Christ Church

A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

"Growing by God's Grace as a Family of Faith, Fellowship, and Ministry"



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 | 10:30 am

"We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus
as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually."

Welcome to Christ Church

Christ Church gladly welcomes all people. Our clergy, staff, and parishioners are delighted to assist you in learning more about our worship and our community. Restrooms are located in the Parish House to the left of the church. Ushers are available to assist you as needed. If this is your first time visiting with us today, please complete a visitor card *(located in the pew)* and place it in the offering plate. Clipboards containing materials for children are available in the Narthex.

Please join us in the courtyard for Lemonade on the Lawn immediately following the service and for Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30a on Sunday mornings.

Christ Church is an active and vibrant parish in the heart of Downtown Macon since its founding in 1825. We are a forward-looking parish that values our heritage, liturgy, and outreach to the greater community. To learn more please visit us online via our website at www.christchurchmacon.com. The Parish Office is open from 9a–4p Monday through Thursday. You can reach us by calling (478) 745-0427.

We Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Christ Church welcomes all people and no matter where you are on your faith journey, you have a place here. We hope to see you soon.

Upcoming Services

Compline
Sunday, November 15
6:30 pm in the Church

Holy Eucharist at Carlyle Place
Thursday, November 19
10:30 am in the Lower Level Activity Room

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
Sunday, November 22
8 am & 10:30 am in the Church

The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29
8 am & 10:30 am in the Church

Compline
Sunday, November 29
6:30 pm in the Church

Holy Eucharist & Healing
Every Wednesday
Noon in the Church

Compline
Every Wednesday
8:45 pm on Facebook

The Entrance Rite

Opening Voluntary: *Chorale Prelude on 'St. Anne'* Healey Willan (1880–1968)

The People stand.
Hymn in Procession: O God, our help in ages past Hymnal, 680

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

The Liturgy of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The People sit.
The First Lesson Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

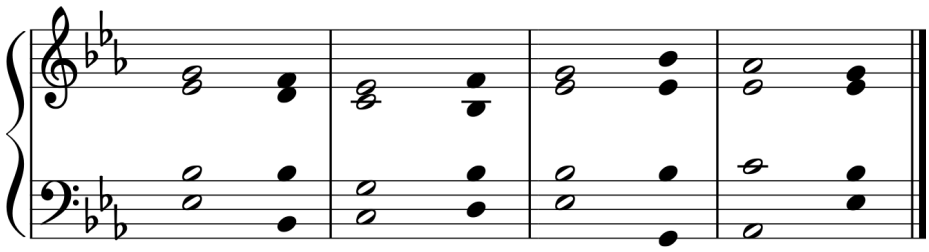
Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk

like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

Psalm 90:1–12



1 **Lord, you have been our / refuge ***
from one generation to an/other.

2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the earth were / born, *
from age to age you are / God.

3 **You turn us back to the dust and / say, ***
"Go back, O child of / earth."

4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is / past ***
and like a watch in the / night.

5 **You sweep us away like a / dream; ***
we fade away suddenly like the / grass.

6 **In the morning it is green and / flourishes; ***
in the evening it is dried up and / withered.

7 **For we consume away in your dis/pleasure; ***
we are afraid because of your wrathful indig/nation.

8 **Our iniquities you have set be/fore you, ***
and our secret sins in the light of your / countenance.

9 **When you are angry, all our days are / gone; ***
we bring our years to an end like a / sigh.

10 **The span of our life is seventy years,**
perhaps in strength even / eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are / gone.

11 **Who regards the power of your / wrath? ***
who rightly fears your indig/nation?

12 **So teach us to number our / days ***
that we may apply our hearts to / wisdom.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn at the Sequence: O Jesus, I have promised Hymnal, 655

The People remain standing.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14–30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I

have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit.

The Sermon The Very Rev. David Probst

The People stand.

Baptismal Hymn: I want to walk as a child of the light Hymnal, 490 v. 1

The People remain standing.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP, p. 301

Cecelia Corinne Stroud Brown
George William Stroud Brown
Sadie Catherine Probst

The Baptismal Covenant BCP, p. 304

Prayers for the Candidate BCP, p. 305

Thanksgiving Over the Water BCP, p. 306

The Baptism BCP, p. 307

Welcome the Newly Baptized BCP, p. 308

The Peace

The People sit.

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

We come together as the Body of Christ, we partake in the Body of Christ, to go out into the world to be the Body of Christ. All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you do not wish to partake, you are invited to receive a blessing by crossing your arms at the altar rail. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer for healing, please remain at the rail after receiving Communion with your hands in an attitude of prayer and our prayer ministers will pray with you and anoint you with oil for healing.

