

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2026 ♦ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Mark and Mead Duley in loving memory of their uncle, Carl Hazarian. And by Robin Pano in loving memory of her parents, Peter Pano and Geraldine Bailey Pano.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, October 18

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:00 pm Liturgy Lab: Holy Eucharist from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Monday, October 19

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 20

- 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

- 10:00 am Service of Healing and Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting
- 6:00 pm Lectionary Study Group (Library)

Thursday, October 22

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, October 25

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Newcomers Brunch (Parish Hall)



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The Processional Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory Hymnal #594

God of Grace, and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power. Crown thine an - cient
 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways! From the fears that
 Cure thy child - ren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton,
 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plo - re. Let the gift of

6 church - 's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise; grant us wis - dom,
 self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

10 grant us courage, for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 grant us courage, for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 grant us courage, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 grant us courage, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore; ser - ving thee whom we a - dore.

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The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Gloria.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations:
 Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with
 steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who
 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson.....Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
 to subdue nations before him
 and strip kings of their robes,
 to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:
²"I will go before you
 and level the mountains,
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things."

The Response Psalm 96:1-9 (Book of Common Prayer p. 725)

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace.
²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
 steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by
 God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only,
 but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind
 of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of
 the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy
 Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the
 word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every
 place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the
 people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how
 you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from
 heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their
 disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere,
 and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do
 not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the
 emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test,
 you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then
 he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's."
 Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to
 God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him
 and went away.

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People	Book of Common Prayer p. 328
The Confession	Book of Common Prayer p. 331
The Peace	Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving	Book of Common Prayer p. 333
The Post-Communion Prayer.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 339
The Blessing and Sending Forth.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: All My Hope On God Is Founded..... Hymnal #665

All my hope on God is found - ed;
 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry,
 God's great good - ness e'er - en - dur - eth,
 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal

3
 he doth still my trust - re - new, me through
 sword and crown be - tray - our trust; though with
 deep his wis - dom pass - ing thought: splen - dor,
 sac - ri - fice of praise be done, high a -

5
 change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly
 care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to
 light, and life at - tend him, beaut - y spring - eth out of
 bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his

8
 true. God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart - to be - his
 dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my
 nought. Ev - er - more from his store new - born worlds rise and a -
 son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not

12
 own.
 tower.
 dore.
 fall.

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The Postlude

Toccata

Johann Pachelbel

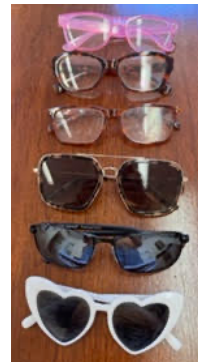
Announcements

TONIGHT! Liturgy Lab: Holy Eucharist from the 1662 Prayer Book Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 pm

Join us Sunday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m. as St. Francis continues our Liturgy Lab series with a special celebration of Holy Eucharist from the 1662 edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Experience the historic Anglican liturgy that has shaped generations of Christian worship, with its beautiful language, prayers, and traditions. Everyone is welcome, whether you're familiar with the 1662 Prayer Book or experiencing it for the first time.

Lost & Found: Can You See Yours?

We've accumulated quite a collection of eyeglasses in the church Lost and Found over the past few months. "See" anything you recognize? Take a look at the photo, then stop by the church office and see Gina if you spot a pair that belongs to you. You might just find what you've been looking for!



Socktober!

Help Support St. Luke's Breakfast & Shower Program

We're celebrating Socktober by collecting new, still in the package, men's tube socks of all sizes. We're also grateful for gently used clothing, shoes, backpacks, blankets, and other needed items. Please bring donations to the St. Francis office or contact Gayle Taylor at gaylentaylor@gmail.com. Every donation helps us share food, dignity, and practical care with our neighbors in need.

Morning Prayer at St. Francis

Thursdays at 7:00 am

Join us in our Chapel every Thursday morning at 7:00 am as the Rev. Deacon Celeste leads a said service of Morning Prayer. All are welcome to begin the day together in prayer, Scripture, and quiet reflection.

Lectionary Study Group Returns

Beginning Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm

The St. Francis Lectionary Study Group resumes Wednesday, October 21, meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Library. We'll continue our exploration of the weekly readings using *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W* by Dr. Wilda Gafney. Everyone is welcome! Come join the conversation, deepen your understanding of Scripture, and prepare for Sunday's worship together.

Newcomer's Brunch

Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 am

New to St. Francis? Join us for a Newcomer's Brunch on Sunday, October 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. It's a relaxed opportunity to meet fellow newcomers, enjoy some food, and spend a little time getting to know one another. The brunch will be hosted by Alex and Jennifer Sams and the Rev. Jason Shelby. We'd love to see you there!

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st. Luke's tea

Saturday october 17

Brass Rubbing at 11am/TEA at 1:00PM

Saturday october 24

Brass Rubbing at 11am/TEA at 1:00PM

Sunday november 1

TEA at 1:00PM/Brass Rubbing at 2PM

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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Amy Clute, Andrea, Angel Lara Gonzalez, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump and her family, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Irena Dybeic, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Liz, Marilyn and Dale Ghare, Mary Sharp, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Rex Claytor, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Sofia, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

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

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