



St. Francis

ANGLICAN PARISH

St. Francis Anglican Parish is a community of reverence and relationships that reflects the timeless truths of Jesus Christ's love and teaching to Central North Carolina.

The 19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CONFIRMATION

*Items in **bold type** are **spoken** or **sung** in unison. (†) indicates you may make the sign of the cross.*

Processional Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, p. 15*

Acclamation

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**
Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,
People **And your young men shall see visions.**
Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,
People **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**
Bishop And it shall come to pass
People **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'" And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him." Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape." The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and

everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

**I will lift up my eyes unto the hills;
from whence comes my help?
My help comes from the LORD,
who has made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who keeps you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD himself is your keeper;
the LORD is your defense upon your right hand,
So that the sun shall not burn you by day,
neither the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
indeed, it is he who shall keep your soul.
The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

Second ReadingII Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the

man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

Refrain ***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!***
Leader The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is
living? It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.
Refrain ***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!***

Gospel..... *Luke 18:1-8*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Down to the River to Praytraditional/Medema/McDonald
St. Francis Singers

Homily

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Quigg Lawrence

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION

**Kay Gladden
Bruce Lax
Joyce Lloyd**

**Shelley Nichols
Brent Turpin
Jessie Turpin**

**Harley Wicker
Portia Young
Steve Young**

Presenters

Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop
Presenters

Have they been adequately prepared?
They have.

The Bishop then says

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates

I do.

Bishop

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates

I renounce them.

Bishop

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates

I renounce them.

Bishop

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates

I renounce them.

Bishop

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates

I do.

Bishop

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates

I do.

Bishop

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and forever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION

Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays

Defend, O Lord, this your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until *he/she* comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People Amen.

Or this

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *N.*; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life.

People Amen.

The Bishop may make the sign of the Cross with the Oil of Chrism on the forehead of any receiving the laying on of hands, and may say

N., I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUDING PRAYER AFTER THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop then says

Almighty and ever living God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And with your spirit.

Announcements Andrew Bass

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Offertory

<i>Celebrant</i>	. . . all things come from you, O Lord,
<i>People</i>	And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving (The Sursum Corda)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with your spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (†) Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer Of Consecration *(The People stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us (†) also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Fraction

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Holy Communion *Sweet Hour of Prayer/I Lift My Eyes, p. 16*

The Post Communion Prayer *(The People may kneel as they are able.)*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn..... *How Firm a Foundation, p. 17*

Dismissal

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia!</i>

Please join us outside following the service for the consecration of our columbarium.

CONSECRATION OF A COLUMBARIUM

At the entrance to the ground or churchyard that is to be consecrated, a petition for its consecration shall be presented to the Bishop.

To the Right Reverend Quigg Lawrence, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Christ Our Hope, in the Province of the Anglican Church in North America:
We, the members of St. Francis Anglican Parish, having acquired the land described in the attached deed—land which we affirm to be free from any legal claim—humbly ask you to set it apart from all ordinary and common use, and to consecrate it as a sacred place, dedicated as the final resting place for the mortal bodies of our people.

The Bishop, receiving the petition, shall say:

I will do this with reverence, in the name of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life.

The Bishop shall then pray:

Guide us, O Lord, in all that we do with Your gracious favor, and strengthen us with Your constant help, so that in all our works—begun, continued, and completed in You—we may glorify Your holy Name, and by Your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, if circumstances allow, the Bishop, together with the clergy and people, shall gather around the columbarium that is to be consecrated. As the Bishop sprinkles the niches with water, all shall read responsively:

Psalm 39

I said, "I will take heed to my ways, * **that I may not offend with my tongue.**
I will keep my mouth as with a bridle * **while the ungodly are in my sight.**"
I held my tongue and spoke nothing; * **I kept silence, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.**
My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus pondering the fire kindled, * **and at the last I spoke with my tongue:**
"Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, * **that I may learn how short my life is.**
Behold, you have made my days as a span in length, * **and my age is even as nothing before you; and truly, everyone living is but a breath.**

