



Grace Episcopal Church

The Day of Pentecost:  
Whitsunday

May 24, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

**Prelude:** *“Veni Sancte Spiritus”* and *“Veni Creator Spiritus”* Alfred Fedak

### **Welcome and Announcements**

*At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.*

### **The Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*People* **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Opening Hymn:** *Hail thee, festival day!*

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**Collect for Purity**

# Gloria

Cassarino

Glory to God in the Highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, On - ly son of the fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seated at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, for you a - lone are the

ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo - ry of God the

Fa - - - ther. A - - - - - men.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 227

*The people sit.*

## Children's Moment

### Candle Prayer

*The priest lights the Christ Candle from the Altar*

*Presider* We send you forth with the light of Christ;

*People* **We are bound together: one congregation, one Lord, one worship.**

**Music in Procession:** *This is the day* (from *Songs of Grace*)

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.’ "

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

**The Psalm: 104:25-35, 37**



O Lord, how manifold are / **your works**,  
in wisdom you have / **made them all**.

The earth is full of / **your creation**;  
bless the Lord, / **O my soul**.

All creatures look / **to you**;  
To give them their food / **in due season**,  
You give it to them; they / **gather it**,  
You open your hand and they are filled / **with good things**.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are / **created**,  
and so you renew the face / **of the earth**.  
May the glory of the Lord en-dure for ever,  
may the Lord rejoice in / **all his works**.

He looks at the earth, and / **it trembles**;  
he touches the mountains / **and they smoke**.  
I'll sing unto the / **Lord my God**,  
and praise him / **night and day**.

May all my words be plea-sing still,  
I will rejoice / **in the Lord**.  
Bless / thou the Lord,  
O my soul, / **Hallelujah!**

**Gospel Hymn:** *Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove*

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*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Gospel: John 20:19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Presider*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The sermon will conclude with an invitation for any person present to come forward to the altar to pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. These prayers will be led by the priests.*

*Please feel free to participate as much or as little as you feel called.*

## **The Homily**

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

*Presider*    Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**BCP 292**

*Presider*    Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and review your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People*      **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Asperges of the People**

### **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem:** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*

arr. K. Lee Scott

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

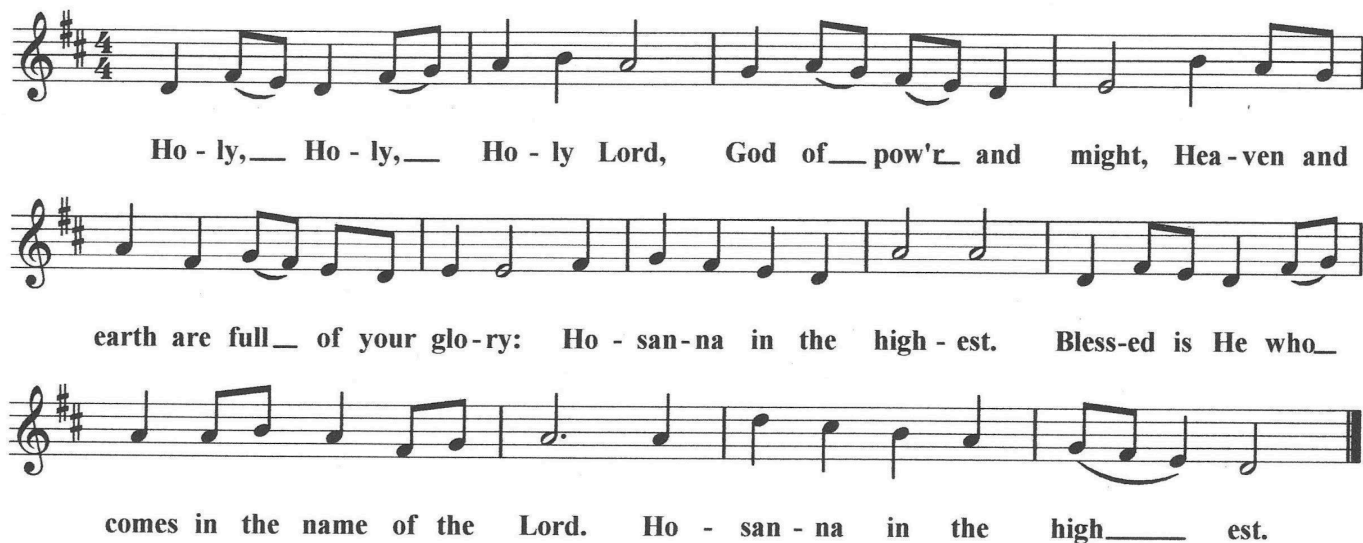
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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

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

# Sanctus

Cassarino



Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, — Ho - ly Lord, God of — pow'r and might, Hea - ven and  
earth are full — of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who —  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high — est.

