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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Messiah, Pulaski

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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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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

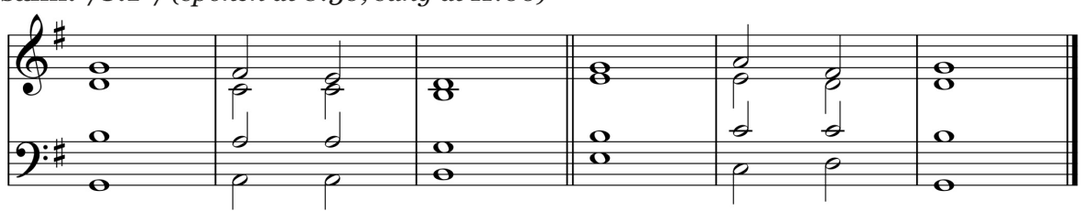
Welcome to this morning's service of worship!

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: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Hymn 436: *(blue book)* "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates" *Truro*
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity Prayer Book (red) page 355
Gloria in excelsis: S278
Collect of the Day *(insert)*
First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 *(insert)*
Psalm: 78:1-7 *(spoken at 8:30, sung at 11:00)*



1 Hear my teaching, | O | my | people; *
incline your ears to the words | of | my | mouth.
2 I will open my mouth | in | a | parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of | an - | cient | times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers | have | told | us, *
we will not hide | from | their | children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power | of | the | Lord, *
and the wonderful works | he | has | done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a | law | for | Israel, *
which he commanded them to | teach | their | children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children | yet | un - | born; *
that they in their turn might tell it | to | their | children;
7 So that they might put their | trust | in | God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep | his | com - | mandments;

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *(insert)*
Sequence Hymn 62: "Sleepers, wake!" *Wachet auf*
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 *(insert)*
Sermon The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn
The Nicene Creed page 358
Prayers of the People Form VI page 392
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory Hymn 596: *(8:30)* "Judge eternal, throned in splendor"
Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens
Offertory Anthem: *(11:00)* "A steady flame to light the dark"
Angela Birkhead-Flight (b. 1964)

In times of darkness formed from sin
we seek your light held deep within.
A spark when fed becomes a flame;
Christ's brilliant light shines bright again.
And even in the darkest night we thank the Lord for hidden light
that will not die, though sometimes dimmed:
it needs just hope to burn again.

We thank you Lord for gifts of love, abundant blessings from above:
The light of Christ placed in our hearts,
a steady flame to light the dark.
And when each feeds their spark divine
the blazing lights as one combine
To chase the darkness from the earth:
In Christ we have a second birth.

We are the hands and feet of Christ, uplifted by his sacrifice.
We'll share the gifts that we've received, and light a fire in the night.
We thank you Lord for gifts of love, abundant blessings from above:
the light of Christ placed in our hearts,
a steady flame to light the dark.

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 68: "Rejoice! Rejoice, believers" *Llangloffan*
Blessing
Dismissal
Postlude *Trumpet Tune in A* Michael McCabe (b. 1941)

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God by Alec and Sue Moseley in honor of all veterans who have served in the past and continue to serve.

Altar Guild — Dorothy Gates, Barbara Prunty
Bread Baker — Diane Jones
Tellers — John Gatta, Susan Holmes
Flowers — Ann Aitken
Coffee Hour — Susan Holmes

8:30 service	***11:00 service***
Vestry — Mary Priestley	John Gatta
Server — Will Mahler	Jaxon Rudder
Chalice Bearer — Paul Richaud	Jeannie Babb
Readers — Rebecca Van de Ven, Doroty Gates	Susan Holmes, Jennifer Michael
Intercessor — Paul Richaud	Beth Wiley
Acolytes —	Luke Winkler
Usher(s) -– Mary Priestley	Susan Holmes, Jay Fisher

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But 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.’ And 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. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 27

Revised Common Lectionary
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Sunday, November 8, 2026

COLLECT

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.**

First Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in

the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lordand serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We 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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For 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. For 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. Then 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

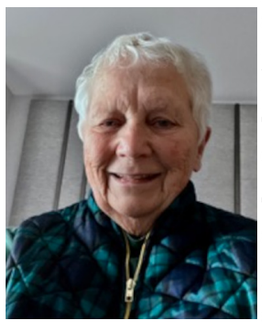
Vestry Candidates for Three Year Terms

Janet Cooper



Janet returned to the Mountain in 2017 after spending 36 years in Fort Worth, Texas. She has deep ties to the Sewanee community, and is a graduate of Sewanee Academy and the University of the South. Janet retired in 2022 after a 42-year career in the nonprofit sector, and now enjoys assisting with St. Mark and St. Paul's children's choir and singing in the church's adult choir. She serves as a board member of Folks at Home, has joined Sewanee Chorale, and sings with a madrigal group consisting of Sewanee friends. Most importantly, Janet cares for her 96-year-old mother, Jane Holmes, a 53-year resident of Sewanee who is able to remain at home. Janet and her husband, Brown, have four daughters who live in Washington state, Dallas, and Fort Worth, with their third daughter recently relocating with her family from California to Nashville, which places a granddaughter within easy driving distance. With another granddaughter on the way via their youngest daughter, things are really looking up. Janet spends a lot of time hiking with her walking partner, a golden retriever, appropriately named Bishop.