For everyone walks about as a shadow, and disquiets himself in vain; * **he heaps up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.**

And now, Lord, what is my hope? * **Truly, my hope is in you.**

Deliver me from all my offenses, * and **make me not a taunt of the foolish.**

I became mute and opened not my mouth, * for **it was you that brought it to pass.**

Take your affliction from me; * **I am consumed by the blows of your heavy hand.**

When you, with rebukes, chasten someone for sin, you consume what is dear to him,
like a moth eating a garment; * **everyone therefore is but vanity.**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with your ears consider my cry; * **hold not your peace at my tears.**

For I am a stranger with you, * **and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.**

O turn your gaze from me, that I may again be glad, * **before I go away to be seen no more."**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. * **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be * world without end. Amen.**

Returning to a convenient place, the Bishop shall say,

THE glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper the work of our hands upon us, O prosper, Lord, our handiwork

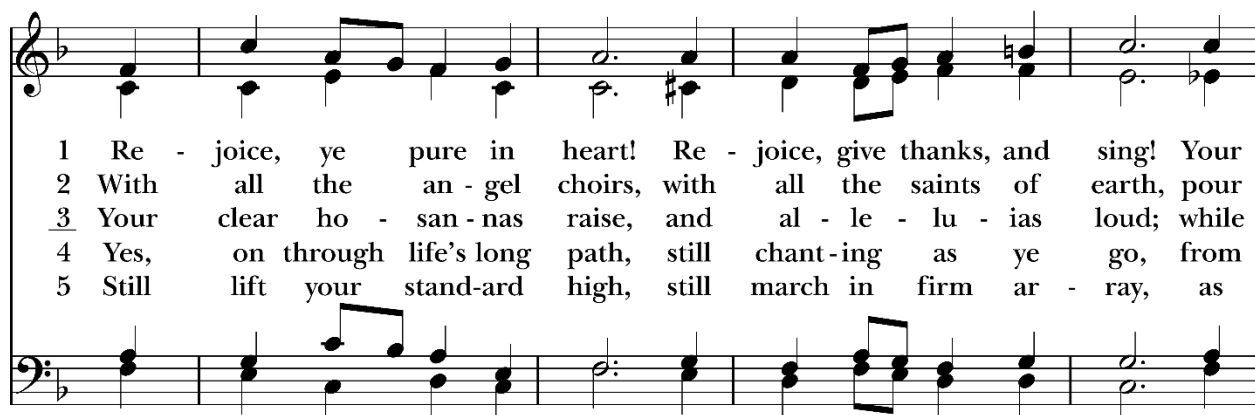
Then shall the Bishop, or some Clergyman appointed by him, read I Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the 4th chapter of Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians

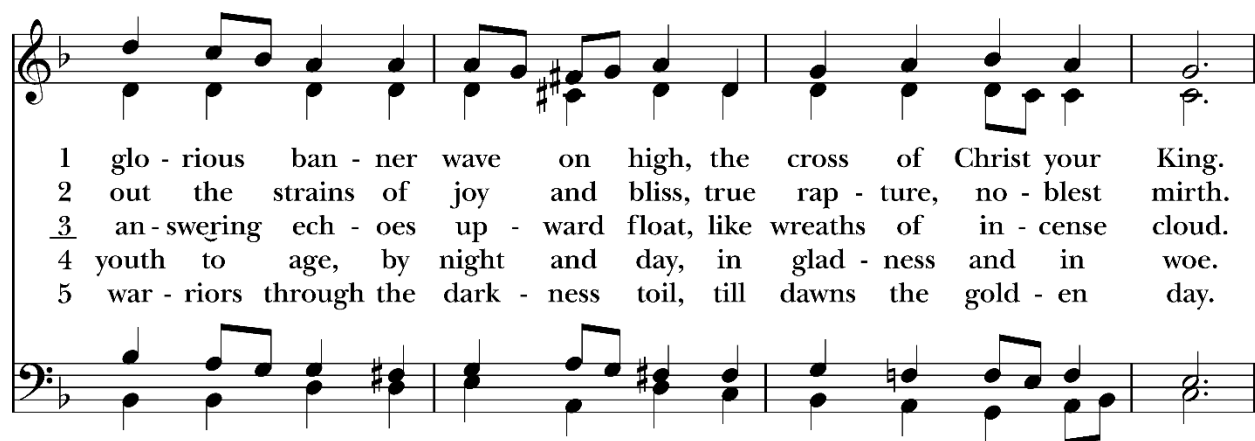
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 re - joice, re - joice,

