

Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: *Thou, whose almighty word*

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Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and 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.*

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 *(to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)*

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

The Second Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Jesu, Jesu*

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Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Music for worship *Be Thou my vision*

arr. Alice Parker

St. Francis' choir

Homily

Fr. Craig 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 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

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, let us pray to the Lord. *(silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Steven, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, let us pray to the Lord. *(silence)*

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, let us pray to the Lord. *(silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord. *(silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service let us pray to the Lord. *(silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____], let us pray to the Lord. *(silence)*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially____], in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord. (*silence*)

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

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.*

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might,
great God, our King.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

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 just and right so to do.

The celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: For he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. 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)*

Lord God our Father: When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you 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. On the cross he offered himself once for all as our Redeemer, 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. After he ascended to your right hand in glory, you sent your Holy Spirit, that we might become your holy people.

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."

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."

Now sanctify these gifts that they may become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit and manifest your presence and power in the world.

Therefore, heavenly Father, as we joyfully proclaim our Lord's life, death, and resurrection, we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, as a living sacrifice. Grant that we who partake of this Holy Communion may receive the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. At the last day bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.*

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

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 *How firm a foundation*

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Thou, whose almighty word

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

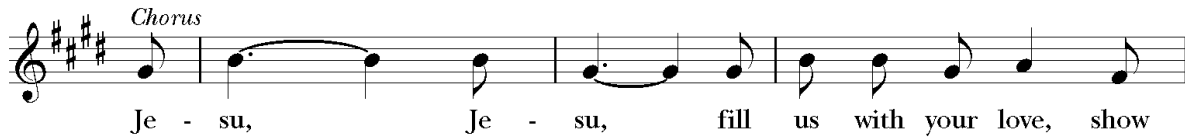
and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.

Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Jesu, Jesu



2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and

3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should

4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were



white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.

love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.

slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Words: Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (b. 1925), alt. Music: *Chereponi*, [*Jesu, Jesu*], Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (b. 1925)
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How firm a foundation

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign,
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Lyons*, alt. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); desc. Lois Fyfe (b. 1927)
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Announcements

Sunday School - All classes will convene today.

Music Meditation - Every Sunday at 8:45 am.

Choir Practice - Sundays at 4:15pm.

Reception - Honoring Nancy Lister and Trina Garrison--tomorrow, September 10, 6 pm @ Terry Crawley's home, 618 Pineknoll Drive. All women are invited for light refreshments and a chance to deepen friendships!

Men's Group - Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Jon Kerley's house.

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 11:30 am.

Nursery Care - Help is needed and yours would be most welcome. Please sign up.



DINNER AND A MOVIE!

MONDAY, **OCTOBER 8 5:30 PM**

ST. FRANCIS' FELLOWSHIP HALL

"THE WAY"

Come to the St. Francis Fellowship Hall for a soup and salad supper and a movie! "The Way" refers to the ancient pilgrimage path to the shrine of St. James in northern Spain. In this film, a father completes the journey begun by his estranged son who died in a sudden mountain storm shortly after setting off, creating a meaningful story about processing grief. We'll have plenty of seating and food, so please feel free to invite women friends! Just sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan food quantities.

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BOOK AND BRUNCH

SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 20 10 am-noon**

BRENDA BROWN'S HOME IN CAROLINA TRACE

250 Lakeview Drive

Our book selection is *The Summer Kitchen* by Lisa Wingate. This is a powerful story about an unlikely intersection of two people's lives that brings healing to them and leads to the creation of a place of refuge that unites a divided community. We'll gather at 10:00 for a potluck brunch, to be followed by small-group book discussions. Please sign up if you will attend, and plan to bring a brunch dish to share. The Lee County library will secure multiple copies of the book for us, so indicate if you'd like to borrow a copy when you sign up. Deadline for requesting a borrowed copy is [Sunday, September 9 \(today!\)](#), and library books should be available at St. Francis by the third week of September. If you prefer to purchase, used copies may be found online.

Sometimes, despite your best intentions, circumstances intervene and you find that you cannot attend. Should that happen, we ask that you let the event planners know as far in advance as possible. Thanks!

Join us on Wednesday September 12th for an evening of

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise incorporates Historic Evening Prayer with
extended times of contemporary worship,
ancient hymns, and praise.

Please join us at 7pm on September 12th in the sanctuary

The J. Fletcher Rosser Day BBQ to benefit the Breadbasket will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Friday, September 28, 2018. Meals will be served 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. for a donation of \$8.00 per plate. Businesses may make arrangements to have 10 or more plates delivered. Tom Reese will have tickets following church.

BEGINNING TODAY...NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE PRAYER!

A new St. Francis tradition will begin today. After the Sunday Eucharistic service, prayer will now be available in two forms:

- 1) Trained members of the prayer team will be on hand to pray for you personally and confidentially for any need. Simply walk over to any prayer team member (identified by a red badge), and you will be joined by one or more other prayer team members, move to a quiet corner, and be prayed for.
- 2)
- 3) Blue prayer request cards have been placed in all pew pockets if you would prefer to submit a request in writing. Just fill out a card and drop it in either of the two red boxes (one at the back of the church and one on the table beside the door to the fellowship hall). Prayer team members will pray for written requests during the subsequent week.

Please be assured that all prayer requests are held in strictest confidence. Never consider a prayer need too small, too trivial...or too big! Prayer team members always begin by listening for God's direction, and only then do they verbalize the prayers that they sense on God's heart for you. Please take advantage of these new opportunities to receive God's comfort and peace!

St. Francis Anglican Parish

Prayer List

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

Rebecca Hewett
*Susan Johns
*Helen Frechette
*Paul Dempster
Ken Brown
Phil Maddox
Mary Gillam
Charles Whaley
Larry Aiken
Mary Proctor
David Dyson
David Phillips

Robin Dyl
*Mackenzie Stinson
Phil & Jo Maddox
Ricky Parker
Jimmy Coleman
Aiden Hague
Cynthia McNeil
Mary Lineberry
Cindy Reese
Sylvia Spell
*Jason Stone

Tommy Keith Davis
*Betty Pittman
*Ken Jeffries
John Blasius
Murray Ingerham
Christy Aylies
Mike Cochran
*Charles Wick
Marjorie J
Joann Duke
David Ward
Madeleine Click

*Member of St. Francis

If you need 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 strength and divine guidance: Pat Fein and Aziz.

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 Gumpton, Jeremy, Lucas Rees, Daniel Hardin, Jared Oldham and Jason Williams.

Pray for the departed: Jane Romani, Mary Moore, Wallace McIver.

Altar Flowers - Given by JJ Cuff to the glory of God and in honor of his two favorite ladies, his mother, Marge and his wife Dana.

Those serving today:

Ushers:	Tom Reese and Chuck Lewis
Chalice Bearers:	Amy Davis and Marty Pate
Lectors:	Isabel Lawrence and Linda Bruce
Acolytes:	Hunter and Harris Wilkinson
Coffee Hour:	Mari Hann
Nursery:	Pat Aylies and Meg Hanna
Music Director:	Leslie Hanna
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Susan Lewis, Katherine Crumpton and Lisa Meadows

Vestry

Through 2019: Ron Brown, Senior Warden, Sue Comstock, Jean Dabbs, Clerk

Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Marty Pate

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

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