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Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: *My faith looks up to thee*

Words and music on page 7

Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord (+) who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, have mercy

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Genesis 12: 1-4a

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *And now, O Father, mindful of the love*

See page 8 for words

Special Music *O church arise*

St. Francis’ Singers

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Celebrant: (+) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” ⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

Fr. Craig J. Lister

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.*

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Foley, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, Steven and Quigg, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese, Christ Our Hope, and for our parish family at St. Francis.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially_____].

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution of Sin *(the people may kneel)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, (+) have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Announcements

Offertory

Celebrant and People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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 may 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 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, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness 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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Prayer of Humble Access *(Celebrant and People together)*

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(the people may kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 into the world 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.*

Blessing (+)

Closing Hymn *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

See page 9 words and music

Dismissal

From the Prayer Team

- This year will be momentous for our church family as we follow God's leading through our change in leadership. For that reason, we encourage everyone to pray with one accord through the coming season. Please keep your new, yellow prayer bookmark somewhere where you will be reminded to pray each day's intention along with the rest of the body of Christ at St. Francis--perhaps at the breakfast table or with your devotional materials.
- We welcome anyone who feels called to join this ministry. If you are interested, speak to anyone who has on a red badge at church or simply "come and see" what the meetings are like.
- We are now meeting once a month, on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- Please remember, if you would like face-to-face prayers for anything--big or small, for yourself or others--ask any of us with the red badges and we will gladly get "two or three gathered together" for confidential prayer following the service.

My faith looks up to thee

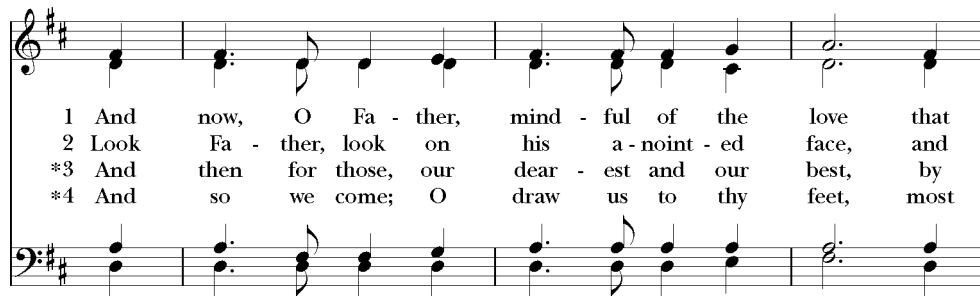
1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

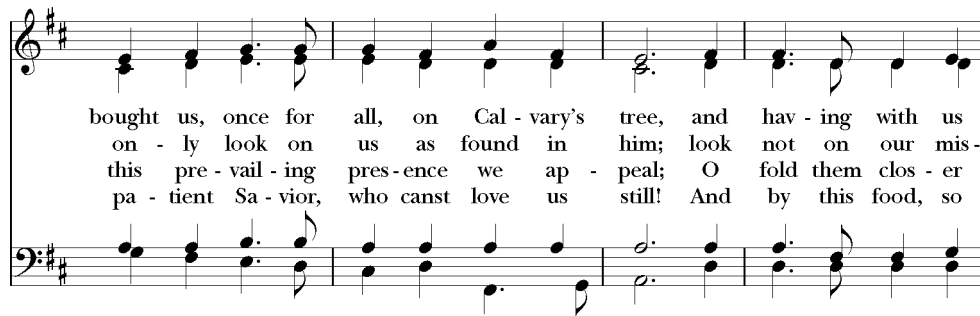
guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

