

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL  
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS  
DECEMBER 28, 2025 - 11:15 AM  
MAIN SANCTUARY

## About the Service

The Festival of Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who, at the age of thirty-four, had just been appointed Dean of King's College Chapel, Cambridge. After his experience as an army chaplain Dean Milner-White had convinced himself that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship.

A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn 'Once in Royal David's City'. In almost every year the choice of carols has varied, and some new ones have been introduced.

The backbone of the service, the lessons, and the prayers, has remained virtually unchanged. Almost immediately other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider frame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928.

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, the pattern and strength of the service derive from the lessons. The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God seen through the windows and the words of the Bible and responded to in song. The heart of the service is still found by those who 'go in heart and mind' and who consent to follow where the story leads.

*- adapted from the Lessons & Carols Service Booklet, King's College, Cambridge, U.K.*

*Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra!*  
*We are delighted to have you worship with us.*  
*In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your cell. Thank you!*

**Prelude** Jennifer Seinfeld, *Piano*

**Introit** *What Child* Ruth Morris Gray  
Common Ground

*Refrain* What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet, with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
Oh, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard, and angels sing:  
Oh, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So, bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings, salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
So, raise the song on high, while Mary sings her lullaby.  
Sing joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary. *Refrain*

*Please stand.*

**Processional Hymn 83** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Vs. 1, 3, 6 & Refrain

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain* O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

## Welcome Words

### A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this *city*.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 96      Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains, in reply, echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem, and see, Him, whose birth, the angels sing;  
Come, adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## First Lesson

*Lector*            A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

Lector            The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem**

*When Love Came Down*  
Chancel Choir and Linda Muldoon, *Flute*

Stuart Townend and Tom Fettke

When Love came down to earth, and made His home with men,  
The hopeless found a hope, and the sinner found a friend.  
Not to the powerful, but to the poor, He came,  
And humble, hungry hearts were satisfied again.

*Refrain*            What joy, what peace, has come to us!  
                         What hope, what help, what love!

When ev'ry unclean thought, and ev'ry sinful deed  
Was scourged upon His back, and hammered through His feet,  
The Innocent is cursed, the guilty are released;  
The punishment of God on God has brought me peace. *Refrain*

What joy, what peace, what hope, what help,  
What joy, what peace, hope and help and love!

Come, lay your heavy load down at the Master's feet;  
Your shame will be removed; your joy will be complete.  
Come, crucify your pride, and enter as a child,  
For those who bow down low, He'll lift up to His side. *Refrain*

What a love! Hallelujah!

## **The Collect**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Second Lesson

*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.*

*Lector*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

John Mason Neale and Heather Sorenson

Chance Choir, Meredith Goldman, *Soloist*

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light,  
Jesus, Redeemer, save us all, and hear Your servants when they call.  
In sorrow, at the helpless cry, of all creation, doomed to die,  
Did save our lost and guilty race, by healing gifts of heav'nly grace.

*Refrain*

Alleluia, sing of His birth. Alleluia!  
The Savior has come to the Earth.

When Earth was near its evening hour, You did, in love's redeeming pow'r,  
Like bridegroom, from his chamber, come from a mother's virgin womb. *Refrain*

At Your great name, exalted Thou, all knees, in lowly homage, bow.  
All things, in heaven and Earth, adore, and own You King forevermore.  
Alleluia, sing of His birth. Alleluia!  
The Savior has come.

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light,  
All things, in heaven and Earth, adore, and own You King forevermore.

### Third Lesson

*The Prophet announces the coming of the Savior.*

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Receive Our King*

Meredith Andrews, Jared Anderson, and Ed Hogan

Common Ground with Ian Bula & Jen Schlechte, *Soloists*

Light my heart, like a candle.  
Let it burn for only You.  
Join my song with the angels.  
Tell ev'ryone the news, that You came, as a child,  
Beside us, in our struggle.