## *The Presider continues*

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

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

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

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider continues*

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

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

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

Remember all those whose ministry promotes the Gospel and reveals the heart of Christ to those inside and outside the walls of Grace Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember those we hold dear and who need our prayers, especially Linda & David Adams, Joan Aldrich, Judy Rhodes Baroody, Martha Boyette, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Mike Miller, Walt & Joyce Noble, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Nancy Sink, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Susan & Mark Sudimak, Rita Spragg, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Jennifer Witt, Marla Woeckener... and all those you now name.

*(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)*

We remember those who have recently died, especially Marilyn Welch and Allyn Aldrich, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Bobbie J. Cannon and Eleanor Smith and for those who still grieve for them...Are there others?

*(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)*

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

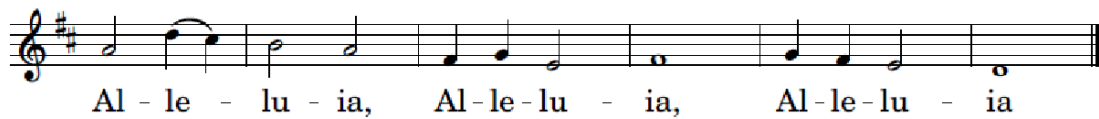
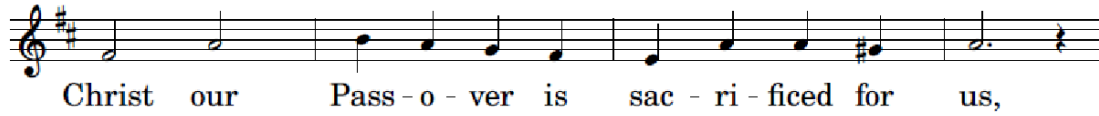
**The Lord's Prayer** *(Traditional)*

**BCP 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

## Fraction Anthem

Cassarino



## Invitation to Communion

*(gluten free wafers available upon request)*

## Communion Hymn: *Come down, O Love divine*

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## Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*When a Eucharistic Minister is to be sent forth, the following is said*

*Presider* (Cliff/Lorie/James), in the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom You go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

## The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

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## Dismissal

Postlude: *A Joyful Ode*

Phil Lehenbauer



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by  
Kim & Rick Hayes in thanksgiving for their Grace Church family.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Sally & David Withers in loving memory of her mother, Georgina Bruce.



## LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Susan Robinson Torches: Cheryl Deyton, Briar Thwaites

Chalicer: Lorie Tola Lector: Kristen Dusenbery

Speaking in Tongues: Debra Rice, Kim Hayes, Diane Wilkey, George Davis

Presenters: Valerie & Jim Raines Ushers: Elaine & William Potter

Greeter: Diane Wilkey Streaming: Ben Scales

Vestry Member of the Day: Brad Rouse

Coffee Hour: Bea Russell, Cheryl Deyton, Monty Wooten

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Rev. Robert's Office Hours**

Rev. Robert can be found at the church on Tuesday afternoons, Monday and Thursday mornings, and by appointment. He can be reached in person or at [hartmansrobert@gmail.com](mailto:hartmansrobert@gmail.com) or by his cell 423-400-0826 for any pastoral care concerns.

### **Children's Chapel**

Each Sunday, the 10:30 service will begin with a Children's Moment followed by a procession to the Children's Chapel for ages 5-12. Children will return during the passing of the peace. Children are welcome to join the chapel or remain with their grown-ups in the congregation. If you would like to get involved, email Casey Miller: [casandra.miller@gmail.com](mailto:casandra.miller@gmail.com).

### **Action and Advocacy**

Today's regular fourth Sunday Action and Advocacy meeting will be an action project at the Ministry Fair! Please stop by following worship and join others who share your desire to take action in bringing justice to the world in a more effective and joyful way, together rather than alone. To learn more send an email or text to Tahani Sticpewich (828-301-0550; [tahaniweb@gmail.com](mailto:tahaniweb@gmail.com)).

### **Pastoral Care Team**

You might not know that there is a dedicated group of lay people who meet every week to pray for those on our parish prayer list and coordinate pastoral care. They are led by Lorie Tola and Cliff Albertson and they direct our clergy and other resources to meet people at Grace in difficult moments. If you are interested in their work please talk to Cliff, Lorie, or to Rev. Robert. We would love to plug you into the care network at Grace.

**Foyer Groups are Back!** See the last page of the bulletin.

## **Flower Donor Needed for June 7.**

### **WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** *Sundays a.m.; Mondays p.m.* We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children *Sundays between 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, and a *Monday afternoon class from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both at any time. Contact Shannon Townsend for further information at [gstownsend@att.net](mailto:gstownsend@att.net) or 828-713-5081.

**Monday Morning Bible Study:** *Mondays at 10:30 a.m.* **No class tomorrow**  
We study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com).

**Chair Aerobics:** *Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m.*

All are invited! Join Susan Robinson for a chair exercise class in the Parish Hall. Bring a pair of dumbbells. There is no fee to participate. This class is appropriate for people of all abilities. It can be done standing or seated. If you have questions, email Susan at [SusanMac2@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMac2@gmail.com).

