

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me,  
let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

*Mark 8:34*

**W**ELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

Throughout the season of Lent, we are steadily drawn deeper into the mystery of our redemption. Abraham and his story show us the early work towards that redemption. This redemption is fulfilled in Jesus' death and resurrection which we witness in Holy Week and Easter at the conclusion of this holy season. Each week we take another step in our understanding of the depth of God's love for us as we seek to strengthen our faith so that we may better receive the joy that is to come at Easter.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

### MUSIC NOTE

David Hurd, the composer of the Sanctus that we are singing during Lent, has devoted his career to sacred music as a composer, teacher and performer. For 39 years he was Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at General Theological Seminary in New York City. He currently serves as Organist and Director of Music at The Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City.

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

The list of ministry participants for today is posted in the East Room.  
Please check there to see your assignment.

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*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.  
After worship, speak to one another.*

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 610      Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service      *Blaenhafren*

✠ PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Presider* Bless the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Presider* Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The congregation may kneel or stand. A period of silence is kept.*

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

*The Presider pronounces the Absolution*

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.**

✠ TRISAGION: S-102 (*said or sung by ALL three times*)

*Alexander Archangelsky*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. God of compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day: make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future alive and unashamed; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

**T**he hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

*Chant: Karl Robson*



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, / hear my voice; \*  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my / supplication.**
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is / done amiss, \*  
**O Lord, / who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgive-/ ness with you; \*  
**therefore you / shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul / waits for him; \*  
**in his word / is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen / for the morning, \*  
**more than watchmen / for the morning.**

6 O Israel, wait / for the Lord, \*  
**for with the Lord / there is mercy;**

*(second half of chant)*

7 With him there is plen-/ teous redemption, \*  
**and he shall redeem Israel from / all their sins.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

**T**o set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

✠ HYMN 455 (*stz 1-2*) O Love of God, How Strong and True

*Dunedin*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**N**ow a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Judeans were just now trying to stone you, and are you

going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Judeans who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Judeans who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Judeans said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the

dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Judeans therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ HYMN 455 (*stz 3-4*) O Love of God, How Strong and True

*Dunedin*

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Burner

*A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.*

✠ 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

*Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.*

*Intercessor* ...we pray to you, O Lord;

*People* **Kyrie eleison.**

*Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.*

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Deacon says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (Psalm 96:8)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      Almighty and Everlasting God      Orlando Gibbons  
*Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

✠ SAID AT 8:00    **All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.**

✠ SUNG AT 10:15: HYMN 474 (*stz 4*)      *Rockingham*  
**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING      *Enriching our Worship, Prayer 1*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

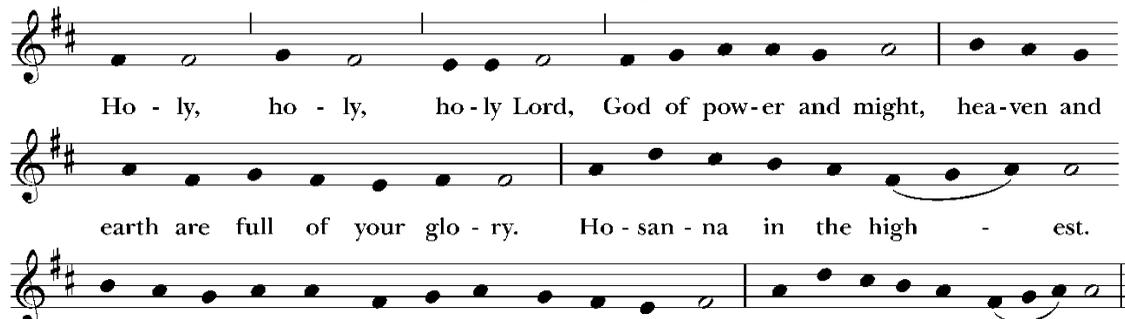
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent

in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*said at 8:00 am; sung by all at 10:15 am*) David Hurd



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 congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

*All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM                      Jesu, Dulcis Memoria                      Tomás Luis de Victoria  
*Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast, but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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**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.**

✠ SOLEMN PRAYER

*Presider* Bow your hearts before the Lord. Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN 347

Go Forth for God

*Litton*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

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Charles H. H. Parry

## PRAYER LIST

*We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...*

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Greece Church, Scottsville

Linda, Stan Refermat, Andrew Visconti, Jack, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Shelia Eiss, Luke Humphry, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Grear, Gwen Cheney, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died.

In joyful celebration, we give thanks for the birth of  
Hewitt Jett Moore, grandson of Louise and Christopher Moore

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and  
in celebration of  
Water for South Sudan's Mission

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.  
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your  
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants  
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.  
Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)

## **TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S**

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

9:00 am: Bible Study (Vestry Room)

10:00 am: Sunday School

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Stewardship Committee (Quilt Room)

11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)

11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 pm: Search Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### **Monday, March 23rd**

10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

### **Wednesday, March 25th**

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### **Thursday, March 26th**

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

### **Saturday, March 27th**

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:

As the plate is passed. • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at [stpaulsec.org/donate](http://stpaulsec.org/donate). • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.

Thank you for your generosity!

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ Envelopes for **Easter Altar Flower Donations** are available in the pews and on tables throughout the church. You can also submit names online at: [StPaulsEC.org/flowers](http://StPaulsEC.org/flowers). Please submit memorial or thanksgiving names to the office by noon on **Monday, March 30th**.
- ❖ **Bible Study meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room**. Join us as we study and discuss the week's readings!
- ❖ **Search Committee Town Hall Talks**: Join the Search Committee on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> & April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Cadigan Room as they hold "Town Hall Talks" after both the 8:00 & 10:15 am services to share next steps in calling St. Paul's next rector and gather parish input.
- ❖ **Palm Sunday Passion Reading**: If you would like to participate in the Palm Sunday Passion reading, please contact Rev. Jay ([jburkardt@stpaulsec.org](mailto:jburkardt@stpaulsec.org)) to let him know.
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House**: For March, we will collect men's long underwear, undershirts, men's & women's travel-size deodorant, men's coats, gloves, hats, razors, towels, laundry detergent, coffee & sugar.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Palm Sunday • Sunday, March 29th**

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist with Palm Liturgy

10:15 am — Palm Procession and Holy Eucharist

### **Holy Monday, March 30 – Holy Wednesday, April 1**

Noon — Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

### **Triduum Liturgies • April 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm — Maundy Thursday Agape Meal & Liturgy

Noon — Good Friday Service

7:00 pm — Holy Saturday Great Vigil of Easter

### **Easter Day • Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:15 am — Festival Eucharist with Choir and Brass

### **Easter II • Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

10:15 am — Holy Eucharist with Cross of Flowers

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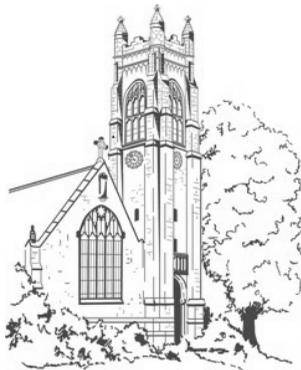
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