Trudy Cunningham



Born in NYC, Trudy Cunningham finished high school on Long Island and college in Chattanooga before teaching junior and senior high school math and freshman calculus in OR, KY, TN, and PA. While in PA, she took a one-year position at Bucknell University and stayed 21 years. Bucknell's engineering students called her their "Dean of Truth and Trouble." In Sewanee she continues to welcome students and alumni to campus and encourage them to participate in our community.

Trudy joined the parish in 2000 and managed the Thurmond Library and book sale for eleven years. She attends the 8:30 service and Rector's Forum before the service at All Saints Chapel. Trudy and Joel were confirmed at St. Peter's in Chattanooga and married the week after graduation. Their 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren are active parishioners in NY and VA.

Andrea Sanders



Andrea Sanders and her husband, Tom, have lived in Sewanee since 2002. She earned her B.A. and M.A. at UT Knoxville and her Ph.D. at The University of Chicago. She taught English for over forty years in the state college system, retiring from Chattanooga State in December of 2024. During her career, she served in both teaching and administrative positions, focusing on effective teaching practices and mentoring programs for teachers and students in both in person and online classes. Her research interests include American literature and general humanities.

At the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, Andrea serves as the clerk of the vestry, as a member of the Altar and Hildegard Guilds, as the coordinator of altar flowers, and as co-librarian of Thurmond Library. She loves to sing with the SMSP choir, play ukulele with Holy Ukuleles, and play bass guitar in celebrations such as Octoberfest and Mardi Gras. In the broader Sewanee community, Andrea is a certified Tennessee Naturalist and serves on the board of the Friends of the South Cumberland State Parks. In addition to being secretary of that organization, she helps coordinate the elementary school hiking program and the Trails and Trilliums naturalist weekend. She also volunteers in programs sponsored by the South Cumberland Community Fund and the Rotary Club. Other interests include hiking and camping, nature journaling, playing music with family and friends, singing Evensong with the School of Theology's Schola Cantorum, rehearsing with the Sewanee Community Chorale, and traveling nationally and internationally as often as possible.

Candidate to complete the balance of a term through 2027

Steve Bount



Steve arrived in Sewanee in 1977 as a freshmen student at the University of the South. After graduating in 1981, he attended Florida State University College of Law. His graduation from law school in December 1983 brought him back to Sewanee, where he married Mary Warner and where he and Mary started their life together. Steve maintained a private law practice for nearly a decade and spent the last 30+ years of his professional career as an Assistant District Attorney in the 12th Judicial Dist. of the State of TN.

During his career, he was honored to be selected as a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, a distinction given to less than 4% of lawyers in Tennessee. Steve is a former member of the Board of Legal Services of South-Central Tennessee and was a founding Board member of the 12th Judicial District Drug Court/Recovery Court Foundation. He served as the Chairperson of the 12th Judicial District Drug Court Team for approximately 15 years. Steve is a former member of the Cowan Lions Club, and the Winchester

Steve is a former member of the Cowan Lions Club, and the Winchester Rotary Club. He volunteered as a coach for Sewanee Little League teams, Youth Soccer teams, and was an active Board member of the Sewanee Tigersharks Summer Swim program. Steve and Mary have lived in the Sewanee community for 40 plus years and have called St. Mark & St. Paul's, their home parish for over 30 years. Their son, Zachary, and daughter, Emily, participated in Sunday School Classes, Christmas Pageants, Lenten Pancake Supper Talent Shows. Steve previously spent several years as a member of the Church's Finance Committee and as the Church Treasurer. He is currently enjoying participation in SMSP's Centering Prayer sessions on Mondays & Tuesdays, Lectionary Class, and Book Club. After retiring, Steve became an active member of the Board of Directors of Folks @ Home, serving two years as Secretary of the organization, and is now completing his second year as President. Steve says he feels blessed to live on the Mountain and is honored to be considered for Vestry membership.

