

# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

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.
- 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.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00am

**PRELUDE:** How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Johann Pachelbel

## Welcome & Announcements

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** No. 497 How bright appears the Morning Star *Wie schön leuchtet*

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:  
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Acclamation & Response

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*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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
 until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
 and her salvation like a burning torch.  
 The nations shall see your vindication,  
 and all the kings your glory;  
 and you shall be called by a new name  
 that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 36:5-10**

*Dixit injustus*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

**10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

**Glorify 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 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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. 118 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning *Star in the East*

*Unison (Harmony on following pages)*



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
\*5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;





1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,  
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

*Refrain*



Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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

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

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

**The Gospel:** John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in 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 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 with these wildfires. 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 Joseph, 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, John, Hal, Chuck, Harriet, Louise, Ann, Michael, Patty, John, Parker, Patsy, Marilyn, Daniel, Russ, Kirsten, Janet, Keyla, Susan, Wayne and Ann, Harry, Bennett, and Bill. 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 Phyllis Brown and Dick Zecher, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your goodness,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.*

## **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 January**

BCP p. 830

Prayer 50

*Included in our prayers are those served by our Visitor Ministry: Joanie Brendle (January 9).*

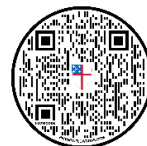
O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray on your servants who are celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries this month. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*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: Be Thou My Vision**

Dan Forrest

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father; Thine own may I be; Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now always,  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**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 HYMN: No. 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

*Picardy*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"



*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.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana at Galilee, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL HYMN:** No. 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

*Ratisbon*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

**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:** We Three Kings

Johannes Matthias Michel



**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, John Flowers, 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, and Bill Pauli.

**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of our parents, Johann and Cicilia Wiescholek and Lyle and Arlene Ribley, *by Eduard and Lynn Wiescholek.*

**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

	Second Sunday after Epiphany January 19 11:00am	Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26 8:45am      11:00am
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Bill Taylor	Ann Stringfield      Candace Lewis
<b>Acolytes</b>	Anita Reid	Jasmine Pharr      Stan Rogan
<b>Ushers</b>	John Knapp Edgar Ham	Jerry Tanner      Hilton Swing George Grzenda      Ned Curtis
<b>Greeters</b>	Carmen & Ned Curtis	Brenda Hillyer      Jann & Jim Cooper Worth Gordon
<b>Cart Drivers</b>	N/A	Danielle Pharr      Jason Blackwell Jill Owen
<b>Videography</b> ( <i>Service</i> )	Eduard Wiescholek	N/A      Tom Griswold
<b>Videography</b> ( <i>Formation</i> )	Tom Griswold	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Becky Petersen Jann Cooper Jim Cooper ( <i>Brass</i> )	Sandra Jeffery      Susan Gibbs Lynne Miller      Lisa Wells Michael Jeffery ( <i>Brass</i> )
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Galen Reuther & Claudia Northrup	Wedding Flowers Courtesy of Taylor Wrenn & Sarah Fonville
<b>Opening Gatekeeper</b>	Jill & Mark Owen	Jill & Mark Owen
<b>Closing Gatekeeper</b>	Jonathan Fitzpatrick	Jonathan Fitzpatrick



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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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## STANDING COMMITTEES

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Jerry Tanner

**By Laws, Canons & Insurance:** Jim Olson

**Christian Formation:**

**Communications & Publicity:** Joey Popp

**Finance:** Gary German

**Historic Churchyard Committee:** Sandy Rex

**New Member Ministry:** Brenda Hillyer, Judy Petersen

**Outreach:** Jennifer Shelton

**Personnel:** Margaret Barker

**Stewardship:** Jerry Holt

## OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

**Acolytes:** Betsy Tibbs

**Altar Guild:** Cathryn Harrell, Laurie Morris

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**Churchyard Trustees:** Pete Petersen

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**Endowment Trustees:** Mike Teel

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**Flower Guild:** Patrice German

**Flower Memorials:** Gaston Motes

**Funeral Reception Ministry:** Brenda Hillyer

**Gatekeepers:**

**Golf Cart Ministry:** Jill Owen

**Good News Gardeners:** Kathryn Whitten, Luann Ham

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**Heritage, Archives & Gift Committee:** John Barker

**Holy Hikes-WNC:** Cynthia Easterling

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**Meal Ministry:** Janelle Walker

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**Wedding Coordinator:** Elaine Howe