The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 22, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

" I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

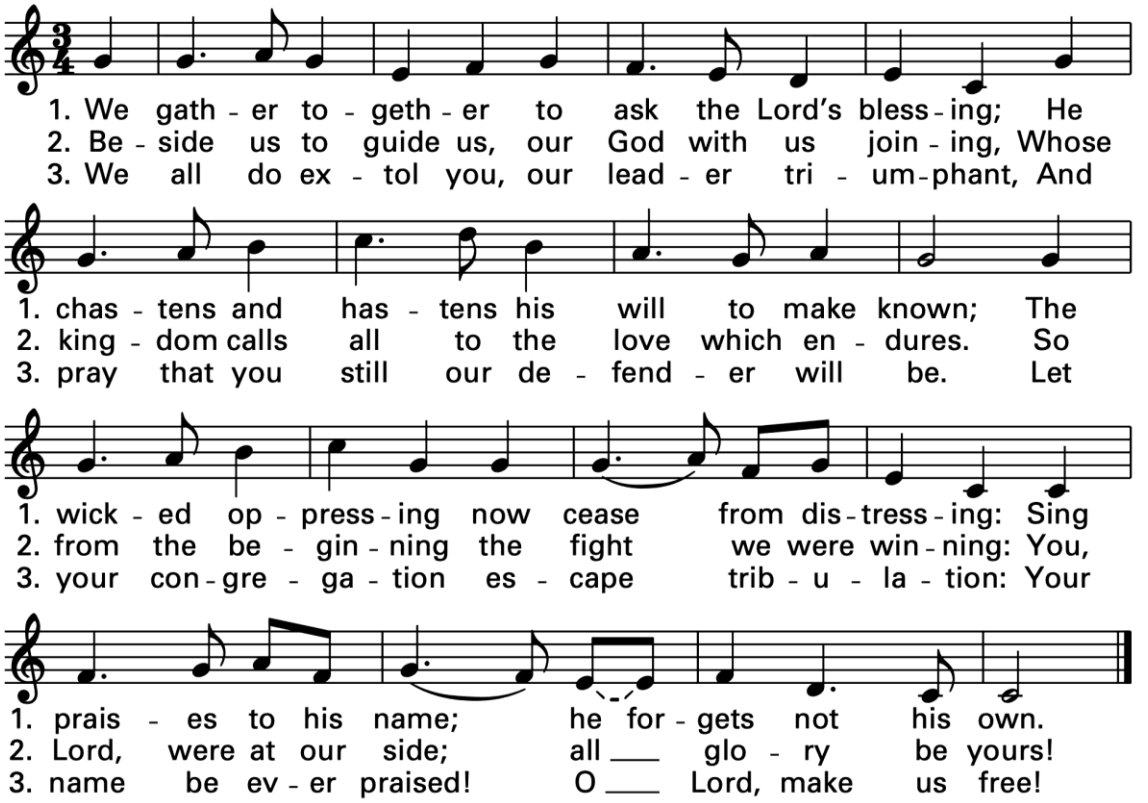
"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

Processional Hymn

We Gather Together



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The Word of God

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN.

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

Collect

God of grace, by the power of the Holy Spirit you have given us new life in the waters of baptism; strengthen us to live in

righteousness and true holiness, that we may grow into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture

First Lesson *Isaiah 44:1-5*

"But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the LORD's,' another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and name himself by the name of Israel."

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Musical Selection

10Am Whoever Welcomes You Welcomes Me L. Schultz

The Holy Trinity Choir

Psalm 84:1-12

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, ***O Lord of hosts!***
2 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

3 Even the sparrow finds a home, ***and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.***
4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ***ever singing your praise! Selah***
5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, ***in whose heart are the highways to Zion***
6 As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; ***the early rain also covers it with pools.***
7 They go from strength to strength; ***each one appears before God in Zion.***
8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; ***give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah***
9 Behold our shield, O God; ***look on the face of your anointed!***
10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. ***I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.***
11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the ***Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.***
12 O Lord of hosts, ***blessed is the one who trusts in you!***

