

St. Helena's Episcopal Church and School

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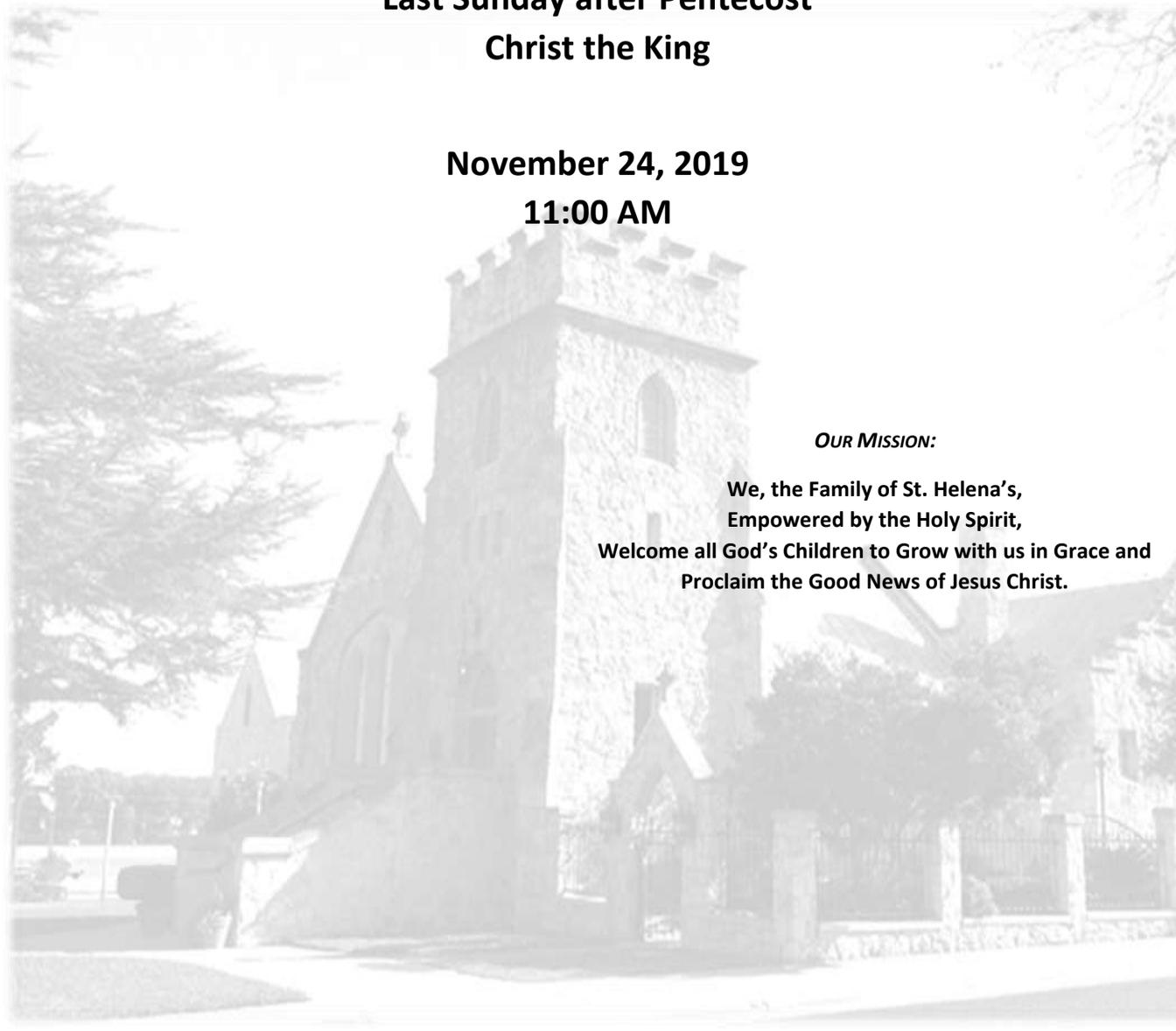
The Rev. David G. Read, *Rector*

**Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King**

**November 24, 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.

The restrooms are located in the Parish Hall Wing, one floor below the Sanctuary.

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:
 Adults
 Preschool – 2nd - Room C Wendler Hall
 3rd - 5th Room 2 – Parish Hall Wing
 Middle and High School – Youth House

Wednesday

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

Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Trumpet Tune in C

David Johnson

Welcome

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 494

Tune: Diademata

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I

will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
 shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on

earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Sequence

All stand.

King of glory, King of peace

Hymnal 382

Tune: General Seminary

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

All remain standing

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Children's Sermon

Stefanie Nitschke

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 our Bishop, David our priest, Brian our Curate 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.**

Silence

The Priest says a concluding 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

Offertory Anthem

Crown Him King of Kings

J.S. Bach/ Hal H. Hopson

Crown Him King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
 Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord.
 Shout to God, the Lord, O sing His praises.
 All ye heavens, all the earth,
 Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord.

