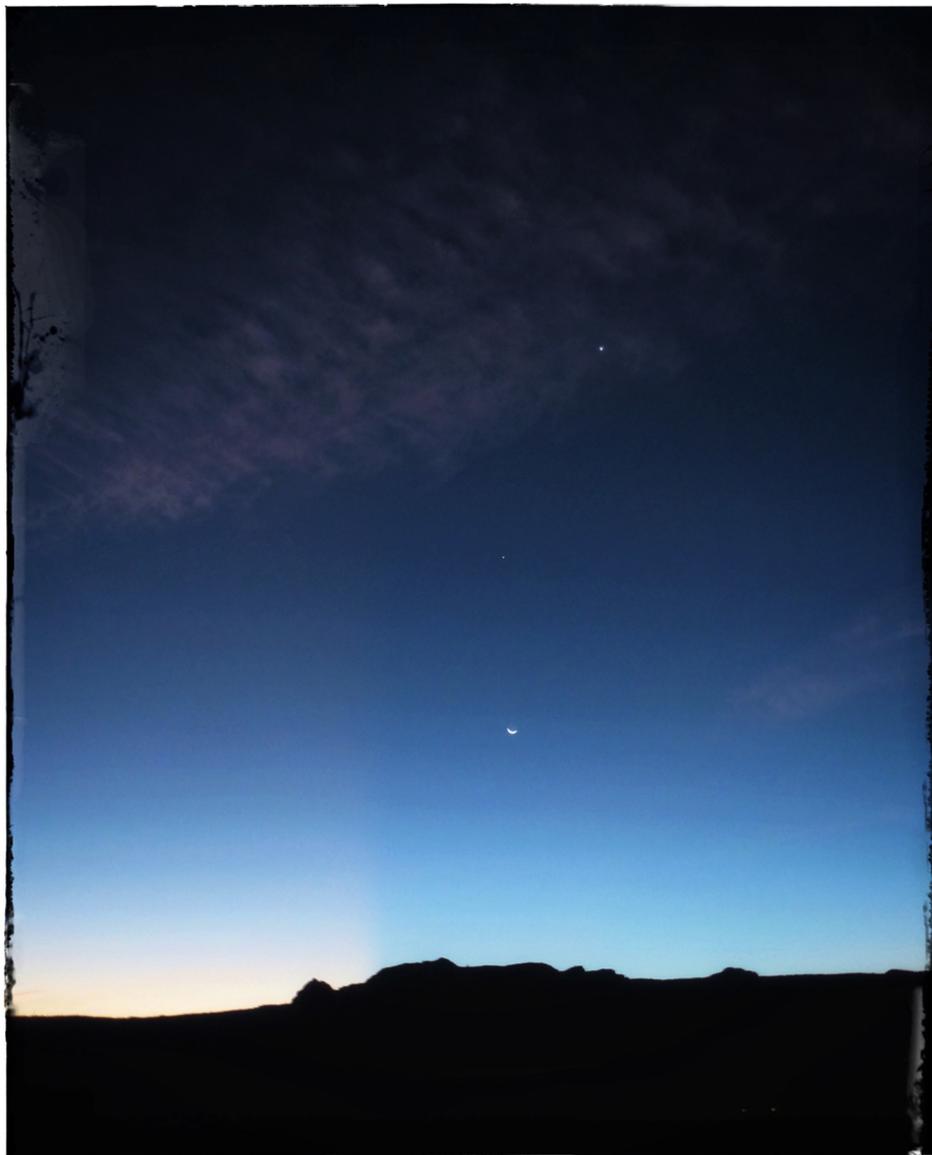




Sunday, February 1, 2026
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
and Annual Meeting 2025



Go forth and scatter the darkness

THE COVER ART

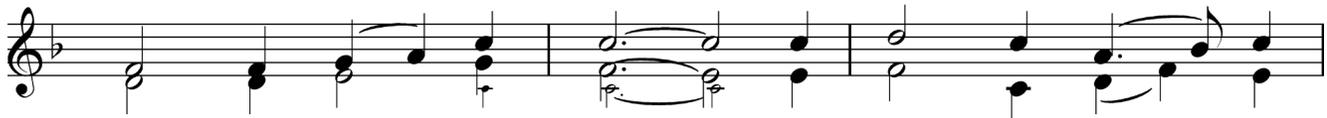
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PICTURES AND VIDEO

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

WELCOME AND OPENING OF ANNUAL MEETING *10:30am only*GATHERING HYMN *10:30am only* I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy - to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Stand*

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **Amen.**

GLORIA *8:30am. Stand*

People **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

GLORIA 10:30am. Stand

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will. *To Verses*

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, for your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. 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. **To Amen below**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of the seasons to whom all things in heaven and earth belong, another year has come and gone and once again we gather for the Annual Meeting. To you and to this worship we bring all of our celebrations and hardships, joys and sorrows of the past 12 months. We remember with thanksgiving the highlights of the year, sure of your presence in them, and beseeching you to guide us and give us signs of your closeness on the road ahead; we ask this through your child Jesus the Christ.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Micah.

