

Altar Guild — Arielle Latiolais, Barbara Prunty
Bread Baker — Julie Elrod
Tellers — John Gatta, Susan Holmes
Flowers — Virginia Curry
Coffee Hour — Stewardship Committee Thank You Lunch

8:30 service

Vestry — Neil Patterson
Server — Seanna Mainord
Chalice Bearer — Arielle Latiolais
Readers — Mary Priestley, Amy Patterson
Intercessor — Neil Patterson
Acolytes — Cayleigh Mainord
Usher(s) -- Neil Patterson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin

11:00 service

John Gatta
Jaxon Rudder
Susan Holmes
Julian Price, Lane Price
John Gatta

Betty Barton &
Jimmy Blythe.



The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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: *Song 13 (Tune of Hymn 670)* Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Hymn 423: *(blue book)* "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" *St. Denio*

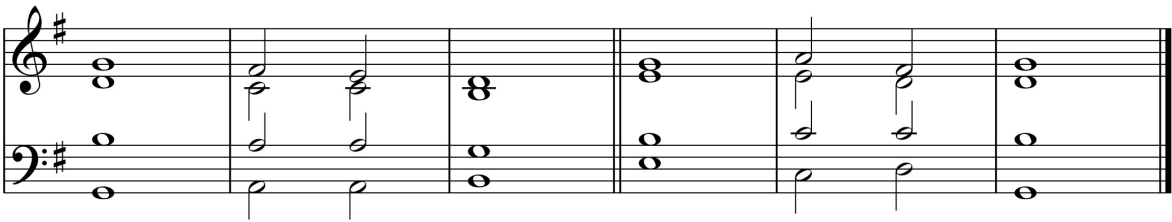
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Gloria in excelsis: S278

Collect of the Day *(insert)*

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23 *(insert)*

Psalm: 99 *(spoken at 8:30, sung at 11:00)*



1 The Lord is King;
let the | peo - | ple | tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let | the | earth | shake.
2 The Lord is | great | in | Zion; *
he is high a - | bove | all | peoples.
3 Let them confess his Name, which is | great | and | awesome; *
he is the | Ho - | ly | One.
4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established | e - | qui - | ty; *
you have executed justice and righteous - | ness | in | Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down be - | fore | his | footstool; *
he is the | Ho - | ly | One.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call up - | on | his | Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he | ans - | wered | them.
7 He spoke to them out of the pil - | lar | of | cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree | that | he | gave them.
8 O Lord our God, you answered | them | in - | deed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their | e - | vil | deeds.
9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his | ho - | ly | hill; *
for the Lord our God is the | Ho - | ly | One.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *(insert)*

Sequence Hymn WLP 819: "Guide my feet Lord"

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 *(insert)*

Sermon The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 706: (8:30) "In your mercy, Lord, you called me" *Halton Holgate*

Offertory Anthem: (11:00) “Take my life, and let it be consecrated”
Edvard Grieg (1843-1907), arr. Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and keep them true;
Lord, may they always speak of you.
Take my thoughts, my very will, your true purpose to fulfill.
Take me, Lord, and yours I’ll be, yours for all eternity.
Lord, in mercy, hear my plea, may I now your loved one be,
Loving for your love to see; Oh, hear me, hear me, Lord. Amen.
Frances R. Havergal, alt.*

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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.
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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.

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Hymn 665: “All my hope on God is founded" *Michael*

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God by Dorothy Gates in loving memory of The Rev. Craig R.H. Gates

The Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24



Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK ONE

COLLECT

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Psalm 99

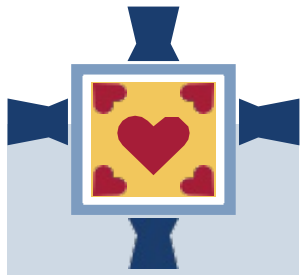
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he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
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3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
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4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

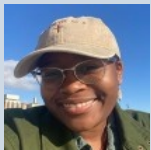
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.



Questions for Reflection:

What might God be inviting you to release or clear away in your life so that something new can grow?