*Refrain* Now, we come, lifting high the name that's like no other.  
Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Son of God, here, with us.  
We receive our King.

Turn my eyes to the wonder. Let me see You, as You are.  
Be my life, be my center. In my night, be the brightest star.  
For You came, as a child, beside us, in our struggle. *Refrain*

Prepare Him room! Let the light of the world shine through!  
Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Son of God, here, with us.  
We receive our King.

### Fourth Lesson

*Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.*

*Lector* A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.



Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

**Carol**                                *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn 87           Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Refrain*            Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Mild, he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

*Please be seated.*

## **Fifth Lesson**

*Jesus receives his name and is presented to Simeon in the Temple.*

*Lector*            A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

2:21-35

When the eighth day came, it was time to circumcise the child, and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”



Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

**Carol**                                *Lord of the Dance*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon, and the stars, and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem, I had my birth.

*Refrain:*            Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance, and they would not follow Me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me, and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped, and they stripped, and they hung Me high;  
And left me there, on a cross, to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday, when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried My body, and they thought I'd gone:  
But I am the dance, and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut Me down, and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. *Refrain*

*Please be seated.*

## Sixth Lesson

*You are no longer a slave but a child of God.*

*Lector* A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians

3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our[a] hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*Hallelujah Chorus* from "The Messiah"

Handel

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah!  
The Kingdom of this world is become  
The Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and of His Christ!  
  
And He shall reign forever and ever!  
King of Kings! Forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
And Lord of Lords! Forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
  
And He shall reign forever and ever,  
Forever and ever, forever and ever!  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

## Seventh Lesson

*The Word was made flesh, and we have seen his glory.*

*Lector* A reading from the Gospel according to John

1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### **The Collect**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Blessing for Christmas**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

### **Recessional Hymn 99**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Chancel Choir, Sirlister Smiley, *Soloist*

*The congregation join in singing the refrain with the choir.*

*Refrain* Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Postlude**

*Organ Voluntary*

## Help us finish strong together financially in 2025

Thank you to those who supported Christ Church in 2025! As we approach the close of 2025, we offer a gracious and hopeful invitation to help us finish the year strong. Forecasted year end based on year-to-date actuals through November 30 plus December budget:

- Forecasted Income - \$4,703K
- 2025 Budgeted Income \$4,740K
- Forecasted Shortfall **\$ 37K**

Some pledging households customarily complete their pledge in December, and we offer a gentle, loving reminder to do so as you are able. Your generosity sustains Christ Church and our many ministry partners, extending compassion, faith, and Christ-like tangible good into the world. Thank you again for the many ways you share God's abundance and for helping us end the year with gratitude and strength.

## TODAY, Sunday December 28

A delicious **Continental Breakfast** will be served in the dining room from 8:15am - 10:45am. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

Nursery care, Children's Chapel, Youth Forum and all formation classes are on hiatus for the week. We will resume January 4, 2026.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Christ Church office and campus will be closed at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, December 31 and all day Thursday, January 1. We will reopen on Friday, January 2. Happy New Year!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### January 4 – Positive Parenting

Resumes during formation hour Sundays at 10:15

### January 7 - Epiphany Celebration + Three Kings

5:30 pm in the Main Sanctuary  
*There will be no regular Wednesday evening 5:30 chapel service.*

### SACRED GROUND: BEGINS JANUARY 10

Sponsored by TRUE: Transforming Racial Understanding & Engagement  
Created by the Episcopal Church, this 10-session film-and-readings-based dialogue series on race and faith has been experienced by more than 30,000 people across the country. For more details, or to register, contact Deb Billard at [debrabillard@gmail.com](mailto:debrabillard@gmail.com).

