

# Christ the King Episcopal Church



**The Nativity of our Lord  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
December 24, 2023  
2:00 PM**

## **Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church!**

If you live in the area and do not have a church home, we invite you to journey with us as followers of Christ in this wonderful community! If you are a seasonal guest, we are delighted that you found your way to the “church in the wildwood,” and we invite you to consider Christ the King as your church home away from home.

**Hearing Assist devices are available in the narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.**

**A note about our worship service:** We understand that newcomers to the Episcopal Church might be a little lost during the worship service. Don't worry – you are in good company! Many of us did not grow up in the Episcopal Church, but were drawn to the way that our worship feels simultaneously ancient and contemporary. So if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. It is most important that you experience the sights, sounds, and silence of our worship service.

The worship bulletin contains the scripture lessons for the day, and points you to page numbers in the red *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which is found in your pew rack. At the 10:30 service, hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*, which is also in the pew rack. There are pamphlets in the pamphlet rack in the church narthex (lobby) that give helpful information about the Episcopal Church. Feel free to pick some up and read through them.

### **Reading Between the Lines**

Jesus' birth is announced by angels to shepherds with flocks of sheep. Perhaps Luke is pointing here to the significance of Jesus' birth for non-elites, anticipating Jesus' proclamation of good news to the poor(4:18) as well as Jesus' own homelessness (9:58). Here in Luke, Jesus and his supporters embark on a long journey to Jerusalem, one that will form followers, crowds, and disciples into a community, much in the same way that Israelite slaves wandered through the desert with their leader Moses, as they began to be formed by God into a nation. Bethlehem is also the city of David, the Shepherd King. That the child is laid in a manger, or crib, perhaps a feeding trough for domestic animals, introduces the notion, expanded in Christian tradition, that Jesus is born surrounded by cows, oxen, and other animals.

# The Entrance Rite

## The Prelude

## A Litany of Carols

*This is a time for silence, stillness, and centering as we prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Invitatory & Entrance Rite (*standing*)

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. To us a child is born.

*People:* O Come, let us adore him. Alleluia

## The Ringing of the Bell

### The Hymn in Procession (*standing*) Angels we Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*  
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

### **The Opening Acclamation** (*standing*)

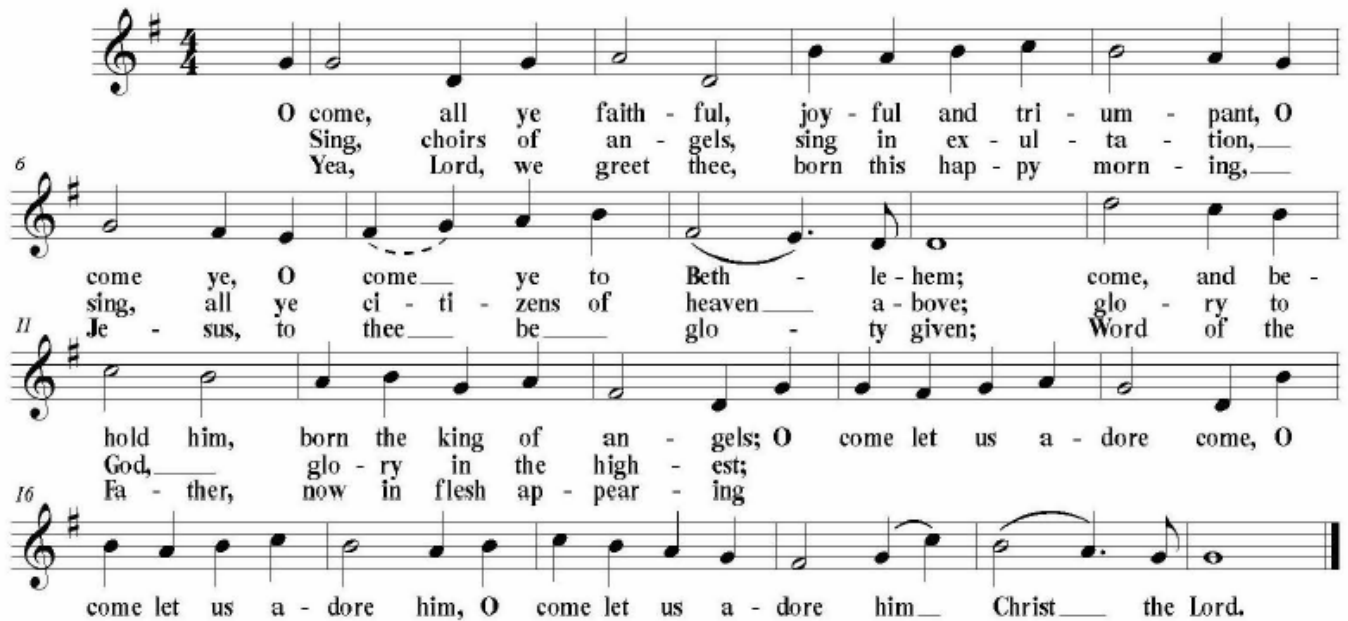
*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Collect for Purity** (*said by Celebrant*)

