



ST. CATHERINE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two,
November 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Catherine's

We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be found on the back of the chair in front of you. Completed cards may be given to a greeter, a member of the clergy or placed in the collection plate. For more information about our parish, including a complete schedule of worship services, as well as the link for our on-line services, please visit our website at <https://stcatherinesal.org>

Prepare for Worship

In order to preserve a sense of reverence in the worship space, please take a moment to silence all of your electronic devices. The time before the service begins offers us a rare moment for quiet prayer and meditation. The liturgy for today's service is from **The Book of Common Prayer**. For your convenience, all of the service music, prayers, responses, and readings are included in this booklet. Please refer to the hymnal provided in the chairs for the Hymns. Children are always welcome in worship at St. Catherine's. However, if your child would be more comfortable in our nursery, childcare is available during the 10:00 service.

Eucharist or Holy Communion

St. Catherine's welcomes all baptized Christians to gather at the table of our Lord. **Eucharist or Holy Communion**, is at the heart of the Episcopal liturgy. It is during Holy Communion, as we gather around the table, where we share the bread and the wine, the Body and Blood of our savior, as we remember the words of our Lord, Jesus Christ, "Do this in remembrance of me."

It is our practice to stand at the altar to receive the sacraments. By holding out your up turned hands you will be given the bread and you can either partially dip the bread in the wine, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers, or you can sip from the chalice.

If you chose to receive only one of the sacraments simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your wishes to the server. If you do not wish to receive the sacraments, but you would like to be blessed, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

If you require gluten-free it is available – simply let the priest know as she distributes the bread.

Please feel free to ask if you have any questions. It's our desire to make everyone feel as welcome as possible.

Vestry Members

Laura Chambless

Lynne Dominguez

Connie Meloun

Michelle Landrum – Jr. Warden

Michelle Nivens – Clerk of the Vestry

Scott Reimer – Sr. Warden

Juan Rodriguez

Chris Stricklin

Bill Traylor

Ministers in Today's Liturgy

Celebrant	The Rev. Sally Herring	LEM	Jane Keeton
Deacon	The Rev. Dn. Clyde Pearce	Crucifer	Jane Keeton
VPD	Michelle Landrum	Lector	Brent McLarty
Counters	Michelle Landrum & Connie Meloun	Intercessor	Cathy Cawthon
Greeter	Scott Reimer	Torchbearer	Sophia Reimer
Altar Guild	Wanda Wheeler	Technology	Jim Cawthon

Prelude

Petit Dialogue meslé de Trios by Jacques Boyvin (1649-1706)

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn H 436 *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (Truro)*

The people standing as able, the Celebrant says

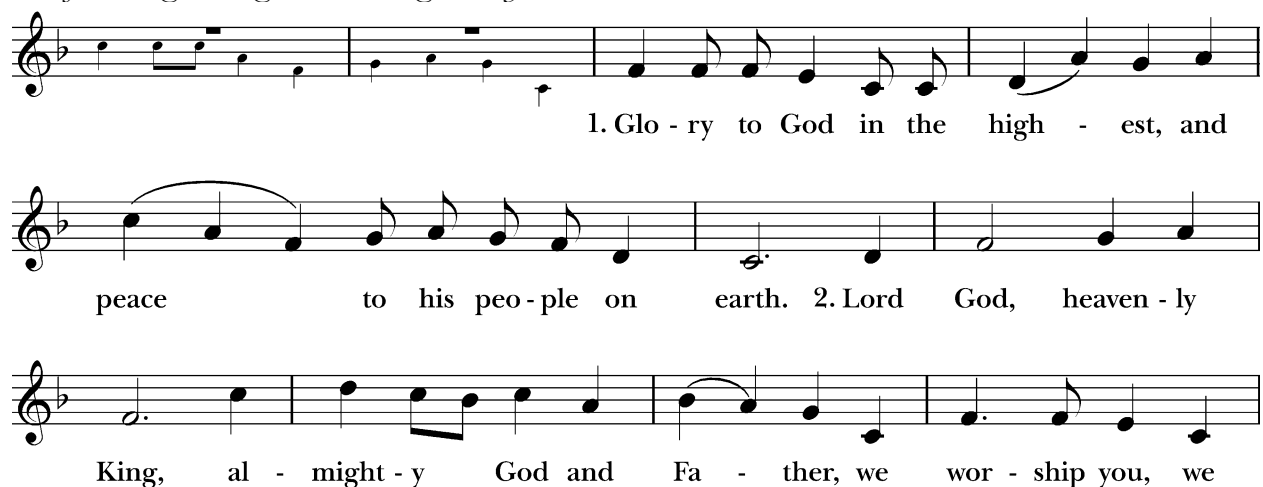
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.*