*6 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,
 Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
 Your glorious banner wave on high
 the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891). Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916).

Sweet Hour Of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer
sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer
sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless

And since He bids me seek His face
Believe His Word and trust His grace
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer
sweet hour of prayer
May I thy consolation share
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise
To seize the everlasting prize
And shout while passing through the air
Farewell farewell sweet hour of prayer

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Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes)

I lift my eyes up to the hills
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Maker of
The heavens and the earth
He will not let my foot be moved
He keeps my journey safe

**O my soul praise the Lord Most High
Strong to save He upholds my life
Forevermore He will be my light
I lift my eyes up to the Lord Most High**

He is the shade at my right hand

My shelter in the storm
No sun by day nor moon by night
Shall ever bring me harm
He will not slumber will not sleep
He watches all my ways **chorus**

I lift my eyes up to the hills
From where does my help come
My help comes from the Maker of
The heavens and the earth
The God of Israel is my guide
Wherever I may go
And in His strength I will abide
Until He leads me home **chorus**

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How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

Those Serving Today

Intercessory Prayer Mari Hann
Greeter..... The Kolodziejs
Ushers..... Donnie Collins & Larry Wicker
Crucifer Emily Hanna
Gospel Book Bearer..... John Bonner
Lectors..... Trina Garrison & Leslie Hanna
Chalice Bearers Dana Garrett & Mark Mahaffey
Nursery (8:45)..... Staffed as needed
Nursery (9:45)..... Sarah Horner & Linda Pate
Godly Play Storyteller..... Linda Pate
Godly Play Doorkeeper..... Pam Kerley
Fellowship Hour..... The Reeses & The Womacks
Organist Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild..... Susan Lewis, Team Coordinator
Kathy Blackwelder, Vicki Brueck, Lisa Meadows, Judy Tulloch

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Through 2026: Roger Buswell; Jimmy Washburn, *Jr. Warden*; Larry Wicker, *Sr. Warden*

Through 2027: Dana Garrett, Pam Kerley, Rhonda Lloyd

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Announcements

ST. FRANCIS SINGERS COULD USE YOUR VOICE! We have just begun working on Advent and Christmas music, so it is the perfect time to join. Ladies, we especially need a few more sopranos and altos, and you will love our choir community. We rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 4:15, and a link for vocal part recordings is provided. Come lift your voices to Lord with us!

CUOC: If you would like to support CUOC, please bring canned vegetables next week. Thanks!

HELPING WITH OUR YOUTH: We are blessed with wonderful young people at St. Francis. If you would like to get to know them better, please consider signing up to provide a meal (or money for one) and/or to assist Andrew some Sunday nights. Email Andrew at andrewbass98@gmail.com or sign up in the hall.

DO YOU WANT PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR OTHERS? Please see a prayer team member (standing at the back of the church wearing a red badge) during communion or fill out a beige pew PRAYER card and drop it in a red prayer box by the back or side door of the sanctuary after church.

Mark Your Calendar

CHOIR PRACTICE today at 4:15 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP today at 6:00 p.m. at the Hannas (498 Bridges Road)

LADIES' DINNER & A MOVIE: "Nonnas," tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Room. Come enjoy this delightful movie and a delicious Italian dinner that would make the nonnas proud!