Announcements for November 8, 2026 the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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 the Rev. Dr. Reed Carlson will lead a theological look at the creation accounts in Genesis chapters 1–3 entitled "God Created the World Good, Not Perfect."

Carlson is Assistant Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at the School of Theology. Previously, he was Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of Anglican Studies at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. Dr. Carlson completed the Th.D. in Hebrew Bible/ Old Testament at Harvard University, and has been awarded fellowships from the Fulbright program, the Episcopal Church Foundation, and the Louisville Institute.

Next Sunday: Annual Parish Meeting. Breakfast served at 9:30, meeting gaveled to order at 9:45, meeting adjourned at 10:45.

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

Godly Play 1: *The Story of Job*, Storyteller — Wendy Prothro Howard, Doorperson — Mary Ming Lynch

Godly Play 2: *God from God…*, Storyteller — Barbara Prunty, Doorperson — Cara Kitzrow

4th/5th & Youth Sunday School: *For our sake…buried*, Jeannie Babb (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.

Celebrating long service: Please join in coffee hour after the 11am service today for a celebration of 10 years' service in their current positions for Christian Formation Director Jeannie Babb and Deacon Betty Carpenter!

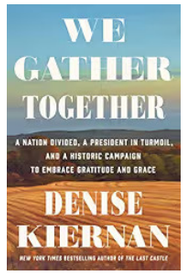




Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, November 15, we will gather to elect Vestry members, reflect on the year that has passed, and look forward to the future. Confirmed communicants in good standing age 16 and older qualify as voters. A free breakfast will start to be served at 9:30am, with the meeting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

CAC Thanksgiving: The holiday season is right around the corner, and CAC is preparing to support our neighbors with Thanksgiving food boxes filled with a turkey and all the fixings. Thanks to community generosity, we're partnering with Piggly Wiggly in Monteagle for the second year to collect donations. Stop by the store to purchase a bag for CAC or use our shopping list to build one yourself (available in Kennerly Hall). We need over 100 food boxes to help our neighbors enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal!





November Book Study: *We Gather Together: The True Story of Thanksgiving and the Woman Who Fought to Make It an American Holiday*, by Denise Kiernan.

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30
Brooks Hall Oct 13-27
Please bring a drink or snack to share.

From Ancient Rome through 21st-century America, this book is a biography of an idea: gratitude, as a compelling human instinct and a global concept, more than just a mere holiday. Spanning centuries, We Gather Together is anchored amid the strife of the Civil War, and driven by the fascinating story of Sarah Josepha Hale, a widowed mother with no formal schooling who became one of the 19th century's most influential tastemakers and who campaigned for decades to make real an annual day of thanks. It will be a three week study due to holiday travel in the fourth week of November.

An Afternoon with Teddy Roosevelt to support MLK Day of Service!

When: Sunday, November 8th at 3 p.m.
Where: Naylor Auditorium in Gailor Hall

Join Teddy Roosevelt (performed by Sewanee alumnus Joe Wiegand) for this fun and engaging talk, and learn more about his life and legacy! This event is free and open to everyone (children of ALL ages!), and we hope to see you there! All proceeds collected from donations at the event will go to support our upcoming MLK Day of Service, where in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, we build beds and make blankets for children in our local community.



Workday Thank you: Thank you to the 11 volunteers who came out on Saturday Oct 30 to weed, landscape, pressure wash, clean ceiling fans, paint the parking lot and clean windows. Your work has our buildings looking much better.

Winter Foyer Gathering: Looking for an opportunity to connect more deeply with other members of St. Mark and St. Paul? Consider joining a Foyer Gathering! The groups meet weekly for three weeks in January. Signup via the online form on the church website, follow this QR code, or use the paper sign up form!

Prayer List

Prayer Requests: Camilla, Debbie Blender, Liz Camp, Edward Curry, Larry Filachek, Ann Gildemeister, Brady Hall, Emily Shrader Hauze, Phebe Hethcock, Rebecca Gayle Howell, Mike Jones, Duane, Denis Lewis, Brenda Matthews, Mike Mattei, Greg McNair, Emmelia Leffler-Mitchell, Michelle Nelson, Wayne Pack, Susan Pontak, Farris Ralston, Rick Reuhling, Doug Seiters, Isaiah Shelby, Lynda Stephenson, Lynn Stubblefield, Evelyn Taylor, Ken Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, Aaron Welch, John Wellborn, those suffering the effects of flooding along the Ocoee River and in the Diocese of Navajoland, and those who are suffering the effects of war or violence.

Birthdays: Jake Wiley, Robert Pearigen, Isabel Patterson, Meg Beasley, Nora Jane Elrod, and Mary Finn.

Departed: Marlin Jones Sanders