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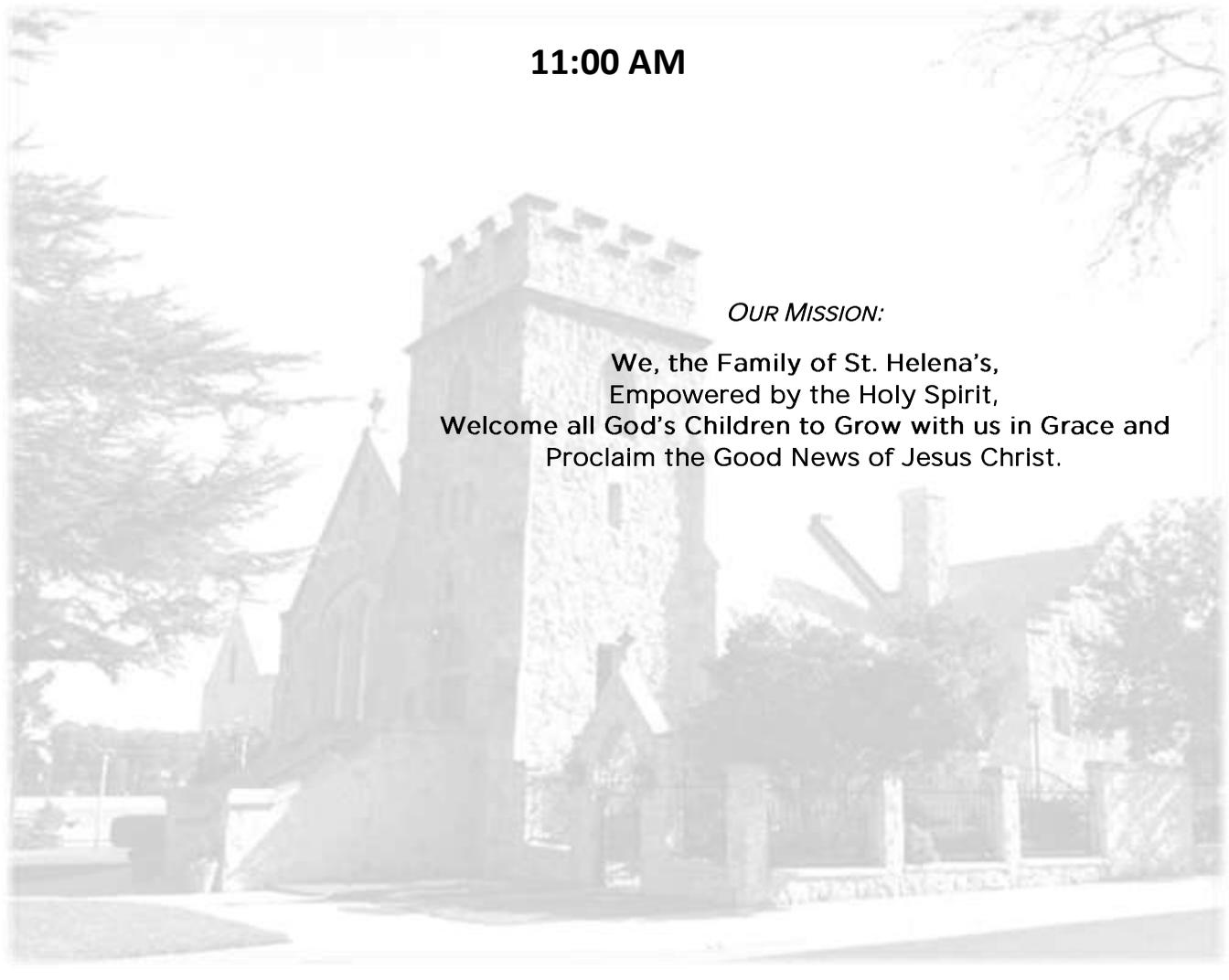
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

11:00 AM

OUR MISSION:

**We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.**



Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians - regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background - are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries are located downstairs in the Parish Hall Wing. (Signs are posted)

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages:
 Preschool - 2nd - Room C Wendler Hall
 3rd - 5th - The Rock Room
 Middle and High School - Youth House

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public Healing
 and Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn

The God of Abraham praise

Hymnal 401

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed;
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee.
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Tune: Leoni

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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.**

*The following is sung, all standing***Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 1:1,10-20

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Psalm 50:1-8,23-24

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Deus deorum

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to
 its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice.”

- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving
honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show
the salvation of God.”

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Sequence

All stand.

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Hymnal 709

Unison



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace;
 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
 5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led;
 2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.
 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

Tune: Dundee

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

All remain standing

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Children's Sermon

Dawn McLendon

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Nicene Creed*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

All kneel or stand

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, David and Jennifer our Bishops, David our priest and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest concludes with an absolution

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Organ Offertory

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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.

Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them 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 proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. **AMEN**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayers needs.

Communion Hymn

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

Hymnal 345

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise
 2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
 4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;
 peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
 then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove;
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Tune: Ellers

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Processional Hymn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Hymnal 637

Tune: Lyons

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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Prayers for our Members

Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

Joe
Dorla
Gail

Ron
Abby
Joanne

Tom
Shane
Dawn

Ann
Gray

What You Want to Know

Back to School Blessings Today, please offer blessings for all our students, teachers and area schools, for the upcoming school year. We will need many voices, hearts and hands in the lifting of these supplications.

Pie Day is Coming! Here is the formula:

You bring a pie;

I bring a pie;

We all eat the pies!

Sunday, August 18th, on the Patio

There will be ice cream, whipped cream and drinks for our breakfast of PIES!!!!!!

Will you Boo-hoo or Woo-hoo?! All parents of elementary /pre-school aged children: After dropping off the children at school, join St. Helena's School (S.H.E.E.P.) for a breakfast on Tuesday, August 20th in the Parish Hall at 8:45AM.

Let's celebrate the start to this new school year with a special time of fellowship and prayer! Coffee, juice and breakfast goodies will be served. Tears or cheers will be shared by all! Contact Stefanie if you have questions at stefanie@sthelenas.net.

The August meeting of the St. Helena's Men's Fellowship will be held Thursday Night, August 22nd at 6:30 PM. We'll be at the home of Bob and Carla Elswick, 30206 Fairway Run, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015. They will be preparing Red Beans and Rice and Seafood Gumbo for us. As is normal bring your beverage of choice. Hector Mejia will be telling us about building rock water fountains and water falls and the art of mixing concrete and mortar tailored to the application. Questions? Contact Ron at men@sthelenas.net

Save the Date

The Gathering Sept. 8th

Donate at your convenience. Our "Donate" button is found on our website at www.sthelenas.net All manner of donations, pledge payments, tithes, and gifts of all types, may be conducted there. Check it out under "Giving".

Summer's Weekly Calendar

- Sundays: Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. Narcotics A, 8:00 p.m. AA
- Mondays: 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Readings Study, 6:30 p.m. Worship Band, 5:00 p.m. Women's AA Big Book, 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
- Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study,
- Thursdays: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
- Fridays: 9:30 a.m. AA Big Book
- Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. Women's AA

11:00 Worship Leaders		Vestry Officers	
Acolyte:	Will Keith, Amelia Keith	Sr. Warden:	Jasen Hart
Altar Guild:	Team 3	Jr. Warden:	Chris Godsey
EM:	Paul Johnson, Richard Watts	Secretary:	Erin Barton
Prayer Team:	Linda Horton	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Ushers:	Bob Vincent, Buddy Loveless		
Vestry Host:	Brian Topper, Chris Godsey		

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