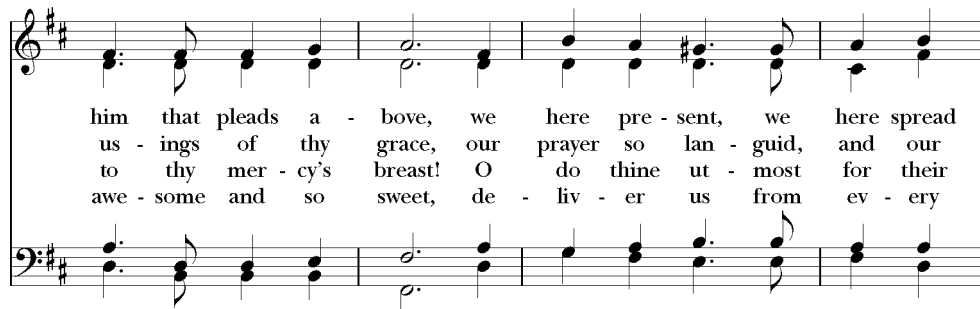
And now, O Father, mindful of the love



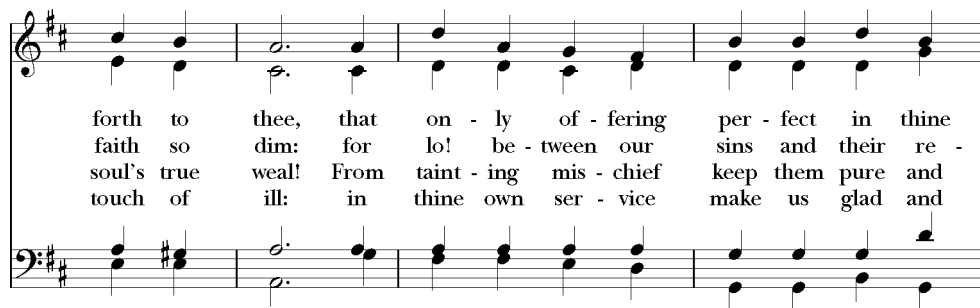
1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most



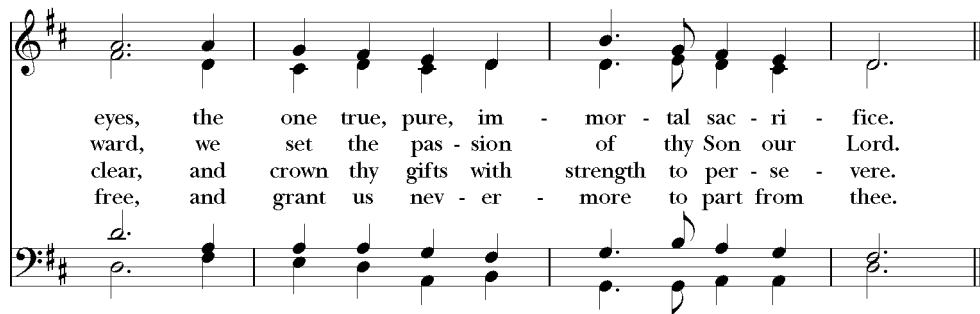
bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so



him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery



forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and



eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tourum militum*, from *Antiphoner*; 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

Announcements

Thanks to – Chuck and Susan Lewis for hosting coffee hour today.

Sunday School - All classes will meet today.

Slide Show - Check out Bob Nelson's slide show during coffee hour.

Prayer Opportunities - Use the red boxes located at the exits.

Choir Practice - Choir practice today at 4:00 pm.

Lenten Soup Pot

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Lenten Series - Wednesdays March 11th, 18th and 25th. Sign up now.

St. Anne's Prayer Guild - The St. Anne's Prayer Guild would like to update the prayer list for those serving in the military/armed forces. There are several people on this list about whom we know nothing. If you have had a name added to the list will you please contact Sue Comstock or Peggy Nelson to let us know if they are still serving and need to remain on the list. Thank you.



**Help feed the hungry in Lee County by
joining us for the BreadBasket's
Dinner Theater fundraiser Thursday,
March 12, 2020. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.**

**at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center followed by "Steel Magnolias" at the
Temple Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are regularly \$40 but get them from
Tom Reese for just \$25 each**

UNEXPECTED BEGINNINGS

A two-part series from the Lee County Enrichment Center

Information you need to know when your spouse passes and you must manage alone

- Helpful as proactive planning for couples as well as for those who have lost a spouse

Tuesdays, March 24 & 31, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
March 24

- Robert Gilleland, Sanford Law Group
- Don Borrillo, Social Security Administration
- Erica Vazquez, Branch Manager, BB&T
- Tim Wilson, BB&T - Investments

March 31

- Susie Thomas Clerk of Court
- Linda Ward, CPA - Ward & Foust CPA's PA
- Miller-Boles Funeral Home
- "Grief & Depression," Kenneth Stewart, First Health of the Carolinas

Open to the General Public at the LCG Enrichment Center, 1615 S. 3rd Street, Sanford
Registration is required. Call (919) 776-0501 Ext. 2201.

