The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25
October 25, 2026



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

"Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life."
-Psalm 90:14

We are so glad you are here to worship with us! Please know you are always completely welcome at St. Matthew's for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our Wednesday services (noon.) All our contact information is listed at the back of this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pews. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. At services with music, you will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- **both are intended to be sung by everyone!**

During the long green season after Pentecost, there are two 'tracks' each week for Old Testament readings and a Psalm chosen to accompany the particular lesson. We're using Track 1 this year, which follows major stories and themes, read mostly continuously from week to week. In Year A we began with Genesis. (lectionarypage.net.)

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. **Intinction (dipping the bread in the chalice) is not permitted.** Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

Blessings to you on this holy day and always- Mother Dina

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost- Proper 25
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 AM

We ring the sacristy bells ten minutes before each service to signal we are entering into a time of reverent silence, respectful of those gathering and praying around us. This helps us all prepare "to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 96:9) We will greet each other at the Peace!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude **"I love to tell the story"** **William G. Fischer**

Processional Hymn **#450, The Hymnal 1982**
"All hail the power of Jesus' Name"

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The people and Celebrant say together
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 Gloria in Excelsis **S-280, The Hymnal 1982**
"Glory to God in the highest"

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day.
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 ***Said in unison.***

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church at Thessalonica
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to

please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn **#517, The Hymnal 1982**

"How lovely is thy dwelling place"

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily **Mother Dina**

A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

All rise in body and/or spirit and say together

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Today in our Northwestern Region Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Andrew's, State College. For the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for and with The Church of the Province of Central Africa. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James, Schuylkill Haven; St. Paul's, Philipsburg. For the Diocese of Kajo Keji, we pray for Woro Parish and Romogi-Barebo Primary School. *Silence is held.*
Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for our President Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver, our State Representative Mike Stender, and our Mayor Josh Broscious; and for the well-being of all people. *Silence is held.*
Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence is held.*
Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers: Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, David and Matthew, Frances, Mike, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Becky, Amanda and Easton, AmberLynn, Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, Fred, Barb, Carol, Baby Ruby and family, Miranda, Weston, Peter, Jill, Mike, Ed, Diane, Buck, Diane, Michelle, Dot, Lou, Logan, Stevie, Leroy, Leon, Mary, Vanessa, and for those whose needs are

known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice, Patrick, and their co-workers, and for all serving in our military, especially Ann, Jayden, Nick, and Gaylen, and in law enforcement for Brian, Jake, Sarah, and Ryan.
Silence is held.
Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence is held.*
Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Griffey and Terry, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence is held.*
Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People **Amen.**

The Peace **BCP 360**

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

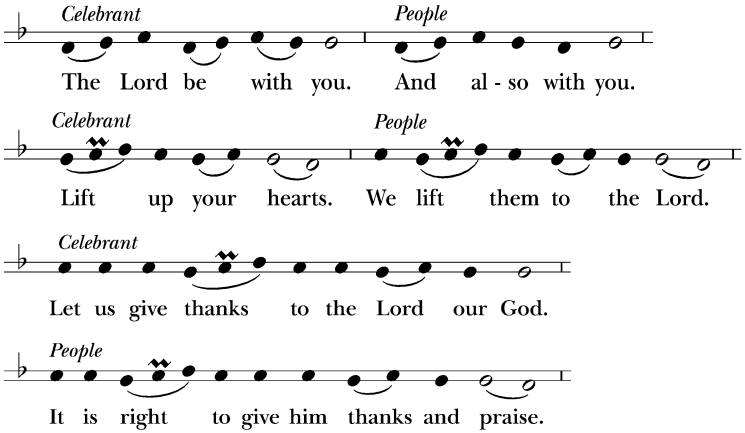
We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem "This my church shall be" Borghild Jacobson
St. Matthew's Choir; Tina Schlegel, Piano

The Presentation of the Offerings #380, v.3, The Hymnal 1982
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B **BCP 367, #120, The Hymnal 1982**



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Then, facing the Holy Table, 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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" S-130, The Hymnal 1982

The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

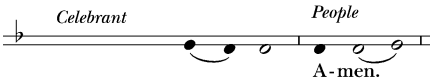
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,

that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with **St. Matthew** and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**



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The Lord's Prayer And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem **S-164, The Hymnal 1982**

"Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us"

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.

Communion Hymns **#605, #602, The Hymnal 1982**

" What does the Lord require?"
"Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love"
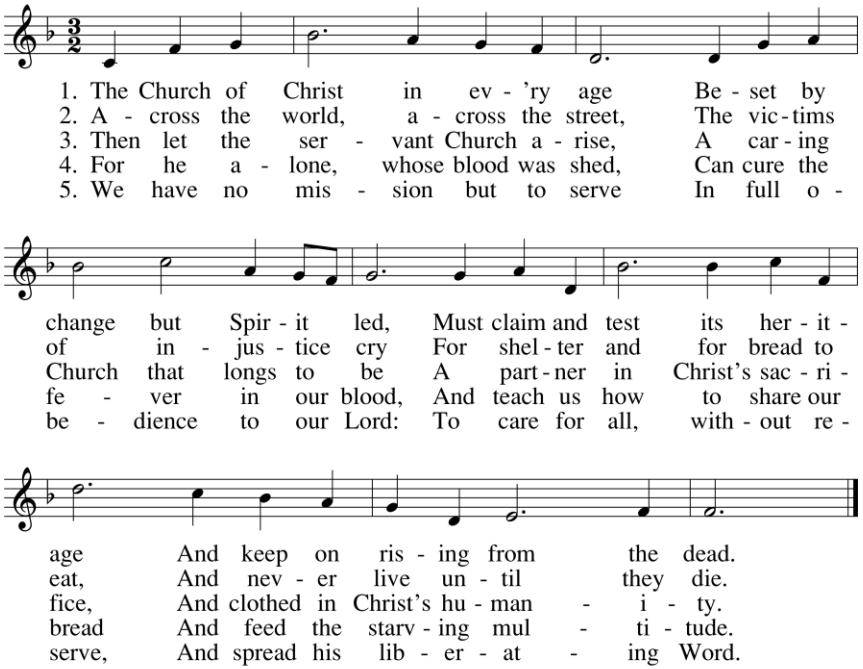
A Prayer for Spiritual Communion
The people and Celebrant pray together
Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer **BCP 365**
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.**

The Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn **#779, Wonder Love and Praise**
"The church of Christ in every age"

The Church of Christ in Every Age



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The Dismissal *The Priest dismisses the People*
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People **Thanks be to God, and all God's people say, Amen!**

Postlude **"Festal Song"** **William H. Walter**

Serving today's liturgy
The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant*
Patrick Ishler, *Director of Music Ministry;* St. Matthew's Choir
Fran Zartman, *Flute;* Barb Sauter, *Lector*
Roy Casey, Erica Driscoll, Dana Kelly, Mary Ann Loftus, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Amber Kuczynski, Danny and Jacob Renn, *Worship Assistants*
Carter Ishler, *Livestream;* Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

PARISH NOTES FOR OCTOBER 18, 2026

COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY: The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Our needs are: volunteers to distribute diapers; diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 diapers; and monetary donations (please place in envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry.") **We covered 77 baby bottoms in October!** **Contact:** Connie Kistler at kistinpa@ptd.net.

HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY: The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, Oct. 31**,** 2026, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 39 families in September!** Contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415 (leave message) to volunteer.

CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS: Carla is having cataract surgery and may not be in the office for her usual hours for the next few weeks. Please reach out to Mother Dina if you need anything, especially before coming over to the office.

MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays, 11:30am until 5pm or so. Call, text, or email me any time- **I love hearing from you!**

MINISTRY NEED: St. Matthew's is looking for new members to join our **Eucharistic Ministers team** and our **Altar Guild**. Please contact Mother Dina about participating in these or any of our other ministries!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:

Oct. 25- Kistlers	Nov. 1- Fran Z.
Nov. 8- Danny & Jake R.	Nov. 15- Bishop Kevin visit
Nov. 22- Caseys	Nov. 29- *Need Volunteer*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Every Thursday at 5:30pm. All are most welcome to join us- whether you've sung all your life or never sung before, we have a place just for you!
YOGA CLASSES: Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM.
WEEKDAY SERVICE: Our week-day service of Holy Eucharist will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. All are welcome!
MONTHLY BREAKFAST: Our monthly breakfast will be Nov. 1, 9:00AM, Social Hall
ELECTION DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER: We will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Election Day, Nov. 3, 4:00pm – 6:30pm. Take-outs available, $12.00. Dessert included. **$15.00 a meal/adults; $8.00 a meal/12yrs & under; under 3yrs/FREE**.
DONATIONS FOR SPAGHETTI DINNER: There is a sign-up sheet in Choir Hall to donate supplies for the spaghetti dinner and will be needed by Monday morning, Nov. 2. Desserts can be dropped off Tuesday, Nov. 3.
CHRISTMAS FLOWER SIGN-UP is here. A Flyer for ordering Poinsettias along with sign-up sheets will be located in the Narthex, the Social Hall, and the Choir Hall. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 9th.** Please contact Mary Ann Loftus with any questions.
BISHOP KEVIN VISIT: Bishop Kevin will be visiting us on Nov. 15. Please come and greet/meet with him. All are welcomed!
BRASS CLEANING: Please join us in brass cleaning on Nov. 15, during coffee hour. We appreciate any and all help provided!
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – St. Matthew's will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. Supplies will be in the parish hall. **Please bring your shoebox on or before 11/15**, so they can be blessed on that date… any questions please contact Mary Ann Loftus.
VESTRY MEETING: The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on Nov. 18th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.
UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS: Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more info: Tues., **Oct. 27:** Episcopal "101", 5:30PM.

Wed., **Oct. 28:** Weekday Eucharist, Noon
Sun., **Nov. 1:** Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM
Sun., **Nov. 1:** All Saints' Day Worship, 10:00AM
Tues., **Nov. 3:** Election Night Spaghetti Supper, 4-:00-6:30PM, Social Hall.
Wed., **Nov. 4**: Weekday Eucharist, Noon
Sun., **Nov. 9:** Deadline for Christmas Flower Orders
Tues., **Nov. 10:** "Episcopal 101", Social Hall, 5:30PM
Weds., Nov. **11**: Weekday Eucharist, Noon
Sun., **Nov. 15:** Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM
Sun., **Nov. 15:** Bishop Kevin's visit, meet and greet coffee hour
Sun., **Nov. 15:** Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Blessing, 10:00 AM
Sun., **Nov. 15:** Brass cleaning during coffee hour
Weds., **Nov. 18**: Weekday Eucharist, Noon
Wed., **Nov. 18:** Vestry Meeting, 6:00PM
Thurs., **Nov. 19**: Takery, 4:00PM-5:00PM, Cameron Park
Wed., **Nov. 25:** Pie Sale, must pre-order, pickup at 4:00PM
Weds., **Nov. 25**: Weekday Eucharist, Noon
Sat., **Nov. 28:** His Disciple's Food Pantry, 9:00AM-11:00AM

DONATIONS:

All tithes and offerings are most greatly appreciated, as we rely on your prayerful generosity to care lovingly for our physical space and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence.
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The Cole Allen Diaper Pantry

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