The following is sung, all standing as they are able



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y 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.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

¹²Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
¹³She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
¹⁴One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
¹⁵To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
¹⁶because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Remain seated. The canticle will be read responsively by whole verse.

Canticle: A Song of the Love of Wisdom

The beginning of wisdom *
is the true desire to receive teaching,

and a longing to be taught *
comes from a love of her;

the one who loves her *
will keep her laws.

Observing the laws of wisdom *
assures immortality,

and immortality brings one *
nearer still to God;

so the desire for wisdom *
leads to the authority of one who rules.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

H 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers (Llangloffan)

All stand as they are able.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sally Herring

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

All stand as they are able.

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 (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing as they are able.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People are invited to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops, Glenda and Brian; for this gathering; and for all
ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop Lloyd. We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd, for the Commission on Ministry, the Companion Diocese Commission, and the Episcopal Church Women.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. I ask your prayers for God's guidance and healing power to be present to all of those impacted by the war in the Middle East. I especially ask your prayers for John Morris and Avi Goldstein and all who serve in the military.
Pray for justice, peace, protection, and strength.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. From our parish prayer list, we ask your prayers for Nita, Clydene, Karin, Darin, Katy, Clyde, Austin, Connie, Gabi, Wally, Jack, Kim, Ashleigh, Joseph, Ginny, Haley, Dick, James, Jessica and Michael, Billie, Julie, Michelle, and Jaxon.

May their needs be met through God's abundance and grace.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. May they be rooted in relationship with him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our stewardship campaign. May we offer to God the first fruits of his abundant blessings upon us.

Silence

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for our St. Catherine's church family. May we be united in our Christian love and mission.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially for all those who will celebrate birthdays this week. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Gracious God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: 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. *Amen.*

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

The Peace (BCP p. 360)

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Please join in singing the Offertory Hymn.

Offertory

H 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy)

As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung:

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.

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord
People And of thine own hath we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing as they are able.

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 him thanks and praise.

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

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.

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 Catherine 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 and Celebrant

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Celebrant says

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

This is the table not of the church but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who Love him and for those who wish to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who seek Him should meet Him here.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All baptized Christians are invited to participate in the Holy Communion. You can receive both the bread and the wine or only one. Intinction of the bread is acceptable, however, please be careful not to touch the wine with your fingers as you dip the wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest to alert the chalice bearer. Also, if you do not want to receive either and would like a blessing please come forward, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the priest know as she comes to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a member of the congregation, the clergy, or an usher.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of Heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

Please join in singing the Communion Hymn.

Communion Hymn H 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God (Seek Ye First)

Post-Communion Prayer (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Post-Communion Hymn H 462

The Lord will come and not be slow (York)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

What God Ordains Is Always Good by Gaël Liardon (1973-2018)

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*Please join us after the service in the Parish Hall for
Coffee Hour Hosted by Olivia Kennedy*

The Week of November 12th, at a Glance

Vestry – The Vestry will meet after the service beginning at 11:30. If you are interested in being considered for the vestry please speak to Scott Reimer, Michelle Landrum or Sally Herring before the vestry meeting.

Pledge Cards - If you did not pick yours up on the 29th it has been mailed. If you do not receive one, please let the office know. Please return them no later than November 19th, so that the annual budget can be developed.

Youth Confirmation Classes – Youth Confirmation classes will meet Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30. Sunday, 12/03 will be our last class. Bp. Brian will be with us Sunday, 12/10 and will confirm both classes of Adult and Youth.

