



Grace Episcopal Church

The Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude: *Fantasy on "Sine nomine"*

Michael Bedford

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer for the Departed

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading of the Names of the Departed in Procession

Bob Ray, Peggy MacDonald Hobson, Don Hawkins, Charles Weaver, Charlotte Berry, Nancy Hutchins, Roland Blanton, Bunky Manship, Jesse Judson, Betty Ewing, Cys Hay, Peter Fitzpatrick, Georgi Bruce, Ed Denison, Nancy Lewis, Jim Kaderabek, Ray Lutz, Ed Woeckener, Allyn Aldrich, Marilyn Welch, Opal Woodson, Mike Miller, Tom Cooper, David Currence, Shauna Nelson, Darren Nelson, Ray Wesoloski, Dolly Parton, James Hartmans, Kolton Maddox, David Alan Weaver-McRee, Tricia Laurenson, Margaux Landingham, Jan Schranz, John Schranz, Carol Peindel.

Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise: *For all the saints*

(verses 1-4, 8) **287**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit.

Children's Moment

Music in Procession: *I sing a song of the saints of God*

(verse 1) **293**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated.

Psalms 34:1-10, 22 (*chanted*)

I will bless the Lord at / **all times**;
his praise shall ever be / **in my mouth**.

I will glory / **in the Lord**;
let the humble hear / **and rejoice**.

Proclaim with me the greatness of / **the Lord**;
let us exalt his / **Name together**.

I sought the Lord, and he / **answered me**
and delivered me out of / **all my terror**.

Look upon him and / **be radiant**,
and let not your faces / **be ashamed**.
I called in my affliction and the / **Lord heard me**
and saved me from / **all my troubles**.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those / **who fear him**,
and he will de-liver **them**.

Taste and see that the / **Lord is good**;
happy are they who / **trust in him**!

Fear the Lord you that are / **his saints**,
for those who fear / **him lack nothing**.
The Lord ransoms the life / **of his servants**,
and none will be punished who / **trust in him**.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *For thy dear saints*

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Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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, on this day on which we commemorate all saints, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all evil works, and promised to serve God faithfully in the one holy catholic Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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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: *Soul, Adorn Myself with Gladness*

G.F. Handel

Doxology

Duke Street

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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

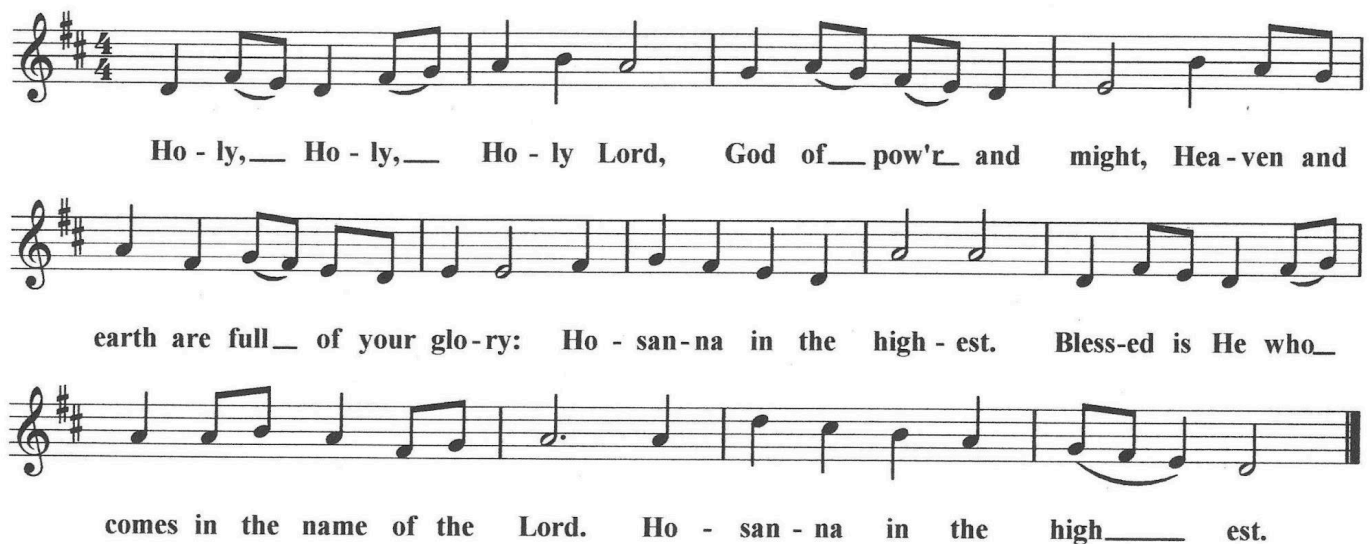
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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, Cliff Albertson, Joan Aldrich, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Muriel & John Kimbrough, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Sonny Rawls, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Bea & Jeff Russell, Guy Sayles, Nancy Sink, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Rita Spragg, Laurie Strickland, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Bill Warren, Barbara Wilcox, and Jennifer Witt, ... and all those you now name.