Second Lesson *Galatians 3:23-29*

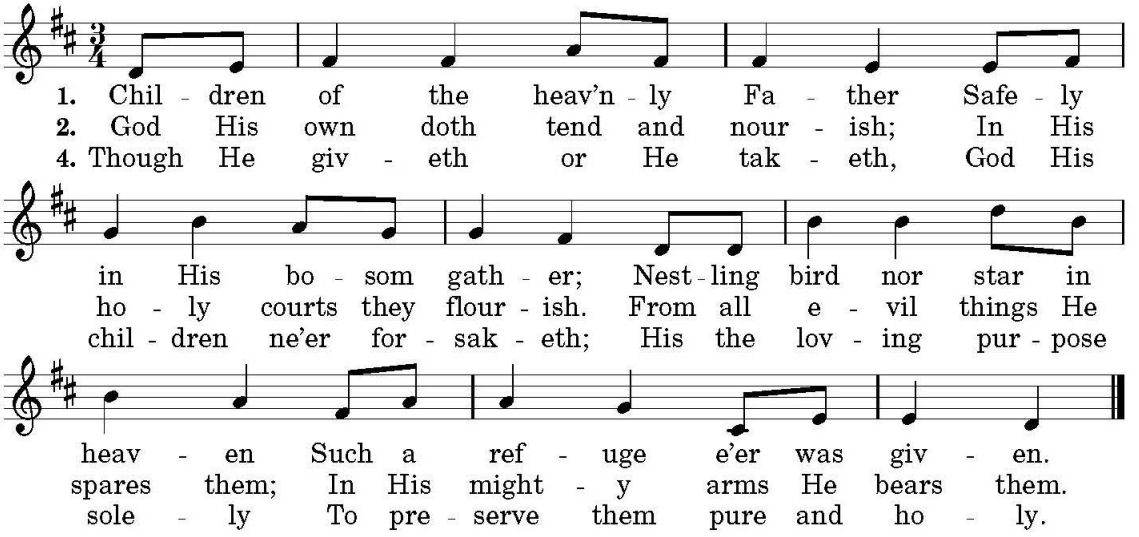
Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith

has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[a] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Children of the Heavenly Father



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Gospel *Mark 10:13-26*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'[a]" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is[b] to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle

than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon ***The Reverend Kevin Cross***

The Liturgy of Baptism

God's Call

The priest says: God is love, God gives us life. We love because God first loves us. In baptism God declares that love; In Christ God calls us to respond.

We present Theodore Kenneth Furman to be baptized and made a member of the Body of Christ.

The Presentation for Baptism

The priest says: From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life. On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, In the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you

and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom The Lord our God may call."

How do you respond to this promise?

The parents and godparents of the child being baptized reply:
We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

The priest says: Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

The parents and godparents of the child being baptized reply:
I renounce all evil.

The priest says; Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

The parents and godparents of the child being baptized reply:
In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life as I care for this child.

People: May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

The Baptism

The priest stands by the water and says: Praise God who made heaven and earth

People: Whose promise endures for ever.

The priest prays: We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel; through the Red Seas waters you led them to freedom in the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan

your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep water of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism. He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all. It is Christ who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

People: Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

We thank you through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life. In the new covenant we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom. Through your Holy Spirit fulfil once more your promises in this water of rebirth, set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might, Be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest baptizes each candidate for baptism by pouring water on the candidate saying: Theo I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The priest makes the sign of the cross with chrism on each of baptized, saying: We sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ

A lighted candle is given by a representative of the congregation who says: Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.

The Affirmation

Priest: Praise to God who has given us life.

People: Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Priest: Praise to God forgives our sin.

People: Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

Priest: Praise to who kindles our faith.

People: Blessed be God, our strength, our hope

Priest: Let us, the baptized, affirm that we renounce evil and commit out lives to Christ.
People: Blessed be God, JESUS IS LORD!

Priest: What is your faith?