Conversational Spanish Club – Delfina Cuevas will be offering Conversational Spanish to the youth and children on Sundays, from 8:30 - 9:15, prior to the 10:00 service in the parish hall. Parents are welcome. For more information call, text, or email: Church office 205-618-8367; Mobile 205-381-5525; email drmichellelandrum@gmail.com

Our Football Passions get into the Stewardship Game – May the most Generous Team Win! During Stewardship Season, if you put money in the plate there will be envelopes available for your contribution. Indicate on the outside of the envelope to which team (and **yes**, it can be a team outside the SEC) you want it credited. Each week we will report back the current standing. At the end of Stewardship Season the team with the most contributions will win a yet to be disclosed honor. Show your team spirit and be generous! All contributions will go to St. Catherine's general fund for operating expenses.

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers – If you know someone in the parish who would like Eucharist brought to them at home, please let Sally know.

Evening Prayer – Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Please see the church website stcatherinesal.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Community says, "Thank you." The Hispanic members of our community who have participated in our Food Pantry would like to say, "thank you." There will be a Eucharist with portions of the service in Spanish at 1:00, Saturday, Nov. 18th and a meal provided by the Hispanic women immediately following. The congregation is invited. The Food Pantry will open that afternoon, following the service.

Annual Meeting – Our Annual meeting and Pot Luck will be held Sunday, Nov. 19th.

Turkey Trot – Our annual 5-K run on Thanksgiving Day morning will be here before you know it. Michelle Nivens is chairing this year's event and will need lots of volunteers that morning as well as leading up to the event. Please help spread the word. Proceeds will go to our Food Pantry Ministry.

Greening of the Church – The ECW will meet Saturday morning, Dec. 2nd, to green the church for Advent. More details to follow.

Parish Christmas Party – Chris and Terri Stricklin are hosting a Parish Christmas party at their home on Dec. 2nd at 4:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Pastoral Care information

Communion at Home - If you are sick or unable to attend church for an extended period of time, and would like to have communion brought to your home, please let us know. Either leave a message on the church phone or reach out to Sally, at 205-447-3306.

Parish Prayer List - If you would like someone added to the Parish Prayer list please leave a message on the Church voice mail, contact Sally at sally.herring@gmail.com or fill out a prayer request card and leave with an usher or in the collection plate. Names placed on the parish prayer list will remain for one month. If the need continues, please notify the church office or the priest and they will remain on the list as long as requested. Please make it known to Sally if there is no longer a need. Thank you.

Hospital Visits – If you or a loved one is going to be in the hospital and would like a visit from the clergy, please notify us by calling the church office and leaving a message, either on the general voice mail or on Sally's confidential voice mail.

Pastoral Emergencies – A message can be left on the church voice mail or Sally can be reached at 205-447-3306.

Pledges - Please be vigilant about staying up to date with your pledge. By setting your pledge up as an automatic deposit each month through our online giving site, Realm, you can stay up to date with very little effort. The church operates on a budget much the same as your household budget so regular giving of your pledge is important. If you have questions about Realm, please direct them to Julie Seal, our Parish Administrator, at secretary@stcatherinesal.com. We all have so many hopes and dreams for St. Catherine's, but we cannot do it without the finances to pay for them. Every dollar matters. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness.

Priest in Charge's Schedule the Week of November 12th, 2023

11/13, Monday – Treatment

11/14, Tuesday – Work from home 9:00 – 5:00

11/15, Wednesday – 9:00 – 4:00

11/16, Thursday – Work from home 9:00 – 11:00, 1:00 – 5:00 at church

11/17 Friday – 1:00 – 5:00 meeting to plan music for Advent and Christmas, then work from home afterwards.

11/18 Saturday – 11:00 – 4:00, Hispanic "Thank you" Service.

11/19 Sunday – 7:30 – 12:30, Annual Parish Meeting

(If I am working from home, please feel free to text me or call. If I cannot reply immediately, please be patient - I will respond as soon as possible. Note: This is a tentative schedule. I try as best I can to stick to it but occasionally life happens, and I need to make changes. SLH+)

Our Mission

To seek, love, and serve God through worship, education, and service and to share the redeeming love of Christ with the world.

Our Vision

St. Catherine's, the Episcopal Church in Chelsea, is a welcoming and inclusive family called by Christ to receive and share God's love.

Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of AL
The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assistant to the Bishop of AL
The Rev. Sally Herring, Rector
The Rev. Dn. Clyde Pearce, Deacon
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