WHIMSICAL WOMEN WALKING WEEKLY meet at the Kiwanis Park splash pad at 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

Fall Sunday School Offerings

GODLY PLAY: Grades K-2 (Ages 5-9) Godly Play Room, upstairs over the Emmanuel Room

UPPER ELEMENTARY: Grades 3-5 (Ages 9-12) last room on right upstairs over the office wing

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Grades 6-8 (Ages 12-15) beside Godly Play over the Emmanuel Room

HIGH SCHOOL: Grades 9-12 (Ages 15+) last room on left over the office wing

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS (All current classes meet upstairs over the Emmanuel Room.)

- **Acts Study** meets in the large room upstairs. Bruce Ledford and Jimmy Washburn lead the class.
- **"The Chosen, Season 5"** meets in the downstairs classroom just past the nursery starting next Sunday. Scott Bruce will lead the discussion.

Adult Bible Studies

- **TUESDAY NIGHT STUDY OF JOHN:** Meets October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Room.
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmanuel Room. Can't make all the classes? Come to all you can!

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:

Alex Allen
Bob Alwine
June & Larry Bale
*Colleen Bass
Eric Baumgartner
Kase Bradford
Beckisue Brown
Birdie Bueno
*Hattie Calhoun
Hailley Chapman
Jeff Cummings
*Paul Dempster
Dr. Barry Drum
* Roland Frechette
Ed Garrison
Karen Griffin
Jerry Hamm
Jimmy Haire
Kevin Haney
Alex Haynes
*Brian Haynes
*Kurt Heinz

Mike Hendley
Jay Honeycutt
*Jessie Honeycutt
*Arlene Jackson
Judy Jackson
Sam Jackson
Joey Jervis
Angel Johnson
Scott Keller
*Charline Kugler
Kelly Kuklis
Michelle Leonhardt
*Elliot Mann
*Karen Mahaffey
Aileen Mashburn
Steve Mulder
Nancy Neal
Carlie Anne Nicholson
Jennifer Nicholson
Mike Odom
Edwin Patterson
Barbara Perry

Greg Poe
Bill Ray
*Tom Reese
Mark Rice
Susan Rush
Jewel Hoyle Sauls
Stephanie Sellars
Hannah Shutt
*Amanda Stephens
Cathy Stinson
Mackenzie Stinson
The Sullivan Family
Charley Swing
Brenda Taylor
*Jayne Taylor
Sue Thompson
Prince Jubilee Timba
Kristin Vernon
CH Michael Voudouris
Christy Welch
*Charles Wick

**Member of St. Francis*

We remove names after one month if we have no updates to guide our prayers, but if someone you added still needs prayers, please contact Peggy Nelson or Gordy Reese to extend the time. To add, update information on, or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact Peggy (phnelson149@gmail.com) or Gordy (greese.sfap@gmail.com).

For missionaries: Michelle Crowson (Malavau, Kenya), Michelle Hicks (Eswatini), the McLaughlin family (Cambodia) and the Smith family (Kosovo).

Pray for those serving in our military all over the world: Corbin Andrews, Alex Bogaski, Roger Buswell, Josh Carpenter, Christian, Fortune Egbulefu, Eliza, Ellis, Evan, Katherine Gladd, Noah Gibson, Garrett Hill, Shane Lawrence, Jim Makepeace, Isaac Owensby, Matt Pate, William Puckett, Fr. Lucas Rees, Devan Siler, Fr. Nick Stavlund, Fr. Dan Steiner, Mac Swingle, Trevor, Brent Turpin, Jason Williams

Pray for the Departed: Harvey Arnold, Benjamin Davies, Howard Hoaglund, Jack Hurst, Wilma Jones, Clara Smith, Stanley Ward

The altar flowers are given by Chuck and Susan Lewis to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our confirmands and bishop.