



St. PAUL'S
WOODBURY

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 10:00 am

April 07, 2024



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Become, Belong, & Serve in the Love of Christ

Welcome to St. Paul's

We are blessed by your presence here this morning and want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion we believe that God welcomes all to Christ's Altar, including you! Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 by your seat. Please join us in the Pearson Room (parish hall) after worship for **Coffee Hour**; our rector, Rev. Tuesday, and our Deacon, Rev. David, would love to meet you!

If you are new to St. Paul's, or have not yet filled out this form, please fill out our **online newcomer form** by scanning the QR code or going to <https://stpaulswoodbury.org/contact-us>. You can keep up with St. Paul's by signing up for our weekly **newsletter**: subscribe on our website or email the office.



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Our **ushers** are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, concerns, or need assistance. If you would like help with a wheelchair, or if you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please see an usher. We're glad you're here!

The **restrooms** and **coat racks** are located alongside the Parish Hall: exit the Sanctuary through the side door to your right at the front of the church, before the altar, then turn left through the double doors; in front of you will be the parish hall and nursery, on your right are the coat racks; continue to the right to find the restrooms at the very end of the hallway.

Please be courteous to visitors, parishioners, and newcomers: extend a warm welcome by wearing your **name tag**. Temporary nametags are available in the church entry (narthex.) There you can also sign up for a new nametag in the notebook. Ask an usher for guidance.

Children in Church

Children of all ages are welcome here just as they are! We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. We have quiet activities in the **Busy Bags** available in the narthex (the entrance) for children's use during the service. Caregivers are welcome to make use of our **nursery** room, equipped with changing table and rocking chair, should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed. Children in the nursery must be accompanied by their grown up. Our service is live streamed into the parish hall, which is visible and audible in the nursery so that you may follow along. On select Sundays, children of all ages are invited to our **Sunday School** class which meets in the parish hall. Ask an usher for guidance.

Please pray for those in the Cycle of Prayer this week: St. George’s, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew’s, Milford; ECCT Regions and Region Leadership Teams; The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Please pray for those in our Armed Forces: Dave Shannon; Justin Wilgus; Joshua Long; Timothy Walsh; Robert Frame; Jake Kimball.

Please pray for those in need: Andrew Cunningham, Ellie Shingleton, Helen Burdick, Isobel Moore, Jim Hord, Jim Ravenscroft, Leah Sharibu, Maria Meister, Mary Hord, Ruth White, and Shahrokh Dezhbod.

Please pray for those celebrating a birthday this week: April 07 – Ron Crowcroft; April 11th – Phoebe Hale; April 12th – Ashlynn Blum, Owen Hale and Ron Hurt.

To add or remove names from this prayer list, contact the office (see back for details.)

To request confidential prayers by *St. Paul’s Prayer Circle*, contact Beverly Deickler at 203-263-2469 or deickler@sbcglobal.net. Requests are included for one month unless renewed.

This Week with St. Paul’s

Saturday	Apr 06	5:00 pm	Camp Washington Dinner & Celtic Eucharist
Sunday	Apr 07		The Second Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Rector’s Forum, Pearson Room
		10:00 am	Morning Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
			<i>*No evening eucharist today; resumes next Sunday at 5 pm.</i>
Monday	Apr 08		Parish Office Closed Monday and Tuesday
		6:15 pm	Christian Yoga with Susan, Pearson Room
Tuesday	Apr 09	9:00 am	Rev. Tuesday’s Sacred Study Series on Zoom
			Parish Hall in use Tuesday evening
Wednesday	Apr 10	11:30 am	Lunch at the Charcoal Chef
Thursday	Apr 11	9:30 am	Seekers weekly meeting, Pearson Room
		4:00 pm	Property Meeting then Executive & Finance
Sunday	Apr 14		The Third Sunday of Easter
		9:00 am	Rector’s Forum, Pearson Room
		10:00 am	Morning Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
		10:00 am	All-Ages Sunday School (Note: Field Trip 4/13)
		5:00 pm	Evening Celtic Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary

Note: our Celtic Eucharist took place yesterday at Camp Washington, but returns to its usual time & place next 4/14 – the next Camp Washington First Saturday Community Dinner & Celtic Eucharist will be June 1st, you can register any time at campwashington.org.

