

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.

Postcommunion Prayer page 365

Hymn 518: “Christ is made the sure foundation” *Westminster Abbey*

Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude *Abbot's Leigh* Alan Bullard (b.1947)

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God by by Lucy and Ned Murray in loving memory of Catherine Case Murray, born October 8, 1923.

Altar Guild — Robin Bates, Julia Bates
Bread Baker — Julie Elrod
Tellers — Chris Asmuissen, Beth Wiley
Flowers — Wendy Howard
Coffee Hour — Tom & Marilyn Phelps

8:30 service	11:00 service
Vestry — Mary Priestley	Chris Asmussen
Server — Robin Bates	Jaxon Rudder
Chalice Bearer — Arielle Latiolais	Julia Bates
Readers — Mary Priestley, Robin Bates	Jennifer Michael, Chris Asmussen
Intercessor — John Solomon	Beth Wiley
Usher(s) -- John Solomon	Betty Barton & Jimmy Blythe

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Michael's Church, Cookeville



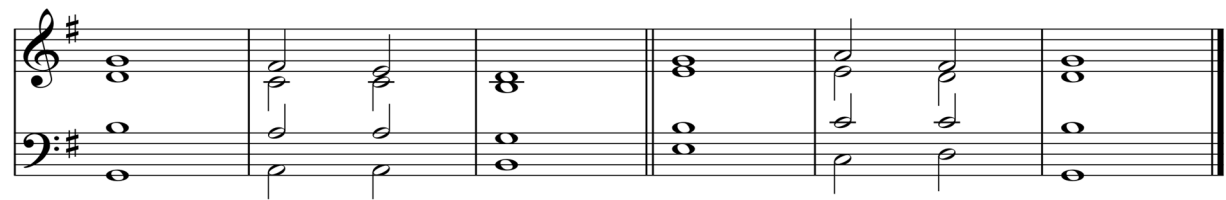
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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: *Anima Christi* (Soul of Christ) Robert Cockcroft (b. 1951)
Hymn 400: (*blue book*): “All creatures of our God and King” Vss. 1, 4, 5, 7 *Lasst uns erfreuen*
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity Prayer Book (*red*) page 355
Gloria in excelsis: S278
Collect of the Day (*insert*)
First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (*insert*)
Psalm: 19 (*spoken at 8:30, sung at 11:00*)



1 The heavens declare the glo - | ry of | God, *
and the firmament | shows | his | handiwork.
2 One day tells its tale | to an - | other, *
and one night imparts knowledge | to | an - | other.
3 Although they have no | words | or | language, *
and their voices | are | not | heard,
4 Their sound has gone out in - | to | all | lands, *
and their message to the ends | of | the | world.
5 In the deep has he set a pavilion | for | the | sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run | its | course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it a - gain; * nothing is hidden from its burn - ing heat.	
7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re - vives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.	
8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re - joice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.	
9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en - dures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous al - to - gether.	
10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.	
11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great re - ward.	
12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my se - cret faults.	
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get do - min - ion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of - fense.	
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O LORD, my strength and my re - deemer.	
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 <i>(insert)</i>	
Sequence Hymn 449: “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”	<i>Deo gracias</i>
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 <i>(insert)</i>	
Sermon	Arielle Latiolais
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Offertory Hymn 318: <i>(8:30)</i> “Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”	<i>Nyack</i>

Offertory Anthem: *(11:00)* “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”
Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of man’s mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.*

*There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room
for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our lives
would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.*
Frederick William Faber

Presentation of Food for the Community Action Committee

V. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord;

R. And you give them their food in due season.

Let us pray (in unison): Almighty God, we offer this food in obedience to your command that we love our neighbors as ourselves, and that together we may know the fruits of faith, hope, and charity. Grant that as bodies are fed, so might spiritual hunger be satisfied as well through your Son Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)
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

Prayers of the People for October 4, 2026

(from Liturgies Honoring God in Creation)

Intercessor

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For governmental leaders and all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially Camilla, Liz Camp, Edward, Ann, Brady, Emily, Frieda, 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 others we name, [pause 10 seconds] and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth’s resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

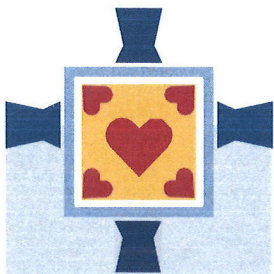
For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, giving thanks for those celebrating birthdays Laurence Alvarez, Kate Wiley, Lynn Stubblefield, Neil Patterson, Jori Smith, Blais Womelsdorf, and Ruth Cook, for our other thanksgivings [pause 10 seconds], and for those who have died [pause 10 seconds] we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

The Presider concludes the Prayers with a suitable collect.



Questions for Reflection:

What is something risky that you have undertaken that has paid off in the long run?



