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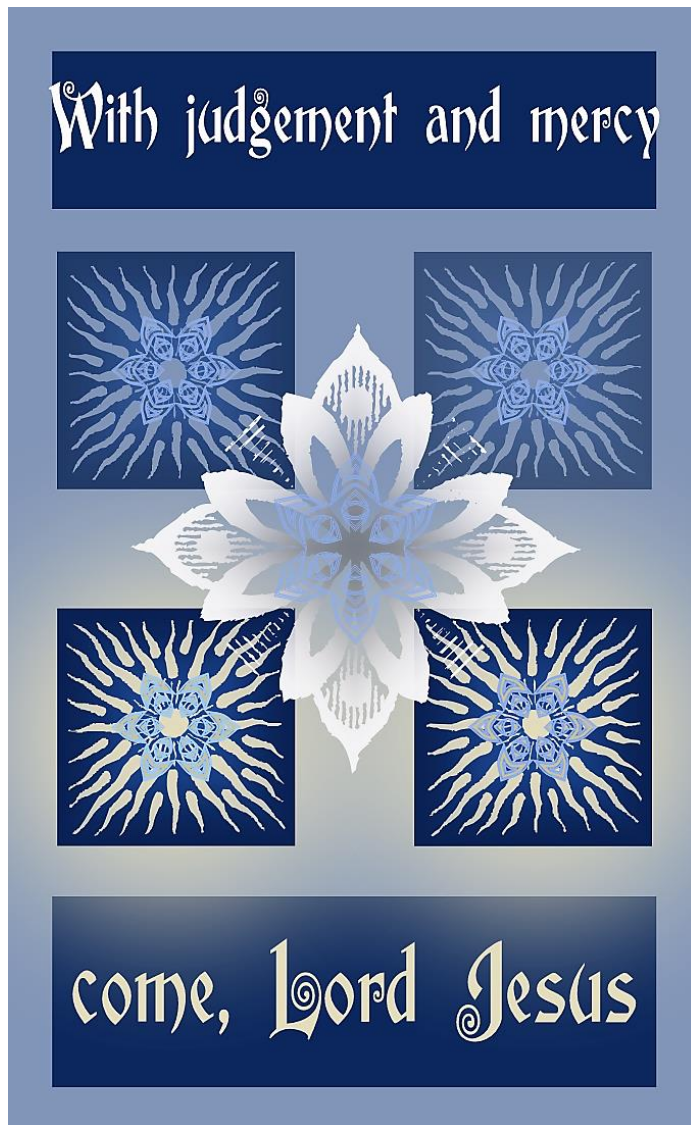
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2016

8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME,
HOPE & HEALING



COVER ART WORK

We thank The Rev. George Chien for creating our cover artwork.

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

If you'd like to borrow a hearing assistive device for the service, please speak to an usher.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're glad you're with us! If you are new to Trinity, please introduce yourself to the clergy and the greeters and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church so we can stay in touch.

COMMUNION

If you require a gluten-free communion wafer, please advise the priest or minister of communion and we will provide one for you. At communion, if you prefer consecrated grape juice rather than wine, after receiving the bread, proceed to the Minister holding a ceramic chalice at the end of the Communion rail. If for whatever reason you do not wish to receive Communion today, you are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing, indicating your wish by crossing your hands over your chest.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We invite you to be a full participant in our worship of God. This service may use parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Enriching Our Worship, and music from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing and the Wonder Love and Praise hymnals. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition and ability, for prayer.

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Rector's Advent Message

A voice cries out 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'

--Isaiah 40:3

Advent is traditionally known as an “in between” time. Liturgically, it is the beginning of a new liturgical year, signaling for Christians a period of reflection on a time when Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah, was yet to be born. It is a period when we try, as best we can, to develop a sense of anticipation – a time when we sort through the wilderness of our own lives and seek to prepare a way for His coming afresh into our hearts.

As we enter Advent 2016, it seems as though the entire world around us is in transition, in an “in between” time. We see a lot of wilderness in our future, and the road ahead seems anything but straight. Global relations among nations are in flux, and our government in the United States is facing a seismic transition, creating even more uncertainty. Our own Episcopal church, as well as other Christian denominations, is coming to grips with what many are calling “the post-Christian era” when Christianity no longer enjoys the privileged position of cultural and political significance it once had, and we Christians are learning the importance of interfaith collaboration and cooperation as together we seek to achieve Isaiah's vision of a better, more just, more peaceful society.

In this Advent 2016, I invite you to join with one another and reflect on that vision of Isaiah – a vision that we Christians believe is fulfilled in the life and teachings of Jesus the Christ. Please join us as you are able throughout this season of Advent and through Christmastide as together we pray and reflect on how we, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, can be part of bringing that vision closer to reality in our own time.

Your Brother in Christ,
The Rev. Donald L. Hamer
Rector

8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: *Rotare Coeli*

Pietro A. Yon

INTROIT: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

arr. Howard Helvey

Comfort, Comfort ye my people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath sorrows' load.

Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace
That waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.

Hark, the voice of one
That crieth in the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.

For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That the word is never broken.

OPENING HYMN: #616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

(Led by Mr. Johnson Ramsaur, Cantor)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Silence for reflection.

Please stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

William Crotch



- 1 Give the King your / justice, O / God, *
and your / righteousness to the / King's / Son;
- 2 That he may rule your / people / righteously *
- / and the / poor with / justice;

- 3 That the mountains may bring pros/perity to the / people, *
and the / little / hills bring / righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy a/mong the / people; *
he shall rescue the / poor and / crush the op/pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and / moon en/dure, *
from one gener/ation /to an/other.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the / mown / field, *
like / showers that / water the / earth.