People: I believe and trust in God the Father, maker and sustainer of all things; and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ; And in God the Holy Spirit, giver of live and truth. This is my faith.

Priest: How then will you care for this child?

The parents and godparents reply: ***I will love this child and share my faith with him.***

Priest to the congregation: As the community of faith we rejoice at this baptism and will share with Gray what we ourselves have received: a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God, a desire to follow the way of Christ and food for the journey.

Priest says to the child: Theodore, you are now a pilgrim with us. As a member of Christ's body, the Church, you will be challenged to affirm your faith in God and receive the laying

on of hands in confirmation. May you grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfil your ministry and follow Christ your whole life long.

Priest blesses the family; God bless you with wisdom and love; may this child find in you, your homes and families, Christ's love and understanding. Amen.

Priest, with the people, prays: ***God of love, We thank you for our calling to be disciples of Christ. Help us to nurture this child in the faith we share. May he grow to love, worship and serve you, and bring life to the world. Amen.***

The Celebration of Faith

All standing, the bishop or priest says to the congregation: Let us rejoice with those who have committed themselves to Christ and celebrate the faith of our baptism.

Bishop or priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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. Amen.

"May God grant you always A sunbeam to warm you. A moonbeam to charm you. A sheltering angel so nothing can harm you. Laughter to cheer you. Faithful friends near you. And whenever you pray Heaven to hear you." ***Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Diocese of Easton Discernment Prayer

O God our Comforter, who guides us in the ways of justice and truth and holds us close in times of uncertainty: Inspire us with your grace and wisdom, that we might do everything according to your will and ground ourselves in your love. Give us a sense of openness about the future ministries and mission of the Diocese of Easton. Help us remember that we do not hold all of the answers, nor do we need to. Encourage us when we are anxious about change, reminding us that all things are in your hands: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us now pray for the Church, the nation and the world. Saying, ***"Lord, hear our prayer."***

Almighty God, we acknowledge you with grateful hearts and the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank you, O Lord, for your love, your goodness and your mercy. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our weekly prayer intentions we pray for: (*read the names on the prayer list*)…

Joel	***Dan O'Neill***	***Stephanie Cooney Moorhead***
Ritzi Miller	***Jackson Beaumont***	***India***
Rich Wagner	***Courtney***	***Janet Wroten***
Eleanor Dallam	***Polly Obermeier***	***Leslie Howell***
Michael Delean	***Everett Kimball***	***Suzanne Litty***
Donna Richards	***John Dillon***	***Deborah Barbour***

Betty Jo Mackart	*Ron Kaufman*	*David Blanton*
Betty Mackart	*Diane Lapp*	*Philip Tragmar*
Elspeth Ritchie	*Sara Kadish*	*Dick Barnes*
Fr. Ambrose Boyd	*George Wadleton*	*Kathy Sykes*
		Sue Schulz

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart.(*pause*)… ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially the members of our military, who died in service to our country and we pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart…(*pause)* … ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in the war torn areas of the world today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you will hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. ***Dear God, hear our prayer.***

A period for personal meditation is observed

All: ***God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided for your will is health and wholeness; you're God and we need you. Amen.***

The Altar Flowers Are Dedicated to the Furman and Schmidt Families As They Come Together To Witness The Baptism of Theodore Kenneth Furman

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen***.

Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also, with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

10 am Jesus Loves Me Medley Chaung/Chen

Delmarva Trio

Doxology *(please stand)*

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

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.
People: And of thy own we have given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
Preface

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who

for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion ***(Prayed with those joining us from home and hospital bed)***

