

# The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21B, Track 1) and The Season of Creation



September 29, 2024 10:15am

# SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WE ARE CALLED TO KNOW, LIVE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AT SAINT MICHAEL'S
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE. WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, YOU
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE DURING WORSHIP AS MUCH AS YOU ARE COMFORTABLE.
WE HOPE THIS BULLETIN WILL HELP.

#### **BOOKS FOR WORSHIP**

TODAY'S SERVICE BEGINS ON PAGE 351 OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE BCP. THIS IS OUR PRIMARY BOOK FOR WORSHIP IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. IN THIS BULLETIN YOU WILL SEE PAGE NUMBERS THAT REFERENCE WHERE TO FIND THINGS IN THE BCP THAT THE PRIEST IS SAYING AND ALSO THE RESPONSES FROM THE CONGREGATION. MANY RESPONSES ARE SHORT ENOUGH THAT AFTER A FEW WEEKS OF WORSHIPPING IN AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH THEY BECOME SECOND NATURE. IN YOUR PEW IS A BIBLE. IT CONTAINS THE SCRIPTURE READINGS THAT FORM THE FIRST HALF OF OUR SERVICE. THERE'S ALSO A HYMNAL IN YOUR PEW. THE HYMNAL IS CALLED THE HYMNAL 1982

#### MUSIC IN WORSHIP

EPISCOPALIANS LIKE TO SING AND THAT'S VERY TRUE HERE AT SAINT MICHAEL'S. MUCH OF OUR MUSIC IS IN THE PEW HYMNAL; HOWEVER, SUPPLEMENTARY MUSIC WILL BE FOUND HERE IN THIS BULLETIN. PLEASE REFER TO THE PAGE NUMBERS OF THE BULLETIN FOR THOSE SUPPLEMENTAL HYMNS.

#### **RECEIVING COMMUNION**

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. IT IS

CUSTOMARY TO RECEIVE THE BREAD IN YOUR HANDS AND ALSO TO HELP THE CHALICE MINISTER BY GUIDING THE CHALICE WITH YOUR HANDS. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, YOU ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD FOR A BLESSING. SHOULD YOU DESIRE TO RECEIVE GLUTEN FREE HOST, PLEASE INDICATE THIS TO THE SERVER AT THE ALTAR RAIL. TO RECEIVE THE BODY OF CHRIST THE USHERS WILL DIRECT

WORSHIPPERS WHEN TO COME TOWARD.

## LIVE STREAMING

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE** 

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

HYMNAL 405

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** 

This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL S 280

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MTR. JEN FULTON

Good morning, God. This is your day. I am your child. Please show me your way. Amen.

A reading from the book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given methat is my petition- and the lives of my people- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the gueen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 124

- <sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, \* let Israel now say;
- <sup>2</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, \* when enemies rose up against us;
- <sup>3</sup> Then would they have swallowed us up alive \* in their fierce anger toward us;
- <sup>4</sup> Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \* and the torrent gone over us;
- <sup>5</sup> Then would the raging waters \* have gone right over us.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord! \*

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

- <sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \* the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- <sup>8</sup> Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \* the maker of heaven and earth.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from "Our Relationship with Creation," by Br. Keith Nelson, SSJE.

When we violate, abuse, exploit, or even simply ignore non-human creatures, we are rejecting a core dimension of our humanity and of God's calling for us. We are crucifying the earth. We are interrupting, speaking over, or bickering with God's gentle language of love, in which each creature is like a syllable of the living Word. Each creature is an instance of Divine Gift, God's gift to Godself, the love language of the Trinity. We believe God became a Creature in Jesus Christ and redeemed Creation from the inside out so that we creatures can participate directly in this infinite pattern of God's giving-and-receiving.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL MARK 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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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

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially...