**Taizé:** *Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Weekly Taizé services are held in the sanctuary. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else. For more information on Taizé at Grace, visit: [graceavl.com/taize-grace](http://graceavl.com/taize-grace).

**Soaking Prayer:** *Wednesdays at 12:00 noon*

Our Soaking Prayer Service continues every Wednesday from noon to 12:45. Come and see if this might be that special spiritual discipline that you have been looking for. All are welcome!

**Women Walking the Way:** *Thursdays at 8:20 a.m.*

Meet in the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake for a walk around the lake and some spiritual reflection with like-minded women. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at [annaflewis7@gmail.com](mailto:annaflewis7@gmail.com) or call her at 815-441-2282.

### GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

*For Congregants:* **Linda & David Adams, Judy Rhodes Baroody, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Mike Miller, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Susan & Mark Sudimak, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Jennifer Witt.**

*For Homebound Congregants and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Joan Aldrich, Martha Boyette, Walt & Joyce Noble, Nancy Sink, Rita Spragg, Marla Woeckener.**

*For Others: (Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless we hear otherwise).* **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **the Anderson Family** (friends of Bonnie Kistler); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Betsy Baldwin** (mother of Karen Baldwin); **Susan Barr** (sister-in-law of Mary Foster); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Channon, Mark & Tiffany Brown** (friends of Robert Hartmans); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Christa Brigman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Betty Ann Bryant** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Marcie Coleman** (cousin of Linda McCredie); **Elizabeth & Mike Cogsdale** (friends of Fr. Timothy); **Presley Foxx** (granddaughter of Susan & Mark Sudimak); **Kathy Gerhardt** (daughter of Nancy Clark); **Gerry & Nick** (Bea Russell's sister-in-law); **Brady Gotwald** (great-nephew of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Robert & Katie Lyons** (friends of Ginny Moser); **Sally Mackay** (mother of Leslie Heiser); **Daniel McRee** (son

of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David** (husband of Daniel McRee); **Judy Wells Meehan** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Brian Moore** (nephew of Rusty Herman); **Robert Noble, Jr.** (brother of Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (aunt of Carol McClellan); **Val & Kip Pritchard** (friends of Cliff Albertson); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray** (cousin of Doug McClellan); **Sarah Schuman** (niece of Fr. Timothy McRee); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Susan Thigpen** (friend of Jennifer Witt); **Tom & Joan** (friends of James Cannon); **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **George White** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

*For the recently departed:* **Marilyn Welch, Allyn Aldrich.**

*For those celebrating birthdays:* **Katherine Kaderabek, James Cannon, George Davis, Jeanne Sims.**

*For those celebrating anniversaries:* **Kathy & Tim Wrinn.**

*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Tommy Brown** (grandson of Marla Woeckener); **Matt & Martha Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Buckner); **John Davids** (nephew of Elaine Potter); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **John Massey** (son-in-law of Mary Foster); **Brady Paschall** (granddaughter of Gael Paschall); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

*For Those in the Episcopal Church:* **Sarah**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Sean**, our presiding Bishop; **José**, our Bishop; **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish;** in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Anglican Church of Kenya;** and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Camp Henry, and all the children and youth of the diocese.**

*For our Nation and the Wider World: For the President and his Cabinet; for Congress; and for our country; for victims of violence around the world; for local agencies and those who work for relief of the poor; for stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.*



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Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop of WNC*

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

*Priest in Charge*

The Reverend Timothy McRee

The Reverend John Rice

*Clergy*

James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

Cathy Adkins, *Organist*

Judy Rhodes Baroody, *Taizé Music Coordinator*

Anne Spruance, *Office Administrator*

Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*

Paula Foggo, *Nursery Supervisor*

Caroline Parson-Chambliss

Trinity Mickens

*Nursery Workers*

## **Foyer Groups are Back!**

Foyer Groups are small lunch/dinner groups, usually eight people, who get together to share a meal and get to know one another better. You can meet in a home, restaurant, or somewhere else like a picnic by the river. Unless you're meeting at a restaurant, plan on bringing something to share. But don't worry. You don't have to be able to cook. In this "foodie town" there is plenty you can buy, and several restaurants offer takeout family-size servings if your group wants to chip in for a main dish and a salad. This isn't an effort to prove we're good cooks; it's an opportunity to get together and socialize. The plan is to meet once a month for four months. One of those four times will be hosted by Robert and Casey Hartmans at their home. This will be a good opportunity to also get to know them better. Hosts are needed to organize the dates, places, and meals.

If you are interested in participating or hosting, please fill out the form. It can be given to Lucy Bowen, left at the church office, or put in the collection plate. You may also contact Lucy at [lucyabowen@yahoo.com](mailto:lucyabowen@yahoo.com) or text 229-224-5891. She hopes to gather names of interested participants through the end of May with tentative start dates in June.

### **I am interested in participating in a Foyer Group.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to host \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to meet for Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner \_\_\_\_\_