

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God by Lynda & Ray Gotko in celebration of their daughter, Kathryn Gotko Bruce’s birthday, October 26 and Ray Gotko’s birthday October 27.

Altar Guild — Lynda Gotko, Andrea Sanders
Bread Baker — Julie Elrod
Tellers — Rachel Lynch, Chris Asmussen
Flowers — Virginia Curry
Coffee Hour — Lucy Patterson Murray, Emily Patterson Higap

8:30 service

Vestry — Paul Richaud
Server — Arielle Latiolais
Chalice Bearer — Arielle Latiolais
Readers — Arielle Latiolais, Paul Richaud
Intercessor — John Solomon
Acolytes —
Usher(s) -- Paul Richaud

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Barnabas Church, Tullahoma

11:00 service

Rachel Lynch
Jaxon Rudder
Susan Holmes
Chris Asmussen, Julian Price
George Dick

Rachel Lynch, Linda Lankewicz



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

Welcome to this morning's service of worship!

Restrooms are available in Claiborne Parish House, the building directly behind the church.

***Nursery care** is available (more information in Announcements).*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

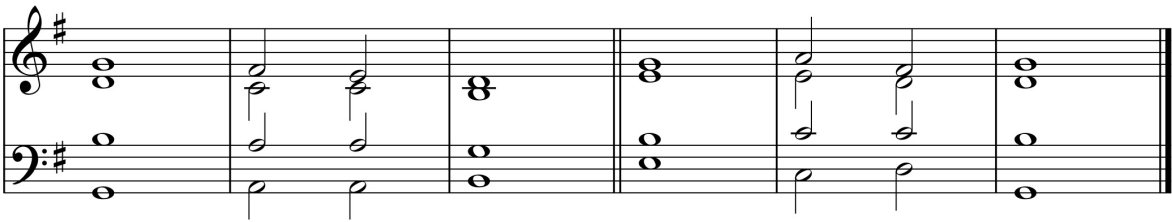
Prelude:	<i>Pastorale</i>	Sydney Watson (1903-1991)
Hymn432: <i>(blue book)</i> "O praise ye the Lord"		<i>Laudate Dominum</i>
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity		Prayer Book (red) page 355

Gloria in excelsis: S278

Collect of the Day *(insert)*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 *(insert)*

Psalm: 90:1-6, 13-17 *(spoken at 8:30, sung at 11:00)*



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.
13 Return, O Lord; how long | will | you | tarry? *
be gracious | to | your | servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness | in | the | morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days | of | our | life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days
that | you | af - | flicted | us *
and the years in which we | suffered | ad - | versity.
16 Show your ser - | vants | your | works *
and your splendor | to | their | children.
17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be | up - | on us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our | hand - | i - | work.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 <i>(insert)</i>	
Sequence Hymn 605: "What does the Lord require"	<i>Sharpthorne</i>
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46 <i>(insert)</i>	
Sermon	The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn
The Nicene Creed	page 358
Prayers of the People Form VI	page 392
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory Hymn 551: <i>(8:30)</i> "Rise up ye saints of God"	<i>Festal Song</i>
Offertory Anthem: (11:00) “For the beauty of the earth”	
Conrad Kocher (1786-1872), arr Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)	

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For Thyself, best gift Divine, to our world so freely given,
for that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
Folliot S. Pierpoint*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)		Page 361
Sanctus: S128		
The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)		
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins		as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem: S155

Communion of the People:

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest. If you are wearing lipstick, please blot your lips.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors *(when needed)*

(in unison) In the name of this parish, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer	page 365
Hymn 680: "O God our help in ages past"	<i>St. Anne</i>

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude	<i>O God beyond all praising</i> Gustav Holst (1874-1934), arr. Charles Callahan (1951-2023)
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The Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him,

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them,

“How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.

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Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK ONE

COLLECT

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

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.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

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so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

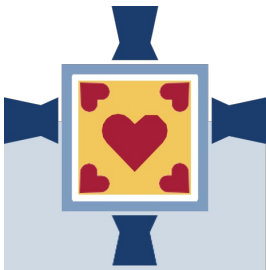
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.



Questions for Reflection:

How might we shift a grumbling heart into a welcoming wave?



The Rev. Cn. Dina van Klaveren is Canon for Development at the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and is a past-president and member of the Board of Directors for TENS.



Making Space is an Invitation

A year ago I began practicing yoga at a studio near my home.

The instructor is a grounded, gifted practitioner who sets the tone for movement, relaxation, and growth. Her class has grown in popularity and sometimes we are packed a bit close in the space. If someone comes in a little late, we all adjust our mats and make space graciously- although in my heart I grumbled at the inconvenience of it. That is, until I was stuck in traffic and arrived the very minute class was starting and opened the studio door to find the room full. I closed the door and felt frustrated. Darn traffic! I stood outside alone in my disappointment when the door opened and a fellow student waved me in, mouthing the words: “we made room for you.”

I felt tears selling up in my eyes as I hurried to the open space and rolled out my mat. Another person smiled and waved at me. It almost felt like too much to bear- this grace-filled way that my fellow students offered plenty good room for me to enter and find the balance I craved.