The Offertory

The People stand.

Anthem at the Offertory: "Awake, My Hear" Jane Marshall (1924–2019)

Awake, my heart, and render,
To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture giv'n
To bring me on toward heaven.

Hymn at the Presentation: Praise God from whom all blessings flow Hymnal, 380 v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal, S 125

The People kneel.
Words of Institution BCP, p. 368

Memorial Acclamation BCP, p. 368

The Great Amen BCP, p. 369

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Hymnal, S 155

Invitation to Holy Communion

During Communion, please observe a holy and respectful silence to allow for private prayer.

Hymn during Communion: Strengthen for service, Lord Hymnal, 312

Please join the choir in singing the Communion hymn.

The People kneel.
The Post-Communion Prayer BCP, p. 366

The Blessing

The People stand.
Hymn in Procession: Rise up, ye saints of God! Hymnal, 551

The Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: *Paean* (from *Five Short Pieces*) Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

The altar flowers today are given to
the glory of God and in loving memory of:
The Rev. Canon John Allen Buchanan
and Seaborn "Sebie" Buchanan

Parish Prayer List

We pray for the needs and concerns of our congregation, especially Anne, Al, Bailey, Becca, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brenda, Christy, Claire, Dennis, Ed, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Ellen, George, Gibson, Gracie Marie, Griffin, Hadley, Helen, Jason, Jaime, JB, John, Kristie, Lee, Libby, Lowe, Margaret, Matthew, Nancy, Pat, Patricia, Pete, Phil, Pud, Rodney, Sammy, Tommy, Tony, Trisha, William, and Wright. We pray for those serving in the military, especially Alivia, Austin, Cameron, Donald, Georgia, Joe, Lorraine, Sam, and Theodore.

Assisting in Worship

Celebrant & Gospeler
The Rev. Cynthia Knapp

Preacher
The Very Rev. David Probst

Verger
Harry Groce

Acolytes
James Horkan, *crucifer*
Virginia Horkan, *clergy cross*
Eliza Leigh Horkan, *torch*
Avery Svare, *torch*

Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Patrick Dziedzic
Sarah Adams

Flower Guild
Nidia Svare

Healing Prayer Minister
Lutricia Richardson

Altar Guild
Roxanne Hinson
Lauren Marshall
Charlotte Way
Corie Weiche

Ushers & Greeters
Leah & Taylor McNeill
Ed & Molly Muse

Vestry Welcomer
Molly Muse

Audio-Visual Tech
David Cline

The Christ Church Choir

Weekly Calendar

Parish Office Hours | Monday—Thursday 9am–12pm & 1pm–4pm | Closed Friday

Sunday, November 15: The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism (Spoken) — *Church*
9:30 am Children's Sunday School— *Parish House*
9:30 am Youth Sunday School — *Youth Suite*
9:30 am Adult Discussion of Sunday's Scriptures — *Great Hall*
9:30 am Bishop's Podcast Discussion Group — *Parlor*
9:30 am Christ Church Choir — *Church*
10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism (With music) — *Church*
Lemonade on the Lawn — *Cloister Garden*
11:30 am Weekend Lunch — *Jones Chapel*
5 pm Friendsgiving Potluck Supper — *Great Hall*
5:30 pm Alpha Course — *Cloister Room*
5:30 pm Adult Bible Study — *Youth Sunday School Room*
5:30 pm EYC — *Youth Suite*
5:30 pm Knitting Group — *Parlor*
5:30 pm Choir School of Macon — *Choir Room*
6:30 pm Compline — *Church*

Monday, November 16

5:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting — *Davis Room*

Tuesday, November 17

5:15 pm Vestry Meeting — *Cloister Room*
5:30 pm Alpha Marriage Course — *Great Hall*

Wednesday, November 18

9 am Women's Bible Study — *Parlor*
10:45 am Wise Women's Bible Study — *Cloister Room*
12 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing — *Church*
8:45 pm Compline — *Facebook*

Thursday, November 19

7:10 am Men's Bible Study — *Cloister Room*
10:30 am Holy Eucharist — *Carlyle Place*
6 pm Christ Church Choir — *Choir Room*

Friday, November 20

Parish office is closed

Saturday, November 22

11:30 am Weekend Lunch — *Jones Chapel*

Sunday, November 22: The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

8 am Holy Eucharist (Spoken) — *Church*
9:30 am Christ Church Choir — *Church*
10:30 am Holy Eucharist (With music) — *Church*
Lemonade on the Lawn — *Cloister Garden*
David Cline Going Away Party — *Cloister Room*
11:30 am Weekend Lunch — *Jones Chapel*
5 pm Alpha — *Cloister Room*

Parish Announcements

(Please send announcements to communications@christchurchmacon.com)

Sunday Evening Friendsgiving Potluck

TONIGHT at 5:00 pm

Our evening meal for Sunday Evenings at Christ Church tonight will be a "Friendsgiving" Thanksgiving potluck! The church will provide turkey and everyone else is asked to bring their favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert. We will eat at 5:00 in the Great Hall as normal, then proceed with our usual Sunday evening activities.