Verse 7 sung to second half of chant:

- 7 In his time shall the / righteous / flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the / moon shall / be no / more.
- 18 Blessèd be the Lord GOD, the / God of / Israel, *
who a/lone does / wondrous / deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious / Name for / ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. / Amen. / A/men.

Please be seated.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Silence for reflection.

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed
And all flesh shall see it together:
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Please stand for the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick

Silence for reflection.

Please stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

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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:

Leader O God, our hope and our desire, in joyful expectation of your coming, we pray for your Church and for the World.

Leader O Wisdom from on high: we long for your coming as a woman longs for the birth of her child, as the refugee longs for home, as the humble poor longs for justice. Be present in and among us in this season of expectation and waiting. *Pause*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People Come Soon.

Leader O Lord of might: we lift before you all who have answered the call to serve the world through your Church. For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura our Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God that through our actions people may see and know the Kingdom of God that is already and not yet. *Pause*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People Come Soon.

Leader O Root of Jesse: Spring forth in this world your branches of truth, mercy, compassion, and joy. Ground all those who proclaim your name in your unending and never failing love, that amidst pain and fear all people may find rest and protection in your branches. *Pause*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People Come Soon.

Leader O Key of David: you open and none can shut, you shut and none can open. Welcome into your wide embrace all those who have died, remembering especially David Scott, in whose memory the flowers are given on the first anniversary of his death, and for Gladys Courtemanche, Jacques Kacou Nthohou (father of Marthe Annan-Kingsley) and Tilly Giansanti (aunt of John Doyle), and K.C. Koshy (grandfather of Anju Mathew), and for all those who will die this week that they may enter that place of eternal rest where sorrow and pain are no more. *Pause*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People Come Soon.

Leader O Morning Star: shine your light upon those who live in darkness and the shadow of death. Illumine with your celestial brightness those who mourn, that through their tears they may see the promise of your eternal and everlasting hope and joy. *Pause*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People Come Soon.

Leader O King of the Nations: inspire all the leaders of this world, especially Barack our President, Donald, our President-elect, Dannel our Governor, Luke our Mayor, and all those who live and work in our communities that we may seek justice, and promote the dignity of every human being. *Pause*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People **Come Soon.**

Leader O Emmanuel: Come among us and be present to us. Let our lives be transformed by your grace that when we are weak we may have strength, when we are broken we may be healed, and when we are distressed we may be comforted, that we may be set free from all that holds us in bondage. We pray especially for those things we hold in our hearts. I invite your petitions, either silently or aloud. *Pause*

Leader Lord Jesus,
People **Come Soon.**

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming break forth in us, as you break into the world, that we may prepare in our lives a place for your indwelling spirit, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

People **AMEN.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence for reflection.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another.

Please be seated.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

1. I - sa - iah the pro - phet has writ - ten of old how
 2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
 con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
 sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, the
 has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

peo - ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the
 no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters co - ver the seas.
 reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

Please remain standing.

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS: Hymnal #S 130

Franz Peter Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat:
 This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."
 As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you,
 gave it to them, and said:
 "Drink this, all of you:
 This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
 which is poured out for you and for all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."
 Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
 and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
 who was and is and is to come,
 we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
 and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
 Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
 that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
 Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
 and make us your new creation,
 the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
 In the fullness of time bring us,
 and all your saints,
 from every tribe and language and people and nation,
 to feast at the banquet prepared
 from the foundation of the world.
 Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 to you be honor, glory, and praise,
 for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

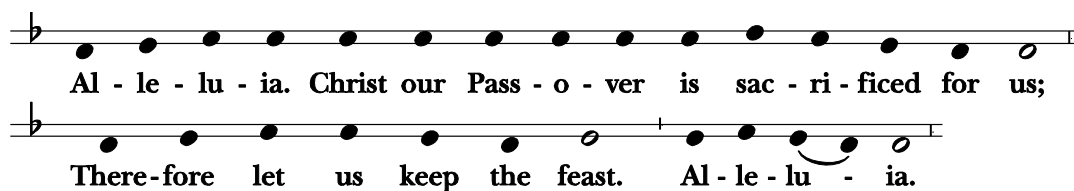
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
All Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.
People May we become what we receive.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal #S 164

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: #54 “Savior of the Nations Come”

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #65 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Breden Väg För Herran

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Postlude in F*

Jun Lee

OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.

OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD’S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.

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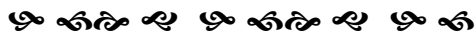
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The flowers this morning are offered
in loving memory of David Scott
on the first anniversary of his death.



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10:00 a.m. Roy McAlpine

Acolytes:

10:00 a.m. Justin Ude
Kendall Okeke
Tro Moo
Kenny Okeke
Jonathan Ude

Altar Guild:

8:00 a.m. Cecelia Timothy
10:00 a.m. Ernestine Weaver
Robin D'Oyen
Marshall Weaver

Flowers:

Jane Harris

Ministers of Communion:

8:00 a.m. Basil Bennett
10:00 a.m. Clement Mogor
Percy Williamson
Kate Rousseau
Robin D'Oyen

Eucharistic Visitor:

Al Shuckra

Readers & Intercessors:

8:00 a.m. Kevin Rennie
10:00 a.m. Boo Morton
Jack Pearson
Elizabeth Rousseau

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10:00 a.m. Claire Blissett
Ernestine Weaver

Healing Prayer Team:

10:00 a.m. Jo-Ann Sadosky

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10:00 a.m. Antoinette McCrary
Bill Kofalk
Michael Okeke
Ruth Rose

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