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Making Room for Plenty Good Harvest

The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37 (NLT)

When I was a teenager, my grandmother loved her garden. She still does. Her garden required the kind of care that kept her hands in the soil and her attention fixed on the rhythms of the season. On warm afternoons she would call me outside to help her prepare the dirt, loosening the earth, pulling weeds, and clearing space for new seeds. I remember standing there sometimes, puzzled and very impatient. To me, the garden already looked fine. After the winter season, I had grown accustomed to what it always looked like. To me, it was good enough. Why disturb what was already there? Why dig up soil that seemed just fine? The work felt slow and unnecessary, but my grandmother understood something I was still learning.

A healthy garden needs tending. She moved through those rows and buckets with patience, gently removing what did not belong, the stubborn weeds, the tangled stems, the crowded patches of soil that had no room left to breathe. She knew that if new life was going to grow, something first had to be cleared away. The garden would overflow with life, all because we made room.

Season after season, I was, and still am, amazed. Looking back now, I realize something I did not understand then: if the garden had stayed the way I wanted it, untouched, crowded, unpruned, we would never have seen that abundance at all. The garden required room, and a willingness to yield.

Sometimes that work feels uncomfortable. Sometimes it feels unnecessary. Sometimes we cannot yet see what God is preparing to grow. But the invitation remains the same: make room for new life, make room for deeper faith, make room for the Spirit to move in ways we may not yet understand. And when the seasons of harvest come, we may discover what my grandmother knew all along: when space is made in the garden, there is always plenty good room for the harvest.

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: The Rev. Rob Lamborn will talk about “St. Paul in Greece.” Significant parts of the New Testament originate from there, and many important events in early church history took place there. We will explore this often-overlooked history.

The Rev. Rob Lamborn made a pilgrimage to Biblical sites in Türkiye and Greece earlier this year. He is a 1994 graduate of the School of Theology, and holds the Doctor of Ministry from Virginia Theological Seminary. He has been rector of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul since 2015.

Sunday Forum (including the Rector's Forum) meets 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Kennerly Hall at the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Next week: The Rev. Chris Epperson, Dean of All Saints' Chapel

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

Godly Play 1: *Exile & Return*, Storyteller — Chas Womelsdorf, Doorperson — Cara Kitzrow

Godly Play 2: *The Story of Joseph*, Storyteller — Jeannie Babb, Doorperson — Mary Ming

4th/5th & Youth Sunday School: *One Lord, Jesus Christ*, Shane Emory, Dottie Mainord (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.

The Memorial Spike Ceremony (titled *The Rememberings*): will take place on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at the University Cemetery

This ceremony will recall and commemorate the lives of the people of Sewanee's St. Mark's community whose graves in the historic cemetery have vanished over the many generations.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the placing of hand-forged bronze grave markers at the 148 lost graves in the historic Black graveyard in Sewanee's University Cemetery.



Vestry Nominations: As is customary, the **Nominating Committee** consists of the Vestry members completing their terms and not eligible to run in 2027: John Gatta, Neil Patterson, and Mary Priestley. You are invited to contact any member of the Nominating Committee to recommend yourself or someone else (with that person's permission) to be a candidate for Vestry by October 15. Qualifications will be listed in the October newsletter.

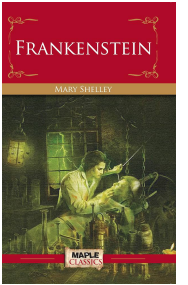
October Book Study: *Frankenstein*

by Mary Shelley

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30

Brooks Hall Oct 13-27

Please bring a drink or snack to share.



Frankenstein; or, *The Modern Prometheus* is an 1818 Gothic novel written by English author Mary Shelley. *Frankenstein* is one of the best-known works of English literature. Infused with elements of the Gothic novel and the Romantic movement, it has had a considerable influence on literature and on popular culture, spawning a complete genre of horror stories, films, and plays.

All-Parish Thank You Luncheon—Come enjoy a free catered luncheon in Kennerly Hall hosted by the Stewardship Committee on Sunday, October 18, at noon. This is a celebration of gratitude; pledges will not be sought at the luncheon. Please look for an evite this week to respond so we'll know how many meals to have ready.



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 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 Seiders, Isaiah Shelby, Lynda Stephenson, Lynn Stubblefield, Evelyn Taylor, Ken Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, John Wellborn, and those who are suffering the effects of war or violence.

Birthdays: Ross Sowell, Elizabeth Sowell, Suzanne Cahoon, and Beth Pride Ford.