### January 17 - Long Haul Love Encore Concert with Rachel & Friends

*Benefitting Episcopal Relief and Development's Disaster Fund*  
10:00am - Contemporary Worship Space

**January 18 - Faith in Action Clergy Forum**  
with Dr. Rob Radtke, President and CEO of  
Episcopal Relief and Development  
10:15 – 11:00 am

**Savvy Job Hunter Virtual Workshop -**  
January 23

*"Do What You Are: Connecting Personality  
Types to Careers Using MBTI"*, Friday, 10:30  
a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Zoom  
Email Pam Ottesen at [savvyjobs@ccpvb.org](mailto:savvyjobs@ccpvb.org) to  
register and receive the Zoom link.

**The Marriage Course: *Your Marriage, But  
Better***

Thursdays from 6-8:30. Jan 29-March 26  
Registration Required.

The Marriage Course runs over seven sessions  
and is for couples who have been in a  
committed relationship for 2 years or more. It  
is like a Date Night, with homework. Each  
session begins with sharing dinner as a  
couple, followed by a fun, insightful talk by  
Father Tom and DeeAnn Reeder. There are no  
group discussions, just a chance to talk to your  
partner about topics like strengthening  
communication, resolving conflict and love in  
action. Contact: Mtr. Laura  
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**Christ Church Women's Retreat 2026**

**Friday, January 30 - Sunday, February 1**

Our theme is *Prayers of the People*, and our  
speaker, the Rev Dr Linda Privatera, will lead  
us through a deep exploration of the ways  
and the reasons we pray. Make plans to join  
us at Epworth By the Sea for this time of

fellowship, rest, and inspiration!

Scan the code to register, or  
drop by the front office for a  
brochure. For questions, contact  
Deacon Leila or Mother Laura.



**Cursillo Coed Weekend 2/27-3/1 2026**

Cursillo is an adult spiritual renewal ministry  
and community of the Episcopal Church,  
which begins with a three-day retreat of  
learning, sharing, and living together in  
Christina community. This weekend features  
separate men's and women's sleeping cabins,  
meals, and discussion groups, while lectures  
and services in the Chapel will be held jointly.  
Registration is required.

**General Warning - Phishing & Other Scams**

Please note that all of our clergy and some of  
our lay staff continue to be victims of phishing  
attempts and other online scams. There is  
nothing that we can do to stop these attacks  
apart from warning you about them. Please  
note on the church website ([www.ccpvb.org](http://www.ccpvb.org))  
the real and valid email addresses of our  
clergy and staff. Phishing attacks work by  
taking our valid email addresses and  
changing them just a little bit. The scammers  
then impersonate the clergy or staff, using  
these faked email addresses, sending emails  
to you (yes, they have your email address as  
well), asking for money or gift cards. **Please  
do not fall for this scam.** No one from this  
church will ever ask you for gift cards. And  
please pray for the scammers, that they may  
repent from their thieving ways, and give their  
life to Jesus!

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## Worship Services

|                 |                          |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7:30 a.m.       | Church Sanctuary         | Holy Eucharist, Rite I   |
| 9:00 a.m.       | Church Sanctuary         | Holy Eucharist, Rite II  |
| 9:00 a.m.       | Cooper Chapel            | Holy Eucharist, Rite II  |
| 9:00 a.m.       | Parish Center, 2nd floor | Jordan Service           |
| 9:00 a.m.       | NSIA Community Center    | Holy Eucharist, Rite II  |
| 11:15 a.m.      | Church Sanctuary         | Holy Eucharist, Rite II  |
| 11:15 a.m.      | Parish Center, 2nd floor | Jordan Service           |
| 12:45 p.m.      | Cooper Chapel            | Spanish-language Service |
| 5:00 p.m.       | Church Sanctuary         | Contemplative Service    |
| 5:30 p.m. (Wed) | Cooper Chapel            | Holy Eucharist, Rite II  |

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## Vestry

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| Jack Parker, Sr. Warden | Heather Fouts, Jr. Warden | Janet Burnside, Treasurer |
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The Rev. Wendy Billingslea, Chaplain  
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