We resume our regular worship schedule next week, with services Sundays at 10 AM & 5 PM.

Looking ahead: Rev. Tuesday’s bi-monthly book group Tea with Tuesday meets April 30 at 4 PM to discuss Heretics Anonymous by Katie Henry over tea and treats at The Rectory.

Participating in this Service

Lector – Russ DePace

Intercessor – Joan Wilson

Eucharistic Visitor – Dory Holmes

Ministerial Intern – Phoebe Oler

Priest – The Rev. Tuesday Rupp

Chalicer – Wrey Trompeter

Counter – Leslie Albrecht

Usher – Wendy Brazauskas

Organist – Kristin Daigneault

Deacon – The Rev. David Rhodes

The Word of God

PRELUDE

All stand as able.

OPENING HYMN

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!” Hymnal 205

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

GLORIA

“Alleluia! Alleluia!” verse. 2

H 178

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray, Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

Verse 2

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.**

The Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 4:32-35

All may be seated.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.



Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 133

Spoken in alternating half verses

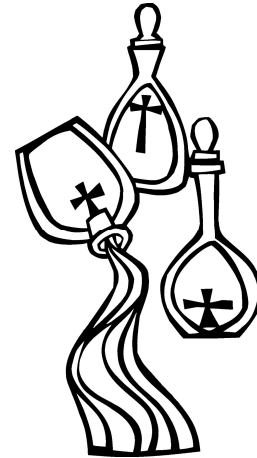
Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.



THE EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for hymn & Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“We walk by faith and not by sight”

Hymnal 209

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Gospeler
People

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeler
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.



THE SERMON

All are seated.

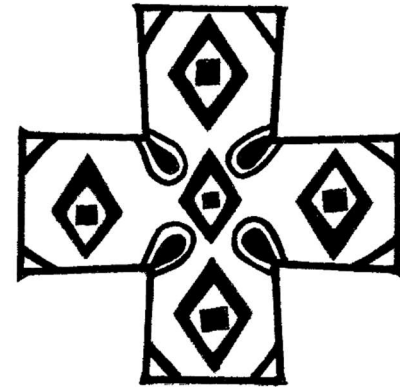
The Rev. Deacon David Rhodes

THE CREED

All stand.

**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

All stand or kneel as able.

Minister: Let us who have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying: Lord, hear us in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For a new birth of peace on the earth among all human families and nations, that hatred and violence and war may cease, we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, and for bishops, clergy, and all who offer ministries, that we may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts, we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For this nation and all nations of the world, that those who lead may know truth and practice integrity, that all peoples may grow together in concord, we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all in mental anguish and whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, "My Lord and my God," we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those imprisoned unjustly by force, that they may be liberated and not be abandoned to the dominion of death, we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all gathered here out of love for Christ, that we may know the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all whom we remember in the Cycle of Prayer: St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew's, Milford; ECCT Regions and Region Leadership Teams; and The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria, we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all the blessings of this life, especially Ron Crowcroft, Phoebe Hale, Ashlynn Blum, Owen Hale and Ron Hurt, who are celebrating a birthday this week, we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Ruth White, Ellie Shingleton, Leah Sharibu, Jim Ravenscroft, Isobel Moore, Maria Meister, Mary Hord, Jim Hord, Shahrokh Dezhbod, Andrew Cunningham, and Helen Burdick we pray: Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those having died in faith, and for all the dying, that they may know the love

of God who has raised Christ up, having loosed the pangs of death, we pray:
Lord, hear us in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

*Please add your own prayers of intercessions and thanksgiving,
offered either out loud or in the silence of your hearts.*

Celebrant: Bind us in love to those for whom we pray this day, and to one another, in genuineness of faith, more precious than gold, that Christ may be present in all we do, and say. So, may your life be praised, today, and all days.

THE PEACE

Minister The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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



THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We sit for the announcements.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN *“O sons and daughters let us sing”* **H 206**

All stand.