6:1-8

Hear what the Lord is saying:

Arise, lay out the lawsuit before the mountains;
let the hills hear your voice!

Hear, mountains, the lawsuit of the Lord!

Hear, eternal foundations of the earth!

The Lord has a lawsuit against his people;
with Israel he will argue.

"My people, what did I ever do to you?

How have I wearied you? Answer me!

I brought you up out of the land of Egypt;

I redeemed you from the house of slavery.

I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam before you.

My people, remember what Moab's King Balak had planned,
and how Balaam, Beor's son, answered him!

Remember everything from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you might learn to recognize the righteous acts of the Lord!"

What does the Lord require?

With what should I approach the Lord
and bow down before God on high?

Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings,
with year-old calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with many torrents of oil?
Should I give my oldest child for my crime;
the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit?
He has told you, human one, what is good and
what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 15

At 8:30am, all speak the antiphon: "***Those doing justice walk in the light of God.***" At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.

Refrain



Verses

1. Who walks with honesty? The just one of God.
Whose heart is truthful? The just one of God.
Who does not slander? The just one of God.
These are the people of light.
2. Who does no harm to others? The just one of God.
Who does not look for vengeance? The just one of God.
Who does not welcome evil? The just one of God.
These are the people of light.
3. Who does not rob the poor? The just one of God.
Who will not take a bribe? The just one of God.
Who does not live by greed? The just one of God.
These are the people of light.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

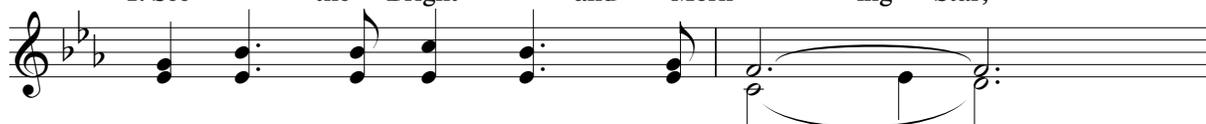
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON 10:30am. Stand **JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Sing verse 1 and refrain before Gospel Reading.



1. See the Bright and Morn - ing Star,



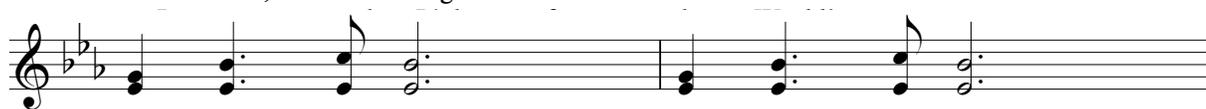
Je - sus, the Light of the World!



He has ris - en in our hearts,



Je - sus, the Light of the World!



Walk in the Light, beau - ti - ful Light;



Come where His love and His mer - cy are bright.



Shine all a - round us by day and by night,



Je - sus, the Light of the World.

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 human.
 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 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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| Deacon | With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." |
| Intercessor | For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. |
| People | Lord, have mercy. |
| Intercessor | For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. |
| People | Lord, have mercy. |
| Intercessor | For our Bishop Deon, and for all the clergy and people, especially those of St. Francis, let us pray to the Lord. |
| People | Lord, have mercy. |
| Intercessor | For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. |
| People | Lord, have mercy. |
| Intercessor | For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, and in hopeful anticipation that the prairie seeds we plant this winter will grow, let us pray to the Lord. |
| People | Lord, have mercy. |

Intercessor For those on our prayer list, especially _____ let us pray to the Lord.
 People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
 captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
 People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially
 _____, let us pray to the Lord.
 People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
 People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of St. Francis, St. Clare and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves,
 and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
 People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Presider Eternal One, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Child: Accept and
 fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our
 sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
 People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

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.**

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

St. Francis' Episcopal Church is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.



GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY *10:30am*

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS



1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
2 Though none go with me, still I will fol - low; though none go
3 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
with me, still I will fol - low; though none go with me, still I will
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -



Je - sus;
fol - low; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me;

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At 10:30am, the following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Presider takes the bread and wine. All stand.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

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:

Say at 8:30am:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30am:

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup; gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, gracious God, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God, gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

AMEN



*A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

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

People

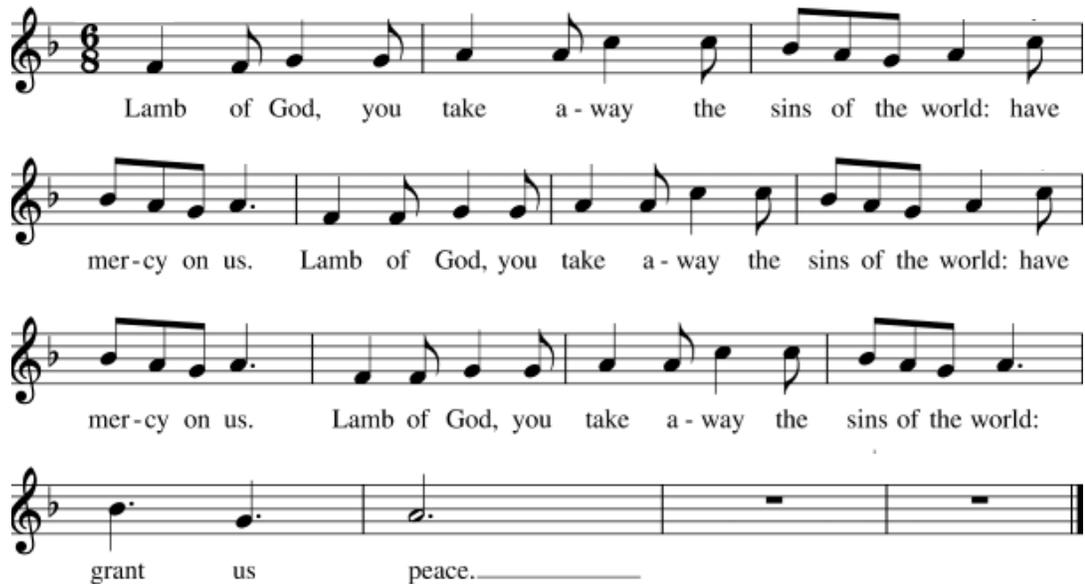
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM *At 8:30am, spoken. At 10:30am, sung.*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy-, and nut-friendly. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 10:30am

HOW GREAT THOU ART

INSTRUMENTAL

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Silence is kept. Then,

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May God bless you with the curiosity and uncertainty that show an openness to the Holy One.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God bless you with wonder and questions that will expand the horizon of your faith.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God bless you with a loving heart that lets you see God at work everywhere.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

THE ROAD FROM MISSION TO PARISH AND BEYOND *10:30am*

Annual Meeting 2025—Agenda on page 19

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be



the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
 the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 live and grow in you and you in me.

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ANNUAL MEETING 2025: THE ROAD FROM MISSION TO PARISH AND BEYOND

10:30am Prelude

Call to order – Laurie+

Establish a quorum – Ushers

Open polls and name slate of nominees – Laurie+

Vestry: Brigitte Jung, Christine Markus, Nathan Tenholder

Diocesan Delegate: Michael Booker

10:40am Let Us Pray – Eucharist begins

11:30am The Road from Mission to Parish

Approval of 2024 annual meeting minutes - Laurie+

Adoption of 2026 budget - Laurie+ and Treasurer Jeff Rainbolt

On the Road

The road behind

Just in the rearview

The road ahead

Elections of nominees for Class of 2029

Vestry

Diocesan Delegate

Executive Committee Appointments for 2026

Senior Warden, Adriane Tilton, Class of 2028

Junior Warden, Jack Laules, Class of 2028

Treasurer, Jeff Rainbolt

Recognitions

Staff Team

Ministry leaders and members

Leadership Team

Vestry Members

Senior Warden: Anna Mackey

Junior Warden: Jack Laules

Outgoing Vestry members: Tim Booker, Anna Mackey, Maddie Whaley

All Vestry Members: Megs Carter, Carole Clary, Tom Connelly, Jerry Karr,
Jackie Schlotter, Adriane Tilton

Treasurer: Jeff Rainbolt

Clerk: Jackie Schlotter

Diocesan Delegates:

Outgoing delegate: Ruby S. Downs

Current delegates: Donna Bernert and Kevin Senger

12pm Sending Hymn, dismissal and adjournment