reach Out** Need help? Let us know what's happening in your life. We are here for you.





#### Come Serve with Us

Let us know if you'd like to share your gifts of time and talent. We need your helping hand!

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## **Worship Services**

7:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Church Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Cooper Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Cobblestone Atrium
9:00 a.m.	NSIA Community Center
11:15 a.m.	Church Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor
12:45 p.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor
5:00 p.m.	Church Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. (Wed)	Cooper Chapel

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## Vestry

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## **Staff Clergy**

#### The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector

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## Deacons

The Rev. Leila Quinlan The Rev. Priscilla Wodehouse

## **Adjunct Clergy**

The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus The Rev. Joan Bryan The Rev. Burt Shepherd The Rev. Canon Michael Ellis The Rev. Deacon Jo Hoskins, Deacon Emeritus





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