THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPTPHANY

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JANUARY 21, 2024 8:15AM | 10:30AM | HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

Please complete the information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF HOLY COMFORTER

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

WE CARE

Please call the church office at (336) 227-4251 if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

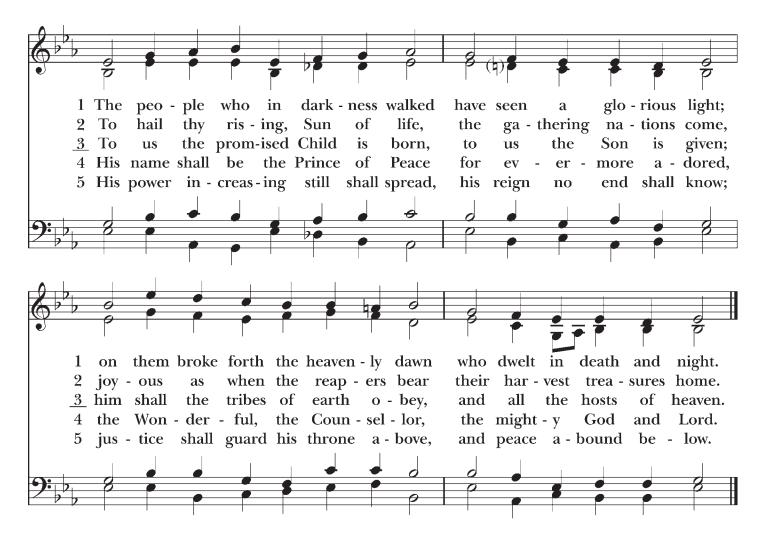
To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, and as the Holy Spirit, and experience God's presence within the church family, nurturing each other through a comprehensive parish program while affirming each other's individual ministries and responding to Jesus' continuing call to minister to others.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | 126

The people who in darkness walked



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Officiant People

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

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.*



COLLECT

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All children are invited to follow the crucifer to Godly Play in the Children's Chapel.

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE | S-409

Psalm 62:6-14



Nonne Deo?

6 For God alone my soul in silence | waits; * truly, my hope is | in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my sal- | vation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be | shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my | honor; *

God is my strong rock and my | refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O | people, *

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our | refuge.

- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting | breath, * even those of low estate cannot be | trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a | breath, *
 - all of them to- | gether.

12 Put no trust in extortion;

in robbery take no empty | pride; *

though wealth increase, set not your heart u- | pon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I | heard it, *

that power belongs to | God.

+ 14 Steadfast love is yours, O | Lord, *

for you repay everyone according to his | deeds.

THE EPISTLE

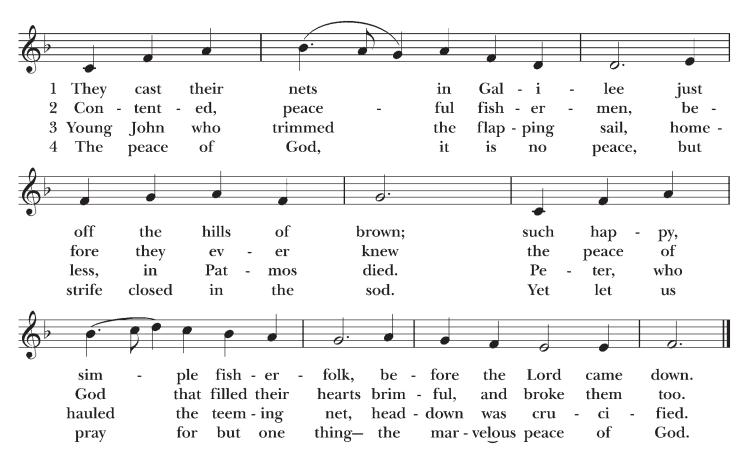
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

| Reader | The Word of the Lord. | |
|--------|-----------------------|--|
| People | Thanks be to God. | |

SEQUENCE HYMN | 661

They cast their nets in Galilee



The Officiant reads the Gospel, first saying

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

| Gospeler | The Gospel of the Lord. |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| People | Praise to you, Lord Christ. |

SERMON

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Officiant and People

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 Cod, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true Cod from true Cod, 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

Form I | BCP 383

The Reader and People pray responsively

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Reader For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Mark 1:14-20

| Reader | For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. | |
|------------------|--|--|
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For this city (town, village,), for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through oute space], let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader People | For, let us pray to the Lord. <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> | |
| Reader | For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People | Lord. have mercy. | |

People Lord, have mercy.

| Reader | That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. | |
|--------|---|--|
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. | |
| People | Lord, have mercy. | |
| Reader | In the communion of [and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. | |
| People | To thee, O Lord our God. | |

Silence. The celebrant may add a concluding collect before the following.

A TRANSITION PRAYER FOR HOLY COMFORTER

Ever-present God,

You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.

We are not where we started.

We have not reached our destination.

We are not sure where we are or who we are.

Transition is not a comfortable place.

May we continue to remind ourselves of the wonderful resources of this Church Sanctuary and a warm and welcoming congregation.

Be among us, we pray.

Calm our fears, save us from discouragement.