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.
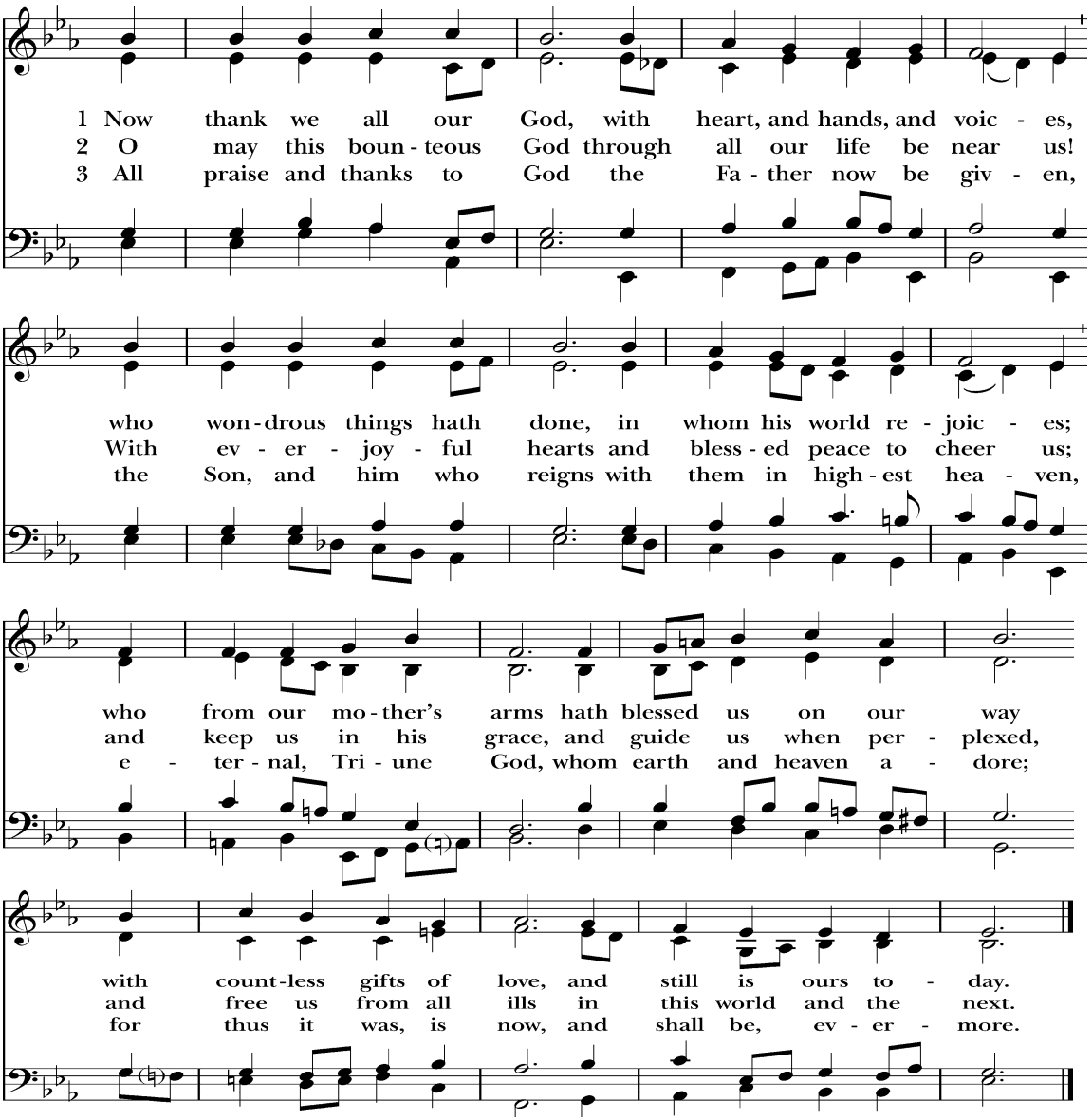
Birthdays

Anniversaries

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God



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Sending Forth

Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face. The world needs our joy, Alleluia, Alleluia ***Let us go to share it. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Postlude

Thank you Margot McConnel and Irmgard Aurilio for hosting Fellowship hour.

Thank you Delmarva Trio and The Holy Trinity Choir for leading us in our service music today.