Making space for one another, without judgement, creates a powerful connection in community. I no longer grumble in my heart as a latecomer arrives because I’ve been there. And, I hope they feel the acceptance I felt as we slide our mats to make more room.

There is plenty good room for us to accept one another, just as we are right now. I pray that in all aspects of our life in community, and especially in our faith community, we learn to wave one another in and with a gentle smile mouth the words: “we made room for you.”

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is

to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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Announcements

Sunday the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 and 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remain available there for one month.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather on the playground or downstairs in Claiborne Hall. Cara Kitzrow supervises the nursery.

Morning and Evening prayer services: are held at 8:30am and 4:45pm, Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.

Sunday Forum: This Sunday, October 20th, we will be joined by the Very Rev. Christopher L. Epperson, Dean of All Saints' Chapel and University Chaplain. Continuing our 2025-2026 theme "Narratives that Transform," Epperson will focus on "The Stories Families Tell."

Epperson has been serving the Episcopal Church for over 25 years in parish and educational settings. He also has deep roots here on the mountain, having served as a camp counselor at Camp Billy Johnson, an Episcopal camp for economically disadvantaged children which operated at the Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle. After ordination, he returned to Camp Billy Johnson as Chaplain. He has served parishes in Atlanta, Rhode Island, and most recently as Rector of Bruton Parish in Williamsburg, VA for fifteen years. He was installed as Dean of All Saints' Chapel last fall.

Sunday Forum meets 9:45-10:45 each week in Kennerly Hall with light refreshments.

Our speaker for next Sunday, October 27th, is our seminarian Arielle Latiolais, who will speak on "Keeping Company with the Saints."

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 am for children (3 years old through 5th grade).

Godly Play 1: *The Prophets*, Storyteller — Cara Kitzrow, Doorperson — Rebecca Gordon

Godly Play 2: *The Exodus / Children's Choir*, Storyteller — Jeannie Babb, Doorperson — Reed Carlson

4th/5th & Youth Sunday School: *The only Son of God*, Jeannie Babb, Jenny Ramos (Downstairs Brooks)

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Hilary Bogert Winkler (hbwchurch@gmail.com) for details.

Diocesan Youth Retreat: Sunday November 15, 11-4pm at St. Mark & St. Paul and the Sewanee area. A day of adventure, learning, eating, celebrating and sharing Eucharist with 6th through 12th graders across the Diocese. The online registration and release form is REQUIRED for EACH youth to participate. Registration deadline is midnight Sunday, November 2nd. Please use this QR code to access the forms.



Sunday Nov. 1 is CAC Pantry Sunday: To continue serving our neighbors, CAC is in need of dry beans, oatmeal (single serve packets), canned corn, canned tuna, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, and dish soap for this month's Pantry Sunday collection. The Community Action Committee is more than a food pantry as it strives to meet the basic human needs of those living in crisis in and around Sewanee. Neighbors can visit Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM to receive weekly groceries and inquire about assistance with utility expenses. To learn more about CAC services, call (931) 598-5927.



Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, November 15, we will gather to elect Vestry members, reflect on the year that has passed, and look forward to the future. Confirmed communicants in good standing age 16 and older qualify as voters. A free breakfast will start to be served at 9:30am, with the meeting gavelled to order at 9:45. It will conclude by 10:45. Please plan to join in this important time of community discernment.

October Book Study: *Frankenstein*

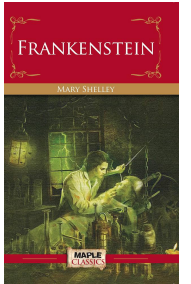
by Mary Shelley

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30

Brooks Hall Oct 13-27

Please bring a drink or snack to share.

November Book Study: TBD. Announcement will be made when plans are settled.



The Children's Choir: will sing on two upcoming Sundays at the 11:00 service. On October 25 "*For the beauty of the earth*" (Conrad Kocher, arranged by Anna Laura Page). On November 15 "*Jubilate*" (Michael Bedford).

Parents of choristers are invited to bring their children to the Hethcock Room at 10:15am. Our choir team will escort the choristers to rehearsal in the church from there. Parents are welcome to remain in the Hethcock room to socialize during rehearsal. We look forward to hearing the Children's Choir.

Parish Work Day: Saturday October 31 9 am-noon. Volunteers will be tackling a wide ranging list of repair and maintenance tasks both indoors and out. There will be tasks for all skill levels. Check out our project wishlist in Kennerly this Sunday. Please come out and join us to spruce and polish our beloved church buildings. Bring work gloves and whatever gardening tools you think might be useful.



Fall Foyer Groups: To best meet the needs of SMSP parishioners, the Evangelism Committee has decided to postpone the Foyer Groups to Winter 2027. Look for specific dates to be shared soon!

Prayer List

Prayer Requests: Camilla, Liz, Edward, Larry, Ann, Brady, Emily, Phebe, Rebecca, Mike, Duane, Denise, Brenda, Mike, Greg, Emmelia, Michelle, Wayne, Susan, Farris, Rick, Doug, Isaiah, Lynda, Lynn, Evelyn, Ken, Freddy, Myron, John, and those who are suffering the effects of war or violence.

Birthdays: Henry Fisher, Kathryn Bruce, Ray Gotko, and Callan Cook.

Departed: Helen Bailey