David Cline Going Away Party

Sunday, November 22 at 12:00 pm

Stop by the Cloister Room after the 10:30 am service next Sunday, November 22 for a going away party for David Cline as he prepares to go to seminary in January.

Thanksgiving Week Schedule

On Sunday, November 22, the Feast of Christ the King, we will have 8 am and 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, but will not have Sunday School or Sunday Evening programming, except for Alpha. There will be no Bible studies, Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Healing, or choir rehearsal on November 25 or 26. The parish office will close at 12 pm on Wednesday, November 25 and be closed for the rest of the week. On Sunday, November 29, the First Sunday of Advent, we will have an all-ages Sunday school in the Great Hall at 9:30 am and will have regular Sunday Evening programming beginning at 5 pm, however Alpha will not meet.

New Grief Course Beginning in January

Sheri Pyles will be facilitating a new grief course called *Walking the Mourner's Path* beginning in January. Contact Sheri or Cynthia if you are interested in joining.

Vestry Nominating Committee

The vestry selection process at Christ Church is done through the prayerful consideration of a nominating committee with input from the parish. The nominating committee is made up of the four vestry members rolling off the vestry in January after serving their three year term and four additional Christ Church members who are actively involved in the parish. This years nominating committee is: Steve Welsh, Rob Wilkin, Keri Jones, Christine Hoskins, Russ Henry, Will Harper, Peggy Woodhall, and Melody Blake.

The nominating committee works to replace those rolling off the vestry with a mindfulness of any skill sets that are needed for the vestry to cover all the needs of the parish and to well represent the full scope of the parish. If you are interested in being a vestry member or know someone who would be, please speak to a member of the nominating committee, or email Steve Welsh (swelsh@bwhlegal,con) or Rob Wilkin (rewilkin@yahoo.com). There are several requirements laid out in the bylaws. Nominees must be baptized, confirmed members of the Episcopal Church, have been members of Christ Church at least two years, and be active members who attend regularly and have made a pledge for the past two years.

Journey into Advent

Sunday, November 29 at 9:30 am

Join us in the Great Hall at 9:30 am on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, for an all-ages (open to everyone!) Sunday school to begin the Advent season. The children will be making Advent wreaths and the Flower Guild will be there to teach the adults about making Advent table arrangements with seasonal greenery. Please bring a vase for your arrangement. While some greenery will be available for wreathes and arrangements, everyone is strongly encouraged to bring greenery from your own homes so there is enough to go around and to personalize your arrangements. Please let Rachel or Markisha know if you plan to make a wreath so they know how many kits to set up. But if you forget, don't worry! There will be extras.

St. Nicholas Service & Supper

Wednesday, December 2 at 5:30 pm

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas. We will be gathering in Jones Chapel for a brief service and lesson about St. Nicholas of Myra. Rumor has it that St. Nicholas himself might show up and good little girls and boys should leave their shoes on the chapel steps just in case. After the service, there will be dinner, crafts, and games in the Great Hall.