Help Make a Happy Thanksgiving

In November, we are be collecting donations to help families have a happy Thanksgiving. We hope you will put a few extra items in your shopping cart to help others have a happy and delicious Thanksgiving. We will be collecting the following NONPERISHABLE items:

CANNED GREEN BEANS/CORN	JIFFY CORNBREAD
CANNED YAMS/SWEET POTATOES	PACKAGED GRAVY MIX - NO JARS
CRANBERRY SAUCE	CAKE/BROWNIE MIX
BOXES OF STUFFING	

Thank you for showing that we are all God's children

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

Monday – November 23 5:00 pm – Men's Inquiring Believers **Tuesday – November 24** 7:30 am - Soupmasters 8:30 am – Intercessory Prayer **Wednesday – November 25** 8:30 am – Lunch Bunch **Thursday – November 26 Happy Thanksgiving** OFFICE CLOSED	**Friday – November 27** OFFICE CLOSED **Saturday – November 28** OFFICE CLOSED **Sunday – November 29** 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

Vestry Members

Margot McConnel Sr. Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk – Emeritus
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel
Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin
Laura Cassidy	Walda Roseman	Al Sikes

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	**8:00 am**	**10:00 am**
Reader	Laura Cassidy	Allison Walk
Acolyte	Kathy Becker	Susan Grauel
Usher	Chloe Pitard	Trish Malin
Vestry Greeter	Al Sikes	Walda Roseman

Altar Guild	Midge Menzies, Marty Sikes, Meg van den Berg
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard



THE CHRISTMAS MARKET IS UPON US!

Saturday, December 5, 2026
9am to 2pm

Please check the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall and contribute some time to this worthy event. For any questions, please contact Linda or Leslie.

Leslie Kelly, leslie.kelly.aia@gmail.com, 302.562.2357
Linda Wilson, lindaann788@gmail.com

Frozen Entrees - Cooking and/or assembly dates:

Monday, November 16 – Lasagna Assembly, noon to 2pm
Monday, November 30 – Pot Pie Assembly, noon to 2pm

A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Questions: Nancy Roberts, Nancy_Roberts@verizon.net or Susan Grauel, 410.215.6892

A sign-up sheet for sales the day of the Market will be posted soon.

Donate your special items for our Elf Shoppe!

A drop-off bin is in place at the entrance to the Parish Hall.

Questions or valuable donations: Linda Wilson, lindaann788@gmail.com; Mary Novak, novakmary2024@icloud.com

Children's items – do you have any children's books that need a good home? Please drop them off as well.

Christmas Greens:

Bow-Making - Workshop on Sunday, November 15 during Fellowship Hour

Greens drop-off – Tuesday, December 1, on tarps placed behind the River Room.

Please donate cut Boxwood, Winterberry, Southern Bayberry, Cryptomeria, Juniper with berries, English holly, Magnolia (small leaves)

Wreath decorating - Wednesday, December 2, 9am to 2pm

Sign-up in the Parish Hall!! Contact Ingrid Blanton, Ingrid.blanton@gmail.com or Sandy Wrightson, sbwrightson@gmail.com

Baked Goods: Festively wrapped & delivered to the Parish Hall Friday, December no later than 3pm.
Contact Margaret Munsch, margaretpmunsch@gmail.com

Craft workshops – join in and make fascinators and napl
Sunday, November 15 at 9am (after the 8am and before the
Sunday, November 15 at 11am (after the 10am service)
Monday, November 16 from 1pm to 3pm
A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Questions: Barbara Cross; barbaracross22@gmail.com

Raffle – Please consider donating a gift card or coupon for a servic raffle, preferably by November 7. We will be posting the contents a dates prior to Thanksgiving.

BASKETS FOR CHARITY – Please forward your donation in the addressed envelope provided with our request for a contribution. I check, please add 'Christmas Market' to the memo line, and if con place your donation in the offering plate.

PLEASE WATCH FOR SHIFT SIGN-UPS FOR THE W
THE CHRISTMAS MARKET. COMING SOON



Save the Date!

January 17, 2027 4 p.m. Chuck and Robert Redd, Jazz
March 7, 2027 4 p.m. USNA Midshipmen Orchestra & Mariachi Marineros