

# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2025

8:45 & 11:00am



## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

### Mission Statement

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in his name.*

## **Welcome to St. John in the Wilderness**

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. See the note to our visitors on the back inside cover for more information about receiving Communion and joining the church.

### **Reminders for Worship**

- Children of all ages are most welcome in our worship services. Nursery care is available for children from infancy to pre-K across Rutledge Drive in our Parish House Education Building from 8:30am to 12:30pm.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.
- Formation is available for children, youth, and adults most Sundays from 10:10 to 10:45am in our Parish House complex across Rutledge Drive.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

**PRELUDE:** The Peace May be Exchanged  
from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

## Welcome & Announcements

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** No. 362 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

*Nicaea*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Acclamation & Response**

BCP p. 355

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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 Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.'  
Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;  
until the Lord sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.  
Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing  
when it is felled."  
The holy seed is its stump.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 138**

*Confitebor tibi*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.*

**GRADUAL HYMN:** No. 381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

*Ton-y-Botel*

*All remain standing as the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

**The Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Josh Stephens

*After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively. The Leader begins*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life: for the love you have shared with us in your Son Jesus Christ, for our families, friends, and neighbors, for the gift of this parish family, and for all the abundance we know. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the Holy Church of God across time and space, that your grace may increase among us as we seek to share Christ with each other and the world. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for all who minister in your Church. We especially pray for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and for José McLoughlin, our Diocesan Bishop. And be with all lay and ordained people as they do your work in the world. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**



*Leader* We pray for our local community of Flat Rock and Hendersonville, and be with other communities where life is fragile and people are hurting, especially the people of Southern California following the wildfires there and the victims and their families of the plane crash this week. Have compassion on them and help us to respond faithfully to the needs of our neighbors. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for our country and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Donald, our President, and Josh, our Governor. We pray for congress and the courts and for our state and local officials. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for the people of this land. Grow in us a capacity for gratitude and patience, that we may encounter one another with open hearts and work together for the common good. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for our enemies. Reconcile us to nations and individuals who wish us ill and forgive us for the hurts we cause and the divisions we kindle. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray for all who are struggling to get by and we ask that you bring healing and hope to those on our parish prayer list; for Tawana, Mary, Bob, Dottie, Betsy, Margaret, Hal, Chuck, Harriet, Louise, Ann, Michael, Patty, John, Parker, Patsy, Marilyn, Daniel, Russ, Kirsten, Janet, Keyla, Susan, Wayne and Ann, Harry, Bennett, Patty, Amanda, Carol, Ryan, and Peggy. Are there others?

*The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.*

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, especially Ted Kamprath, Jim Barker, and Sandy MacNeil, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

BCP p. 359

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

## **A Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in February**

BCP p. 830

Prayer 50

*Included in our prayers are those served by our Visitor Ministry: Emilee Cantieri (Feb. 14), Alex Viola (Feb. 17), and Adam Sherrill (Feb. 26).*

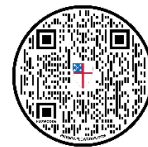
O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray on your servants who are celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries this month. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table. Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.*



**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** 8:45 Le Prie-Dieu (A Meditation)

George Oldroyd

11:00 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Joel Raney

Text by Dorothy A. Thrupp

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.  
We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;

blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People*

**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,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant continues*

*People* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors on the back inside cover of the bulletin.*

*The choir often begins by singing a hymn while the congregation receives the Sacrament. Following the choir's hymn, please join in as we sing the Communion Hymn together.*

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY (8:45):** Arioso

Johann S. Bach

**COMMUNION HYMN:** No. 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

*Nettleton*

## Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant* With whom will you share this communion?

*Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.*

*Celebrant* In the name of 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 share one bread and one cup.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior 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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing.*

### **The Blessing**

**DISMISSAL HYMN:** No. 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

*Sicilian Mariners*

### **The Dismissal**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

*Deacon*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Praeludium in G, BWV 568

Johann S. Bach











**The Prayers of the People** is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Tawana Gibbs, Mary McCarty, Bob Sundeen, Dottie Dalzell, Betsy Thagard, Margaret Barker, Hal Reid, Chuck King, Harriet Huiet, Louise, Ann Stringfield, Michael Jeffery, Patty Vint, John Taylor, Parker Mattern, Patsy Boehmer, Marilyn Jones, Daniel Mieras, Russ Adam, Kirsten Shepherd, Janet Thompson, Keyla Hensdill, Susan Rex, Wayne and Ann Kanipe, Harry Van Bergen, Bennett Stroman, Patty, Amanda Swan, Carol Black, Ryan McNeil, and Peggy Rex.

**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Duane and Peggy McKibbin, *by Bill McKibbin.*

**Eucharistic Visitors** share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Stephen Askew, Patricia Tanzer Askew, E.R. Haire, Art Mack, and Bill Taylor.

**To Our Visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 9		Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 16	
	8:45am	11:00am	8:45am	11:00am
<b>Lay Readers</b>	John Barker	Mark Delk	Mary Shelton Judy Petersen	Bill Taylor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Elaine Howe	Anita Reid	Laura Teel	Stan Rogan
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Tanner Stu Holcombe	D. Christenbury Karen Conley	Marlin Sanders Debby Staton	John Knapp Tom Savage
<b>Greeters</b>	Cathryn Harrell Judy Petersen	Becky & Scott Petersen	Lynne Miller Ann Stringfield	Carmen & Ned Curtis
<b>Cart Drivers</b>	Mark Owen	Scott Bell	Jim Olson	Nancy Cooper
<b>Videography (Service)</b>	N/A	David Burge	E. Wiescholek	N/A
<b>Videography (Formation)</b>	N/A		N/A	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Stringfield Brenda Hillyer Sally Hopper <i>(Sat./Brass)</i>	Lynn Savage Lucie Earhart Elaine Harris <i>(Sat.)</i>	Cathryn Harrell BJ McKee	Becky Petersen Jann Cooper Jim Cooper <i>(Brass)</i>
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Virginia Rehn & Elaine Howe		Claudia Northrup & Galen Reuther	
<b>Opening Gatekeeper</b>	George Grzenda & BJ McKee		George Grzenda & BJ McKee	
<b>Closing Gatekeeper</b>	Kim Sanders		Kim Sanders	



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*In the case of a pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office and dial 5.*

Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesdays 10:30am in the Wilderness Room

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