VISIT TO THE ORCHID GALLERY IN PITTSBORO

Saturday morning, March 14, 2020

**Groups leaving from Carolina Trace and
St. Francis Parking Lot**

Experience the delight of touring an orchid greenhouse after hearing a presentation about how to successfully grow your own orchids! There is no cost for the class or the tour, and orchids will be available for purchase. Optional lunch in Pittsboro on the way back, at discretion of drivers and passengers.

Please be sure to sign up for this trip and mark whether you need to leave from St. Francis parking lot or Carolina Trace. Also, please indicate whether you'd be willing to drive, with directions to Orchid Gallery provided to each driver. Departure times will be determined closer to the date, to allow everyone to arrive a bit before the 10 am class time.



SPRING BOOK AND BRUNCH SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 10:00 am Emily Hewett's home 608 Valley Road, Sanford



Come for a leisurely brunch and discussion of our book selection, **Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult**. While parts of the book may be emotionally difficult to read, it raises powerful questions about race, privilege, prejudice, justice and compassion as we follow a highly skilled African American neonatal nurse whose actions are deemed criminal by a white supremacist. The book has the potential to open hearts to new understandings, and we hope that our shared time of discussion will do the same. Readily and inexpensively available (new or used) from Amazon or other sources if you'd like to go ahead and secure a copy and begin reading.

Please sign up if you'd like to attend. There is a second sign up sheet if you'd care to bring any of the brunch items listed, but not everyone needs to bring food.

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

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| John Wood | Candy Torgerson | Chase Serry |
| Martha Connolly | *Mackenzie Stinson | *Betty Pittman |
| *Helen Frechette | Jo Maddox | *Karen Tatum |
| *Paul Dempster | Donna Norman | Joe Lawrence |
| *Ann Hodges | Brent Sloan | *Brian Haynes |
| Kris | Elijah | Tommy McDonald |
| Herb Lister | Claudia Key | Tom Daughtery |
| *Frances Granger | Ed McCoy | *Charles Wick |
| Mabel M. | Beth Main | Marjorie J |
| Lisa Anne Callis | Mina Townsend | Linda McCaskle |
| James Cox | Robyn Milano | Dan Abernathy |
| *Ted Lawrence | Bob Clark | *Lew Andersen |
| *Isabel Lawrence | Virginia Linkous | Danny Hoosier |
| | *Member of St. Francis | |

To add or remove a name from the prayer list contact Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at suectrace@gmail.com. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Sue to extend the time.

Pray for those serving all over the world in our military: Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Brian Gille, George Walter, Jim Makepeace, Rick Smith, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos, Eliza, Josh Pratt, Greg, Ben Gumpston, Jeremy, Lucas Rees, Daniel Hardin, Jared Oldham, Noah Gibson, Nick Stavlund, Jason Williams, Fortune Egbulefu, James Rozak, Logan Peterson, Levi Whiteman, Foster Knowles, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

Pray for the departed: Barbara Lochicotte, Marjorie Earnhart, Barbara Miller, Gertrude Shaw, Pearl Bracken Morgan, George Lucas, Donald Johnson, Betty Davies, Betsy Parnell, Marshall Wagoner.

Those serving today:

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| Ushers: | Jerry Davis and Michael Crumpton |
| Chalice Bearers: | Dwight Edmonds and Amy Davis |
| Lectors: | Mari Hann and Peggy Nelson |
| Acolytes: | Morgan Gille and Charlie Puckett |
| Coffee Hour: | Chuck and Susan Lewis |
| Nursery: | Trina and Josiah Garrison |
| Music Director: | Audrey Hanna |
| Organist: | Rosemary Parten |
| Altar Guild: | Terry Crawley, Linda Pate, Edie Makepeace and Jean Dabbs |

Vestry

Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Clerk, Marty Pate, Senior Warden

Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn, Junior Warden

Through 2022: Oliver Crawley, Joe Hanna, Beth Puckett

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