(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)*

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The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

from Taizé



An Invitation to Communion

All are invited to receive communion. Your participation is a blessing to us, and we want you to feel welcome and at ease to participate. The ushers will direct you from your pew. When you arrive at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel or stand. As the priest comes to you, they will provide the host in wafer form; if you need gluten free, indicate this by placing your right hand over your heart. You may consume the host or hold it to dip in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the host, cross both hands over your chest. Next, the Chalice Bearer will come to you, and they will offer real wine consecrated from a common cup. You can drink from the cup, allowing the chalice bearer to guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to dip your host wafer, hold the wafer and the Chalice Bearer will lower the chalice; please dip only a small part of the wafer. It is considered full communion to only receive the host if you do not wish to drink from the cup.

Communion Anthem: *Ave Verum*

G.F. Handel

Communion Hymn: *Jerusalem, my happy home*

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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.**

The people stand.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Ye holy angels bright*

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Dismissal

Postlude: *Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"*

Brenda Portman



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by
Lesley Heiser in loving memory of Colin MacKay.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by
~ Sally & David Withers in thanksgiving
for their daughters and grandchildren.

~Teesha Johnson in loving memory of Rory Domitrovitz and Theda Rudd.



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Steve Birkhofer Torches: Mary Foster

Chalicerist: Lorie Tola Lectors: Sara Howard, Susanne Antonetta

Intercessor: Louise Cate Wernicke Presenter: Langley Ellmann

Ushers: Elaine Potter, Ben Scales Greeters: Carole Lentz, Kim Hayes

Wiggle Chaplain: Vicki Vest Streaming: James Cannon

Vestry Person of the Day: Brad Rouse



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contacting Rev. Robert

Rev. Robert can be reached at hartmansrobert@gmail.com or by his cell: 423-400-0826 for any pastoral care concerns or to set up an appointment.

Wiggle Church

Wiggle Church is available during the service. Children aged 5-12 are welcome to join two adult supervisors for fun on the playground or in the parish hall, depending on weather. The group will come back for communion.

Last Week to Volunteer for Vestry

Vestry nomination forms are available upon request. We will elect three persons to the vestry in January. Rev. Robert and Paul Vest are happy to speak to you about vestry. Please see them if you are interested in a nomination form.

Election Day Prayers

Grace Church encourages you to honor your civic responsibility to vote. We also pray that all of us will be a force for peace and mutual respect. We understand the charged emotions and high stakes that accompany election day. We will make our sanctuary available to the public on November 3 between 9:30 a.m. and the beginning of our contemplative, musical Taizé service at 6:00 p.m. All of you, as well as anyone who may desire a sacred space, are most welcome to stop by for prayers. We will hold a noon day prayer service for the good of our common life.



All Saints Ofrendas

Grace has a wonderful long-standing tradition of making prayer flags to honor those loved ones who have died and remain in our hearts. In addition to that practice, I am inviting you to bring items to commemorate, remember, and carry forth the spirit of those same people for an ofrenda. An ofrenda is an altar of offering usually found in homes in Mexico this time of year. This tradition varies in specifics from region to region, but the altars contain pictures, favored items, and foods/snacks

enjoyed; anything that helps you remember and entices the spirit to be with us. Our series of tiered altars is available through Sunday, November 15. Bring your pictures and items, find an available space, and set your ofrenda there. Together, we will build a Grace Community Ofrenda for the family of Grace Church.