Thecla Nowicki	Marvin Curtis	Marcy Cortes
Ren Singleton	Grandma Ma	Steve Maggi
Barb Wilson	Charlene Bollman	Michael Griffith
Susan Slack	Joel Blunk	James & Elaine Yeater
Anita Thomas	Larry Willoughby	Sandy McCarthy
Victoria	Phil & June Bays	Jim Piechorowski
Chuck & Devon	Mike & Cindy	Anne Gruenig
Joyce Frost	Larry Howe	Michael & Andi Zavor
Sonja Smith	Betty VanWassenhove	

...and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gift of birth and those who are celebrating birthdays, especially...

Kwinam Jeong William Kamanda

...and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially...

Scott & TJ Becker

...we give thanks.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet especially for...

Evelyn Walters Jeffrey Henkel Marjorie Spears John Badur Wayne Frost Charles G. Anderson Barb Harris Carol Miranda John Wiegand

...we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

#### COLLECT AFTER THE PRAYERS

Holy God, you alone are unutterable, from the time you created all things that can be spoken of. You alone are unknowable, from the time you created all things that can be known. All things cry out about you: those that speak, and those that cannot speak. All things honor you: those that think, and those that cannot think. For there is one longing, one groaning, which all things have for you. All things that comprehend your plan pray to you and offer you a silent hymn. In you, the One, all things abide, and all things endlessly run to you who are the end of all. **Amen.** 

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you.

We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.

We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.

We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.

We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.

Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

#### THE PEACE

The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is exchanged.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELERS

(Birthdays) O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Anniversaries) O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these couples who come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

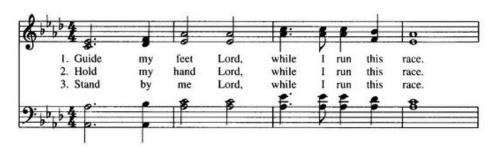
(Travelers) O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

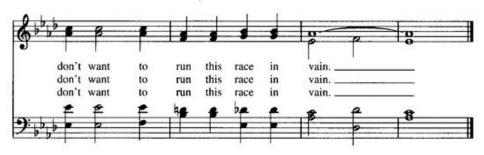
THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.









#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Creator.

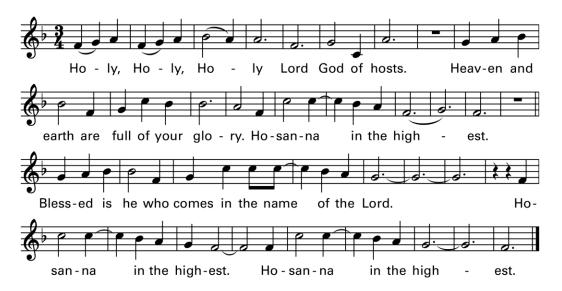
Let us give thanks to our loving God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

#### HOLY



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

#### WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH



Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

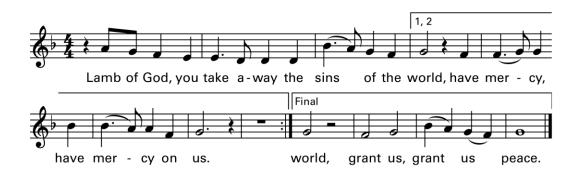
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and forever. **AMEN.** 

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

Holy One, our only Home, hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn, your will be done, here as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other. Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation. All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.



#### Invitation to Communion

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

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. It is customary to receive the bread in your hands and to guide the chalice with your hands. You may receive in one kind only (only the bread or only the wine). Should you desire a gluten-free host, please ask Mtr. Jen when she comes to you. If you are not a baptized Christian or you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing; when Mtr. Jen gets to you, simply cross your arms in front of your chest and she will give you a blessing. If you wish to be Baptized into the Body of Christ, please feel free to talk to Mtr. Jen after the service or by calling the office.

COMMUNION HYMN

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

ALLELUIA BOOK #121

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Faithful God

in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

We thank you for feeding us with this bread.

May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

Go forth now to care for God's world.

Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge.

Sacrifice where necessary.

Live in harmony with all creation.

Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.** 

RECESSIONAL HYMN ALMIGHTY FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

HYMNAL 579

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation. As you leave the sanctuary, you will find stairs to your right. If you continue going right at the stairs, you will find an elevator. If you require assistance, please ask!



