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Episcopal
Church

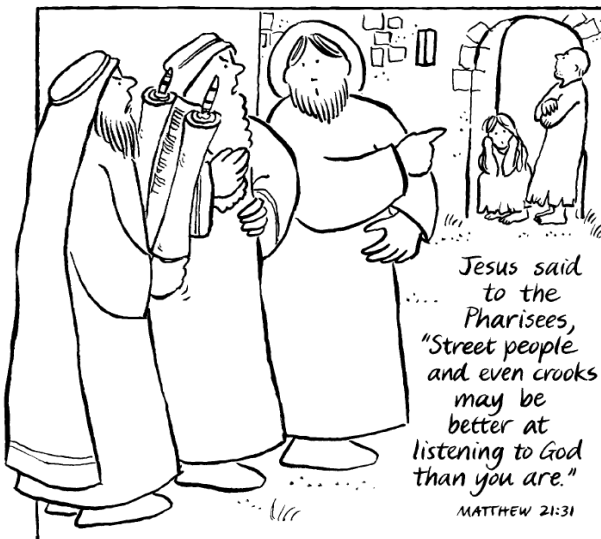
Children's Bulletin

For all God's children of any age

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026



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From the Book of Common Prayer
(BCP) and *The Sunday Paper*:
Lectionary Cartoons

Prelude: "El Flautista Alegre" (The Happy Flutist) Ramón Noble
Lucy Monte, organist

Opening Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

Song of Praise: S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Word of God

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.



The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 2:1-13 *Common English Bible*

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.



PHILIPPIANS 2:

5-11 "Obey God the way
Jesus obeyed him—all
the way to his death on a cross"



The Psalm (Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16)

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,

and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come

the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *

in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *

he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *

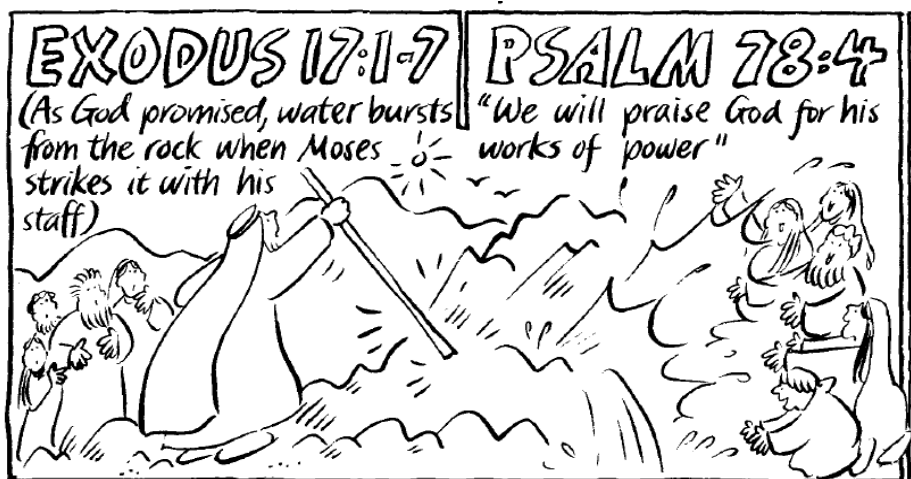
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *

and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *

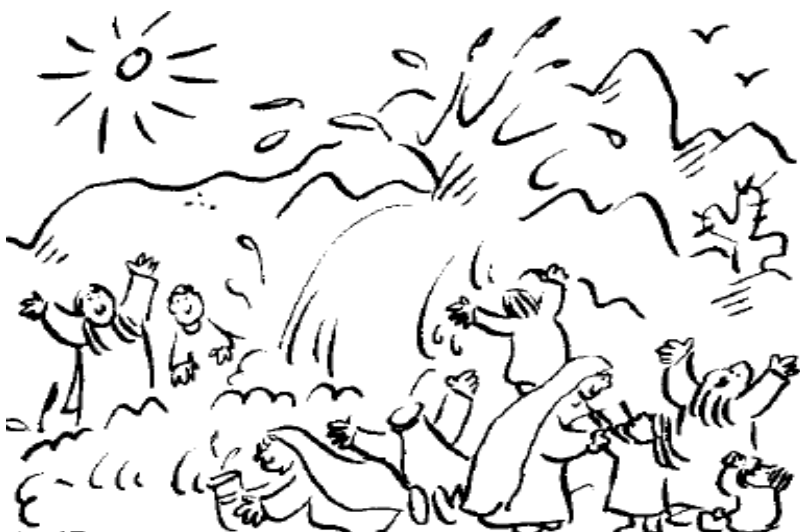
and the waters gushed out like rivers.