Advent Lessons & Carols

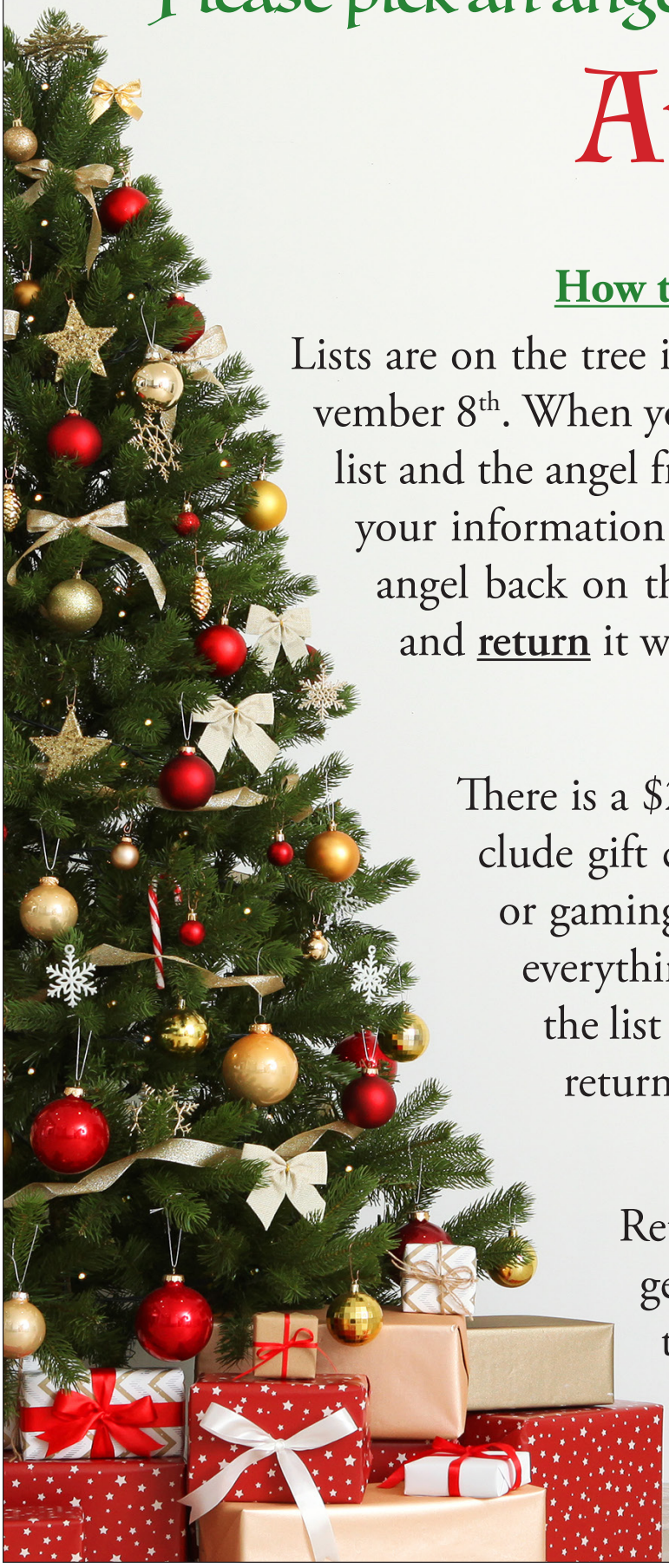
Sunday, December 6 at 5:30 pm

Walnut Street Music, the Christ Church Choristers, and the Christ Church Choir will offer a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 6 at 5:30 pm. Lessons and Carols is a beloved service of music and scripture for the Advent season in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. **NOTE:** The city's Christmas parade will be that afternoon at 4:00 pm, so downtown roads may still be closed. Plan an alternate route via Riverside Dr. or the Interstate.





Ministry of the Month: November



Please pick an angel from the

Angel Tree

How to pick an "Angel"

Lists are on the tree in the Parish House beginning November 8th. When you make your selection, **remove** the list and the angel from the tree, **fill out** the angel with your information and the list number and **place** the angel back on the tree, then **take** the list with you and **return** it with the gifts.

What to Bring

There is a $200 limit per list. Please do not include gift cards, bicycles, computers, laptops, or gaming systems. You **DO NOT** need to buy everything on the wish list. You may share the list with another person, just be sure to return all the gifts together.

How to Return

Return labeled, unwrapped gifts together, with the list enclosed, either to the Parish House or Harrold House by Sunday, December 6th.

Vestry

Jed Hill, *Senior Warden*
Rob Wilkin, *Junior Warden*
Steve Welsh, *Treasurer*
Chris Hair, *Clerk*

William Baxley
Jan Beeland
Margaret Boltja
Christine Hoskins

Keri Jones
Molly Muse
Jeff Powers
Nancy Wilkerson

Clergy & Staff

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop*
The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop of Atlanta*
The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp, *Rector*
The Rev. Harriette J. Simmons, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Dr. John F. McCard, *Priest Associate*
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Rachel Horkan, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Jonathan A. Poe, *Director of Music & Liturgy*
Lacey Chaney, *Associate for Children's Music*
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Timothy Hoskins, *Director of Communications*
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Robert Hubbard, *Sexton*
Markisha Carter, *Assistant Sexton*

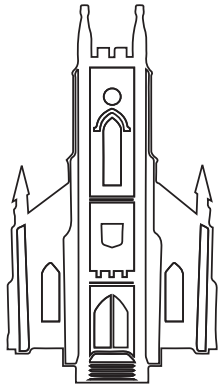
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