DOXOLOGY *(verse 3)* **H 380**

All **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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

Hymnal S 120

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.**

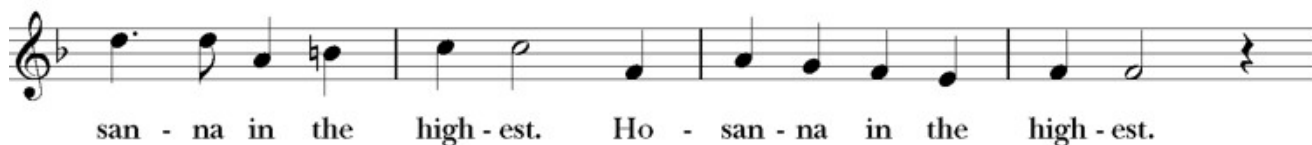
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



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 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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.

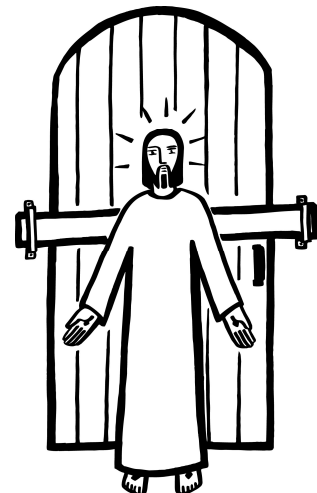
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**



The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Be known to us”

WLP 875

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The
The dis -

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

Congregation

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
The dis -

known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

Cantor or Choir

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.
Je - sus }

Celebrant 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.

The Communion *All who seek God & a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice. We offer both fermented grape juice (wine) and unfermented grape juice as part of our sacrament. The wine is dark red and offered on the left-hand (pulpit) side of the communion rail. The grape juice is white and offered on the right hand (parish hall) side. Regardless of your choice, or if you choose not to receive from the common cup at all, you can trust that Jesus' offering of himself is complete in either element alone. Gluten-free wafers are available on the right hand side of the rail. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." To receive a blessing instead, please cross your hands across your chest.*

COMMUNION HYMN

"This joyful Eastertide"

H 192

The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

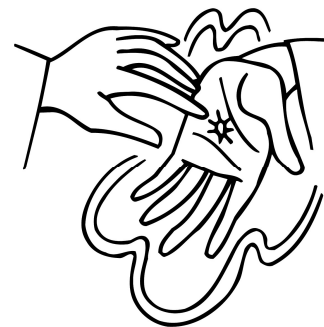
Celebrant In the name of Christ and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

All We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says, Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
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
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 for ever. Amen.**



BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people.

CLOSING HYMN

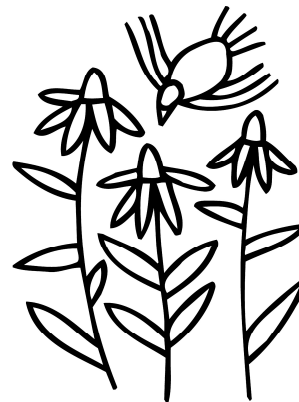
“By all your saints still striving”

Hymnal 231

By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy Name, O Jesus,
for evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious,
that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendor
reflected from your throne.

All praise, O Lord, for Thomas
whose short-lived doubtings prove
your perfect two-fold nature,
the depth of your true love.
To all who live with questions
a steadfast faith afford;
and grant us grace to know you,
made flesh, yet God and Lord.

Then let us praise the Father
and worship God the Son,
and sing to God the Spirit,
eternal Three-in-One,
till all the ransomed number who
stand before the throne,
ascribe all power and glory and
praise to God alone.



DISMISSAL

Minister
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

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OFFICERS & VESTRY 2024

Wardens: Julie Calkins, *People's Warden* & Marianne Daly, *Property Warden*

Treasurer: Kathleen Montgomery **Clerk:** Ron Hurt

Members: Wendy Brazauskas; Jack Barlow; Marianne Daly; Ron Hurt;
Jock Lawrason; Kathleen Montgomery; Heidi Szobota.

Delegates: Julie Calkins & Ron Hurt; Marianne Daly, *alternate*.

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Parish Office: If you are going into the hospital, and for inquiries, appointments, membership information, newsletter submissions, and more, please contact the office.

We are available afternoons on Mon, Wed, Thurs, *appointments recommended*.

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