The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons is rector of Trinity Church, Seattle and serves as Treasurer on the board of TENS.

Invitation to Thrive

It's 7:45AM on a Saturday morning in May. I join 45 people gathered on a dirt lot around a table made of plywood laid over sawhorses. We sip from cups of hot coffee and someone offers a prayer. I grab work gloves from a bin and follow the sheetrock team.

The sheetrock team includes: Amelia, the future homeowner who will live here with her three children; Charlie, a retired history professor; Cameron, a pastor from another denomination. Together, we learned a new skill that day - to hang and mud sheetrock.

I kept going back to that worksite one Saturday a month until the house was built. It was a testament to community, overlapping human stories, joy, generosity, building God's kingdom on South Holly St.

Our congregations thrive because the people who sit in the pews volunteer to learn new skills and share experiences of creating a vibrant community. We know the power of having a common purpose to deepen our faith. When we open ourselves to volunteering, sharing our stories and skills, our ministry reaches far beyond what we can imagine or accomplish alone.

Will you join me in the adventure of trying something new? Meeting new people who share our core values, seeing our work build on itself and God's kingdom flourish? Would you commit to volunteer one hour a week (beyond worship time) for your church?

Yes, it's risky. It might require us to share our stories and find connections. The work we do might not be perfect by the world's standards (have you ever seen how many crooked nails are in a Habitat for Humanity house?). If we work together to create justice, make peace, spread joy to our neighbors, stand with the outcasts, the kingdom of God - where there is plenty good room for all people - will thrive.

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 the next 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 8:30 and 4:45pm, Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.

Sunday Forum: *Jennifer Michael of Sewanee's English Department will lecture on "Blake's Bible of Hell."*

William Blake, poet and painter, saw religion as central to human life (social, political, psychological), and also that theological errors were responsible for most social problems of his time. His provocatively titled "Bible of Hell" is a series of narrative poems, illustrated by Blake himself, that challenge the state-sponsored religion of his time.

Jennifer Michael is Professor of English at the University of the South, and is also a graduate of the college. She continued her studies at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, then completed her doctorate at Northwestern University. Her first book *Blake and the City* was based on her dissertation. She has authored two poetry chapbooks, *Let Me Let Go* and *Dubious Breath*, both from Finishing Line Press.

Next week: Robin Collins, "The Greatest Story Ever Told: How Theism Predicts Christianity"

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

- Godly Play 1: *The Ark & the Tent*, Storyteller — Wendy Howard, Doorperson — Rebecca Gordon
- Godly Play 2: *The Story of Isaac*, Storyteller — Cara Kitzrow, Doorperson — Reed Carlson
- 4th/5th: (Meets in 1st floor Brooks Hall)
- Youth Sunday School: (Meets upstairs in Brooks Hall).

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.

Sunday October 4 is CAC Pantry Sunday. To continue serving our neighbors, CAC is in need of canned tuna, macaroni & cheese, cereal, canned beans, laundry detergent, body soap, and deodorant 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.



October Book Study – Oct 6 only – The Greatest Story Ever Told

Robin Bates will facilitate this discussion on Robin Collins' article, which addresses the impact of the Jesus story. Attending on Tuesday will give participants a richer understanding of the material to be covered in Sunday Forum Oct 11, when Collins will join us through Zoom.



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.

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 e-vite this week to respond so we'll know how many meals to have ready.

October Book Study: Frankenstein

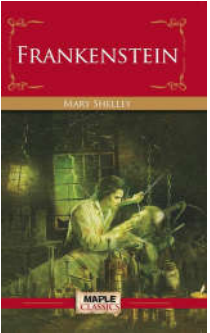
by Mary Shelley

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.



ColumbusDay/Indigenous People's Day: Is Monday October 12 and church offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.



Daughters of the King: Please join us for a refreshing afternoon of tea, fellowship and conversation as we share the mission and heart of The Daughters of the King. The tea will be Sunday, October 11, 2026 from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. at St. James Episcopal Church, 898 Midway Rd. Sewanee. Please RSVP by Oct 7, to Pixie Dozier at 931-636-5164 or pixie.d@live.com. Centered around Prayer and Service, our order is a community of women dedicated to deepening their spiritual lives, supporting one another, and serving Christ in our daily lives. Whether you are curious about our rule of life or simply looking for deeper connection with other women of faith, we would love to welcome you.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests: Camilla, Liz Camp, Edward Curry, Larry Filachek, Ann Gildemeister, Brady Hall, Emily Shrader Hauze, Frieda Hawkins, 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: Laurence Alvarez, Kate Wiley, Lynn Stubblefield, Neil Patterson, Jori Smith, Blais Womelsdorf, and Ruth Cook.



Episcopal Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul on the mountain

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