October 6th Annual Blessing of Pets.

Please feel free to bring your pet on Sunday for a special blessing.

Pet food donations going to the Humane Society of St. Joseph County

# This Coming Week at Saint Michael's:

## Sunday, September 29:

11:30am Meeting of Counters

## Monday, September 30

10:00am AA Meeting

6:30pm South Bend Genealogical Society Meeting

7:00pm South Bend Symphonic Choir Rehearsal

## Tuesday, October 1

9:00am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

7:00pm River Bend Chorus Rehearsal

## Wednesday, October 2

11:15am Holy Eucharist with Lectio Divina in the Chapel

12:00pm After service lunch (bring your own)

## Thursday, October 3

4:30pm Evening Prayer in the Chapel

## Sunday, October 6

10:15am PET BLESSING SUNDAY with pet food donations going to the Humane Society of St. Joseph County, Holy Eucharist, and Coffee Hour

12:15am SOS Planning Meeting

4:00pm Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting via Zoom

# **Upcoming Dates:**

## Saturday, October 11:

7:00pm Supper Club (Cookout!)

## Sunday, October 13:

6:30pm Joint Book Study on Chapters 1-5 of *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond at St. Michael's

#### Monday - Wednesday, 10/14-10/16:

Mtr. Jen gone on Clergy Retreat. Morning Prayer and Noonday\_Eucharist cancelled.

## Saturday, October 19:

10:00am Service on Saturday

## Sunday, October 20:

3:00pm Youth Group Trip to A-Mazing Acres Farm and Dinner

## Monday, October 21:

Vestry Meeting

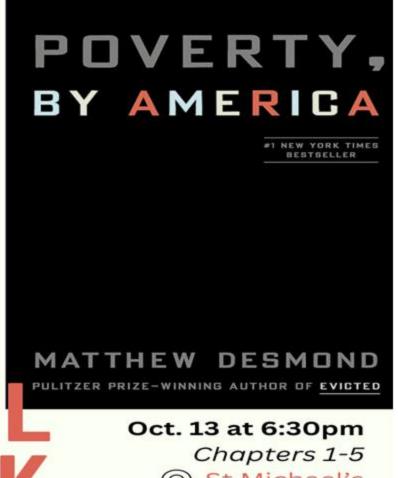
# Friday - Saturday, 10/25-10/26:

Diocesan Convention

We are joining together with St. Paul's, Mishawaka for a fall book study!

The book is Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond.

If you need help getting the book, Please see Mother Jen.



FALL BOOK STUDY



St Michael's

Dec. 8 at 6:30pm





# **Supper Club**

This club is to give opportunity to become acquainted with the members of our Parish, on a social level. We will be meeting at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.

Dinner will be potluck style each time.

## All are welcome to participate.

The sign-up sheet will be on one of the Narthex tables.

Dinner is on October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Please bring a lawn chair, we will be having a camp fire this evening!



Youth Group Kids will be going to the A-Mazing Acres Farm and Dinner afterward on October 20, 2024

Meeting at Saint Michael's at 3pm till 8pm

Please remember to bring your money!



# To Know, Live, and Share the Love of Christ!

Rector: The Rev. Jen Fulton

## THE VESTRY

Lynne Switalski Senior Warden (2025)

Colm Cregan
Junior Warden (2025)

Linda Kroll Treasurer (2025)

Beth North (2025) Jack Mueller (2025)

Spencer Hixon (2025)

Carol Nickel (2025)

Laura Knoppers (2026)

Mel Chapman (2026)

Andi Zavor (2026)

Nnamdi Chikere (2027)

Michael Griffith (2027)

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Michele Layher Finance Secretary

Dr. Marvin Curtis

Music Director

Andi Zavor Event Coordinator/Custodian Transitional Secretary

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Call the office for assistance at this time.

Mtr. Jen works Sunday-Thursday. Fridays and Saturdays are her days off.

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