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 Hymn of Praise** (*standing*)

## O Come, All Ye Faithful



O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morn - ing,  
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be -  
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove; glo - ry to  
Je - sus, to thee be - glo - ty given; Word of the  
hold him, born the king of an - gels; O come let us a - dore come, O  
God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing  
come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him Christ the Lord.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Collect of the Day *(standing)*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

*A period of silence is kept.*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### The Children's Nativity *(seated)*

**READER:** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register.

**READER:** So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

**READER:** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

**READER:** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them:

**ANGEL:** Do not be afraid.

**ANGEL:** I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.

**ANGEL:** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you.

**ANGEL:** He is Christ the Lord!

**ANGEL:** This will be a sign to you.

**ANGEL:** You will find a baby wrapped in cloths

**ANGEL:** Lying in a manger.

### ***“Away in a Manger”***

**ALL ANGELS:** “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace goodwill towards men.”

### ***“Angels We Have Heard on High”***

**SHEPHERD:** Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that had happened.

**READER:** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

### ***“Go Tell it on the Mountain”***

**READER:** The Shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they have heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**READER:** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

### ***“Joy to the World”***

**READER:** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” which means...

**ALL:** God with us.

**The Homily** (*seated*)

**The Rev’d Richard Gillespie Proctor, OA**

**The Prayers of the People** (*standing*)

**Celebrant:** Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus you have filled all humanity with your divine life: Hear our prayers of joy and thanksgiving as we offer our supplications to you, saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to God’s people on earth.

**Intercessor:**

You have entrusted the Church with good news of great joy for all people: Inspire our witness that we may spread the light of Jesus' love to all humanity.

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Let your power and compassion guide those who exercise authority on earth, that they may be servants of peace, bringing comfort and security to all who are vulnerable.

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Embrace with your eternal protection all who are poor: refugees and the displaced, those threatened by violence, and families with no place to call their home.

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Fill this community with hospitality and generosity, that we may care for one another and celebrate the joy of your presence in our humanity.

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

We entrust to your divine grace all for whom we pray, especially those on our Parish Prayer List.

We give thanks for shepherds and all the vigilant who work while others sleep. Hear our grateful thanksgiving for all the gifts and blessings in our lives, especially for our God Emmanuel, who came and comes to be with us.

We entrust into your eternal arms those who have died.

**Celebrant:** Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child to live among us in vulnerable humility: Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Peace** *(all stand)*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Hymn** *(seated)*

**Hymn 112**

## In the Bleak Midwinter

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y winds made moan,  
 2. Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4. What can I give him, poor as I am?

5  
 earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a strone; snow had fall - en,  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign; in the bleak mid -  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thron - ed the air; but his mo - ther -  
 10  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a  
 snow on snow, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed the  
 on - ly, in her maid - en bliss, the  
 13  
 wise man, I would do my part; yet  
 In the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 what I can I give him, give my heart.



## **The Presentation of the Gifts** *(sung)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*All stand*

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*People:* **And of thine own, have we given thee.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A** *(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.**

*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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then 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 Lord's Prayer** (*standing; spoken*)

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

*Celebrant & People:*       **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** (*standing*)

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

## The Invitation to Communion

*An usher will come to your pew to invite you forward to the altar rail for communion.*

*All are invited and encouraged to come forward to the altar rail during communion. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition/denomination, are welcome to receive communion. To receive the Body of Christ/Bread, place one hand over the other, palms facing upwards, and the minister will place the Bread in your hand. To receive the Blood of Christ/Wine, place your hand on the base of the chalice to assist the chalice bearer in bringing the chalice to your lips (or you may dip the Bread in the Wine if you prefer). Those who are not baptized or who are baptized but do wish not to partake in the Eucharistic Elements, cross your arms over your chest, and you will receive a blessing from the priest. If you are interested in the sacrament of baptism, please see Fr. Richard after worship...he'd love to have a conversation with you!*

## The Communion Hymns (seated)

### Away in a Manger

A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord  
The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close by me for -  
Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus! look  
ev - er, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in  
down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
thy ten - der care, and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

O lit - le town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A -  
 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove, while  
 bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by; yet  
 mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of — won - dering love. O  
 in they dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; the  
 morn - ing stars to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! and  
 hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

## Silent Night

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,  
 Si - lent night, ho - si night, Son of God, love's pure light  
 round you vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
 glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts — sing al - le - lu - ia;  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
 sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, — sleep — in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 Christ, the Sa - vior is born! — Christ, — the Sa - vior is born.  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. — Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## The Prayer for Mission *(standing)*

*Celebrant:* Let us Pray.