Truth unchanging is His law.
 In His justice we rejoice.
 Praise His name in joyful voice.
 Sing to God, the mighty Lord.
 Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord
 with joyful heart and voice.

In humility we bow in thanks for all His tender love.

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 bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them 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 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

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Tune: Land of Rest

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

A mighty fortress is our God

Hymnal 688

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Tune: Ein feste Burg

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

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

Postlude: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. John Leavitt

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Prayers for our Members

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

Joe
 Dorla
 Gail

Abby
 Mark
 David

Makenna
 Calvin
 Vincent

Grace
 Rebecca
 Emma

What You Want to Know

Pledge Report We have received over 197 pledges equaling \$883,202, thus far. If you have not yet submitted your 2020 pledge, visit our website at www.sthelenas.net under "Giving" and use our convenient online pledge form. If you prefer, fill out a pledge card found at this worship service. Leave it in the offertory plate, drop it by the church office or mail it to: St. Helena's Episcopal Church • P.O. Box 1765 • Boerne, TX 78006 THANKS BE TO GOD!

Ordination The Rev. Brian Fox will be ordained into the Priesthood on December 8th at 5PM in the Historic Sanctuary. Please come to witness and give support to Brian as he makes this transition. A catered reception will follow in Wendler Hall.

Poinsettias with a Purpose You may honor, memorialize, or celebrate people and events in your life, with a donation for the poinsettias to be placed at our Christmas services. Poinsettia envelopes are now located at the entrance of your worship service. Fill one out with the appropriate sentiment, enclose your check and place it in the Alms dish (*or for your convenience, go online to "Giving"*) or mail it to the church office. Deadline for submissions is December 12th. Questions? Contact Sheryl at sheryl@sthelenas.net

A Walk in Bethlehem - How can you be involved? Help build our Bethlehem set on Saturday morning November 30th, volunteer as a member of the cast, invite someone to come with you for the event on Dec. 3rd and 4th with offerings each evening at 6:00 and 7:30PM. Contact Dawn at dawn@sthelenas.net to volunteer or if you have questions.

Angel Tree Project Show a child the love of Christ at Christmas. On Sunday, December 1st our Angel trees will go up. This giving helps to ease the financial burden of the holidays for some families in our community. Pull a child's name from the tree and purchase the gift indicated on their ornament. Return the gift to the church by Sunday, Dec. 8th. The gifts will be collected, sorted and distributed to the families the following week. If you have questions, contact Dawn at dawn@sthelenas.net

House of Luke is a social gathering of St. Helena's adults. A Christmas party is scheduled for the group at Fair Oaks Country Club on Dec. 15th at 5:30PM. The cost is \$25 per person and may be submitted to Ann in the church office. If you have questions about this sure-to-be lovely evening of dining and fellowship, please contact Jeri Tribo. The deadline is Dec. 5th.

Churches by Candlelight Walk St. Helena's, St. John Lutheran, and First United Methodist Church invite our church families to come together as one united family in Christ. Come celebrate the season with us during our first annual Christmas Churches by Candlelight Walk. Enjoy Christmas music, fellowship, prayer, and food as we walk to each church by candlelight on December 15th beginning at 5:30 at St. John. Invite a friend. Transportation available for those who cannot walk with us.

WE WILL SEND YOUR KID TO MID-WINTER CAMP.

Register your child for Mid-Winter camp and we will pay for their experience. Registration for 2020 Mid-Winter, Summer, and Family Camps at Camp Capers,

Mustang Island Conference Center , Duncan Park is now open. Families are invited to register for youth, adult, and family camp sessions at www.dwtx.org/camps
Nestled in beauty, founded on fun, rooted in faith:

The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas' camping programs at Camp Capers, Mustang Island Conference Center, and Duncan Park provide opportunities for children, adults, and families to experience the beauty of creation, have fun with friends, and grow in faith, rooted in the transforming love of Christ. Dates, registration rates, and links to sign up for 2020 Mid-Winter, Summer, and Family Camps are available now at www.dwtx.org/camps. Contact Ann at ann@sthelenas.net in the Church Office for the details.

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

We are grateful to Mary Ann Winden, our guest Organist this morning.

Altar Flowers

Given by Joyce Brieger

11:00 Worship Leaders	Vestry Officers
Acolyte: AJ Boutte, John Chisholm	Sr. Warden: Jasen Hart
Altar Guild: Team 2	Jr. Warden: Chris Godsey
EM: Hollis Horton, Paul Johnson	Secretary: Erin Barton
Prayer Team: Linda Horton	Treasurer: Ron Tribo
Ushers: Luke Hardin, Scott Hardin	
Vestry Host: Julie Vickery, Erin Barton	



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