Sequence Hymn: "Surely it is God who saves me" Thomas Merton

Surely it is God who saves me;
trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to the peoples:
tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord,
who has done great things;
all his works God's might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst,
the great and Holy One of Israel.



The Gospel Reading (Matthew 21:23-32) *CEB*

All children are invited to leave their pews and join the Gospel procession to gather around the Deacon as the Gospel is proclaimed.

Deacon/Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?" Jesus replied, "I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?" They argued among themselves, "If we say 'from heaven,' he'll say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But we can't say 'from humans' because we're afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet." Then they replied, "We don't know." Jesus also said to them, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' "No, I don't want to,' he replied. But later he changed his mind and went. "The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, 'Yes, sir.' But he didn't go. "Which one of these two did his father's will?" They said, "The first one." Jesus said to them, "I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God's kingdom ahead of you. For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn't believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn't change your hearts and lives and you didn't believe him.

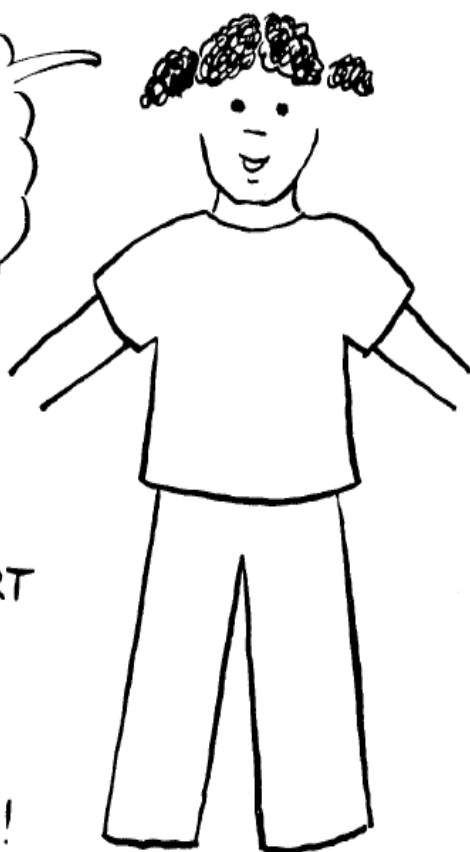
Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



Jesus said, "Which one really did what the father wanted?"

Jesus said these Pharisees were **HYPOCRITES**.
Hypocrites are people who know what is right
but only pretend to do it.



Give
this girl
EARS and a HEART
to listen with,
and HANDS
and FEET
to do God's work!

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

Prayers of the People

Adapted from Common Prayer for Children & Families (2019) and The BCP

Loving Creator, gather all people as one human family.

O God,

Hear our prayer.

Guide our community, our country, and the world.

O God,

Hear our prayer.

Bless the leaders of our church so they can teach us to be like Jesus.

O God,

Hear our prayer.

Help us be kind to all people, creatures, and the earth.

O God,

Hear our prayer.

Be with all people who are sad, in need, or any trouble.

O God,

Hear our prayer.

May all who have died rest in peace.

O God,

Hear our prayer.



For what else shall we pray?

The People may add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Celebrant: Accept the humble prayers of your people. Look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: 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 our Savior 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.

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. **Amen.**

A special "peace" candle is lit

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace.



The Offertory and Announcements

Offertory Anthem: "Peace Like a River"

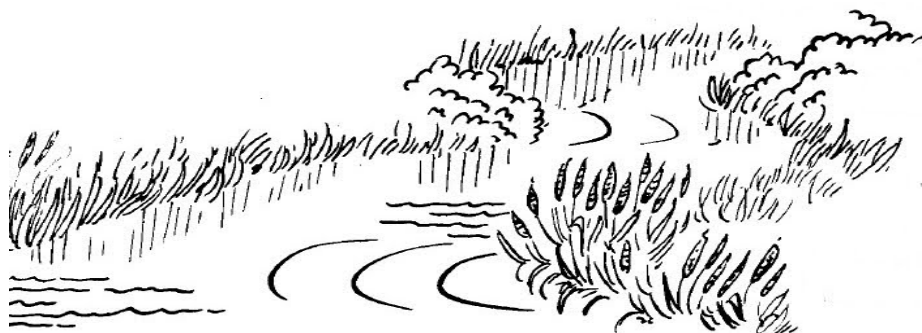
Traditional

arr. Joel Raney

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.