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Grace's Annual Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 7 – 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
In the Parish Hall

Bring Us Your Gently Loved Treasures November 1 - 6

- Women's & Kid's Clothing
- Jewelry
- Knikknaks & Collectables
- Books & Puzzles
- Linens
- Household & Kitchen Items
- Sports Equipment
- Toys & Games
- Small Furniture
- Christmas & Other Holiday Items
- Artwork
- Pictures



ADVENT RETREAT

"A Voice Crying Out in the Wilderness"

December 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Speaker: Fr. Paul Feider (teacher, author and pastor)

\$25 per person (includes lunch)

There will be a Signup sheet in the foyer



WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: *Sundays a.m.; Mondays p.m.*

We offer Catechesis for our children *Sundays 9:00-10:15 a.m.*, and *Monday afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both. Contact Shannon Townsend for further information at gstownsend@att.net or 828-713-5081.

Monday Morning Bible Study: *Mondays at 10:30 a.m.*

We study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com.



Last One! A Peals for Peace: *Mondays at 6:00 p.m.*

Stop by and hear the bells ring every Monday at 6:00 p.m. until election day.

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. If you have questions, email Susan at 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.

Soaking Prayer: *Wednesdays at 12:00 noon*

Our Soaking Prayer Service meets every Wednesday from noon to 12:45. 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 or call her at 815-441-2282.

Garden Prayer Gathering: *Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Parishioner Mark Sudimak is leading a weekly Intercessory Prayer Gathering in the Urban Garden next to the church on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. For information, contact Mark at 302-242-6807 or msudimak60@gmail.com.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

For Congregants: **Linda & David Adams, Cliff Albertson, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Muriel & John Kimbrough, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Sonny Rawls, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Bea & Jeff Russell, Guy Sayles, Laura, Tsz-yan and Roger Snyder, Laurie Strickland, Tyler Swanson, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Bill Warren, Jennifer Witt.**

For Homebound Congregants and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Joan Aldrich, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, Nancy Sink, Rita Spragg, Barbara Wilcox.**

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); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Mike Baldwin** (friend of Beth & John Woodson); **Anne Bentzen** (friend of Cliff Albertson); **Channon, Mark & Tiffany Brown** (friends of Robert Hartmans); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Cathy** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Christa Brigman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Betty Ann Bryant** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Elizabeth & Mike Cogsdale** (friends of Fr. Timothy); **Connor, Laura & Sofia; Kathy Gerhardt** (daughter of Nancy Clark); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Ashley & Luke Landingham** (son & daughter-in-law of Mary Dillon); **Sara Lind** (sister of Pat Davis); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee); **Judy Wells Meehan** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Amanda Nichols** (niece of Lyna McCredie); **Robert Noble, Jr.** (brother of Walt Noble); **Steve Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Matthew Pennell** (son of Hannah Buckner); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray** (cousin of Doug McClellan); **Rebekah, Miranda & families** (family members of Tahani Sticpewich); **the Roberts Family** (friends of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Sarah Schuman** (niece of Fr. Timothy McRee); **Susie Shaw** (wife of Chris Shaw); **Bill Staton** (friend of Jennifer Witt); **Susan** (sister of Balfour Knight); **Gray Temple** (friend of

Lorie Tola); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tom & Joan** (friends of James Cannon); **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Jeanne & Ron Sims); **Joseph Vinson** (nephew of Monty Wooten); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

For those celebrating birthdays: **Ginny Moser, Aeron Scales, Vicki Vest.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Courtney & Peter Booth.**

For those in service to our country: **Danny Brossart** (grand-nephew of Louise Cate Wernicke); **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); **Jude Waigand** (grandson of Jennifer Witt); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For those in the Episcopal Church: **Sarah**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Sean**, our presiding Bishop; the **Standing & Search Committees for our new bishop**; the **clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish**; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Church of the Province of West Africa**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **All Saints, Franklin; All Saints, Gastonia; The Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville.**

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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