*Celebrant & 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** (*standing*)

*Celebrant:* May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**The Processional Hymn** (*standing*)

**Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re-ceive her King; let  
 Joy to the world! the Sa-vior reigns; let us our songs em-ploy, while  
 No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-fest the ground; he  
 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions prove the  
 ev-ery heart pre-pare him room, and heaven and na-ture sing, and  
 fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-  
 comes to make his bless-ings flow far as the curse is found, far  
 glo-ries of his right-eous ness, and won-ders of his love, and  
 heaven and na-ture sing, and heaven, and heaven and na-ture sing.  
 peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.  
 as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 won-ders of his love, and won-ders, won-ders of his love.

## The Dismissal

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

*People*          **Thanks be to God.** (*Alleluias are only added during the great 50 days of Easter*)

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**Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
or Thanksgiving for:**

In Memory of Our beloved, Tim Harbeson  
by Buffy and Lark

In memory of David  
by The Kellogg Family

In Memory of Bob Tait  
by Fran Tait

In Memory of Hank Rice  
by Marlyna Rice

In loving memory of Edmund W. Burbach, Sr & my parents, Ann & Robert Schumacher  
by Marianne Burbach

In memory of Gretchen Tiszafalvy  
by Dennis Tiszafalvy

In memory of Robert S. Fairweather  
by Tommy Fairweather

In memory of our Grandparents: Richard Thomas Gillespie; Mary McGavock Gillespie;  
Maurice Julian Proctor; Sarah Ball Proctor; Joseph Alfred Saliba & Irby Martin  
By The Rev'ds Emily Rose and Richard Gillespie Proctor

In memory of William Freeze and Raymond Stamps  
by Cheryl Freeze

In Honor of The Proctor Family  
by Emily Caruso

In Honor of Mary Lynn Berglund  
by Tom and Carolyn Huff

In memory of Rev & Mrs. Peter M Horn  
by Peter Horn Jr.

In honor of Nana, Rick & McKenzie Catania  
by Andrew and Richard Catania

In Memory of Michael McConnell  
by Cindy McConnell



**Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
or Thanksgiving for:**

In memory of Kay Bonn  
by Steve Bonn

In memory of Edwin Blocher  
by Mary Blocher

In memory of Kristy Harper

In memory of Barbara Florance

In memory of Tony Puttock and Trevor Chatfield  
by Ron and Pennie Lucas

In honor of our grandchildren, Ruby and George Reynolds and William Thomas Turner  
By Kathy and Tom Reynolds

In appreciation of all those who make CtK a wonderful place to worship  
by Ann Clark

In memory of Clayton Roberts RM Crafton  
By Dale Crafton

In memory of Paul Guthals and  
by Mick and Karin Guthals

In memory of Evelyn and John McGee and in thanksgiving for Lindsay and Colby Cannon  
by Jean Miller

In memory of Tomas Galuppo  
by Gail Galuppo

In Thanksgiving for our Grandchildren  
by Marty and Joan Mars

In loving memory of Carl and Joyce French  
by John French

In loving memory of Jack Wellborn, Abe Watson, Lucille Ashley & Rocco  
by Linda Watson and Josephine Wellborn

In memory of Dottie and Loomis' great grandparents Dottie and Bill Burns  
by Will, Dottie and Loomis Burns

**Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
or Thanksgiving for:**

In memory of The Weaver's and The Brown's  
by Terry and Kim Weaver

In loving memory of David Barrineau  
by Elizabeth and Beth Barrineau

In loving memory of Deacon Bob Dean  
by Pat Dean

In memory of Jim Ghioto  
by The Justiss Family

**Special thanks go out to the ministers of our worship services today:**

**The Altar Server Guild of St. Tarcisius:**

- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lauren Justiss, Emily Proctor and William Justiss
- Torchbearers: Hayes Fisher and Emery Ray

**The Hospitality Guild of St. Benedict**

- Usher: Travis Meyer & Jeff Johnson
- Greeter: Philip Justiss and Griggs Justiss

**The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary**

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**The Flower Guild of St. Therese**

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**Vestry (Vestry meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.)**

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Don King	People's (Jr) Warden
Brian Kellenberger	At-Large
Meredith Spector	Parish Life
John French	Adult Formation
Sallie Peebles	Pastoral Care
Jim Moomaw	Worship
Mark Mahaffey	Outreach & Mission
Ruth Johnson	Secretary/Tree House Liaison

Tom Potts - Treasurer

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<sup>1</sup> "OA" stands for the ORDER OF THE ASCENSION, a dispersed Episcopal, Benedictine religious community that helps ground and center its members in their daily life and their roles as parish leaders and developers. Members take a promise "to seek the presence of Jesus Christ in the people, things and circumstances of life through stability, obedience and conversion of life." Fr. Richard entered the novitiate process with OA in 2019, and took his life vows in May 2023.







# CAMPUS MAP



1. SANCTUARY
2. CHURCH OFFICES
3. SANDEFUR HALL
4. HUGHES LIBRARY
5. PARLOR
6. EDUCATION BUILDING: CONFERENCE ROOM
7. EDUCATION BUILDING: YOUTH ROOM
8. NURSERY
9. PLAYGROUND
10. THE TREE HOUSE EPISCOPAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