The Presentation

Presentation Hymn: "We all are one in mission" *Nyland*

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
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Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.



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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week
overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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: WLP 858

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

English:

Spanish:

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.

*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.*

*Danos hoy nuestro pan de
cada día. Perdona nuestras
ofensas,*

*como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos
ofenden.*

*No nos dejes caer en la tentación
y libranos del mal.*

*Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder
y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.*



The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: WLP 877

Mark Sedio

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

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in the breaking of the bread.**

**The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of
Christ.**

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

**One body are we, alleluia,
though many we share one bread.**

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

All are welcome to participate in Communion, either by receiving the Sacrament or receiving a blessing. All are also welcome to pray with a Personal Prayer Minister in the corner to the left.



Communion Hymn: "Jesus loves me this I know"

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong.

Refrain: Yes Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

Refrain

Jesus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly thine;
on the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.

Refrain



Music During Communion: "Kum Ba Yah"

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya,
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya,
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya,
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya,
Oh Lord, kumbayah

Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya,
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya,
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya,
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya,
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Oh Lord, kumbaya,
Oh Lord, kumbaya
Oh Lord, kumbaya,
Oh Lord, kumbaya



The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.



The Blessing

Closing Hymn: "Halle, halle, hallelujah!"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

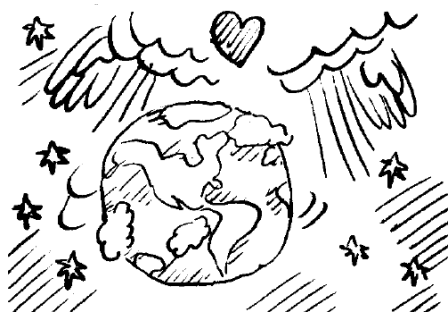
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



Announcements

For the latest news and events,
sign up for our weekly e-newsletter,
The St. Georgian:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/enews

Children and Youth Service Today

Join us today during the 10 am service, for a special children and youth led worship. During the service children and youth will play active roles as greeters, ushers, readers and preachers. Our Children's Choir will also be leading the service in song. All children and youth are welcome to participate.

Hispanic Heritage Month Observance

Hispanic and Latina/o/x Heritage Month is September 15-October 15. As we celebrate the variety of cultural heritages at St. George's, we will include some Spanish language prayers and hymns in our Sunday worship over the next few weeks. On October 4, we will have a potluck coffee hour featuring foods and stories that some of our members will bring from their cultures.

Coffee Hour Sign-Up Sheet in Sydnor Hall

We are in need of coffee hour hosts! Please see the sign up form posted in Sydnor Hall and consider hosting a Sunday! Keep in mind, hosting coffee hour can be as simple as brewing the coffee and setting out the cookies and snacks we have on hand in Sydnor Kitchen.

Baptism Deadline - Today

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please let us know by today, September 27. We have two upcoming occasions for Holy Baptism: All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1 and the commemoration of the Baptism of Jesus on January 10. Anyone interested in exploring baptism for themselves or for a child should contact the church office (office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

Campus Ministry St. Francis Pet Blessing + Open House - October 4

You're invited to attend a St. Francis Pet Blessing + Open House with our UMW campus ministries (The House + The CCC in partnership) on Sunday, October 4th from 2-4 pm. Stop by The House at 820 College Ave and bring a pet, a picture of a pet, or a stuffed animal to be blessed by one of our pastors. You can also come by without a pet, and just hang out! It's a great opportunity to see one of our campus ministry buildings and meet our students and student leaders! There's plenty of parking on College Ave, as well as in the Trinity lot across the street. We will have snacks, drinks, and fellowship for humans! With questions, or if you'd like to bring something to share, please be in touch with Fr. Ethan (missioner@thehousefxbg.org)

Today's Altar Arrangement:

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Frank Fines, and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Withers, Sr. given by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Withers, Jr., arranged by Flower Guild member Gail Braxton.

Serving Today

Clergy:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.
The Rev. K. Paige Trivett

Preachers:

The Rev. K. Paige Trivett
Owen Hensley

Liturgical Coordinator:

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Parker Taylor
Charlie Hill

Livestream Tech:

Tom Kanatous

Personal Prayer Minister:

Barbara Bumsted

Contact Our Vestry:

The Vestry is our elected, lay leadership council led by our Senior Warden Kit Burns and our Junior Warden Wendy Cannon. The Vestry welcomes your questions, concerns, and feedback. Email them at: vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

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