Encourage us to care for one another.

And help us to stay on course.

Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey toward calling a new Rector continues as a journey of trust, and faith and love. **Amen**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

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.

Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

I'm just a poor wayfarin' stranger A-trav'lin' through this world of woe But there's no sickness, toil, or danger In that bright world to which I go.

I'm goin' there to see my mother; I'm goin' there no more to roam. I'm just a-goin' over Jordan; I'm just a-goin' over home.

DOXOLOGY | 380 V.3

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people 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 our 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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

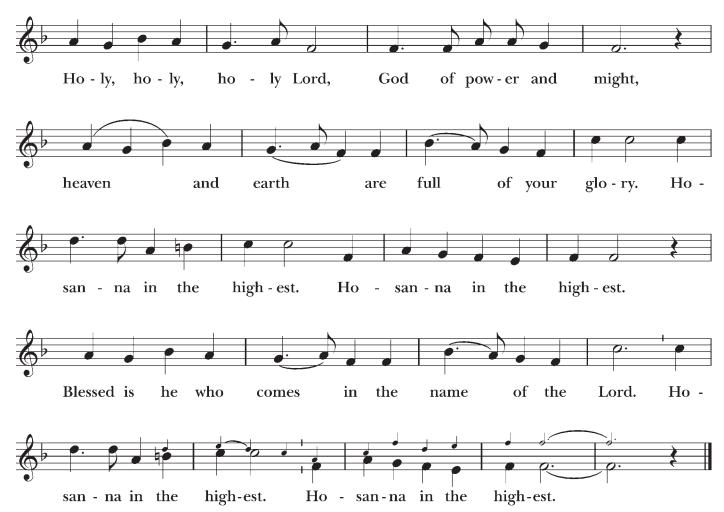
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Victor C. Johnson

Old 100th

BCP 361

SANCTUS | S-125



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:

Officiant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. 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

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

Officiant and 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

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread. The choir will immediately sing the fraction anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM | S-155



Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation. The Gifts of God for you, who are also gifts of God. BCP 364

BCP 364

Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the Altar may cross their arms over their chest.

COMMUNION HYMNS



321 | My God, thy table now is spread

538 | God of mercy, God of grace



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

For those attending in person.

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**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those attending remotely.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL | 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

(Recessional lyrics on next page)

DISMISSAL

| Officiant | Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. |
|-----------|---|
| People | Thanks be to God. |

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Dan and Meredith Patterson in memory of Michael Carter Patterson.

| OFFICIANT | The Rev. Melanie Barbarito | |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| LAY MINISTERS VERGER | Steven Swanner | |
| ORGANIST | Christin Baker | |
| USHERS | 8:15am Ron Driscoll 10:30am Patrick Rudd, Hu Womack | |
| READERS | 8:15am Linda Buff 10:30am Patrick Rudd, Sandy Gerow | |
| ACOLYTES | 8:15am Curt Odem 10:30am Chalicist - Martha Stewart Crucifer - Mourine Todd Left Torch Bearer - Micah Ash Right Torch Bearer - Sandra Wells Gospel Bearer - Aurora Maresca | |
| CHILDREN'S CHAPEL | Maggie Holt, Cheryl Miner | |
| VESTRY COUNTERS | Joanne McClusky, Max Newbauer | |
| FLOWER GUILD | Janie Sellers, Ren Bryan | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Shara Partin , Verne Booker, Ren Bryan, Connie Griner, Mary Telander, Marilyn Tyler | |
| SUNSHINE COMMITTEE | Susan Klopman, Betty Adams, Judy Driscoll, Beth Glidewell, Julie Tighe | |

| COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS JANUARY 7 SERVICE COUNT 10AM 110 REMOTE 68 | |
|---|-------------------------|
| MONDAY, JAN. 8 - SUNDAY, J | AN. 14 |
| GENERAL FUND | \$1,21500 |
| PLEDGED | \$1,21500 \$7,553.00 |
| OTHER | |
| TOTAL | |



JANUARY 21, 2024 | RELIGIOUS LIFE SUNDAY

Did you know that there are monks, nuns, sisters and brothers, and friars in The Episcopal Church? We invite you to learn what religious life can offer you and to observe Religious Life Sunday on the 3rd Sunday in Epiphany.

WHAT IS "RELIGIOUS LIFE SUNDAY"?

General Convention approved resolution 2022-B004, "Foundation of Religious Life Sunday," to be held each year on the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. On this Sunday, we reach out to Episcopalians to spread the message that monastic and Christian communities exist in The Episcopal Church, who we are, and how to find out what we can offer you.

WHAT ARE THE "RELIGIOUS" COMMUNITIES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?

Religious communities in The Episcopal Church include monastic communities, whose members live together under a rule of life and under vows such as poverty, chastity, and obedience. "Religious life" also includes Christian communities whose members are from all walks of life, who live in their own homes and have jobs, and who form unified, vowed communities.

WHAT CAN RELIGIOUS LIFE DO FOR ME AND FOR MY FAITH JOURNEY?

In religious life, over the centuries, traditions and practices have been developed to assist spiritual growth and discernment. Religious in the Episcopal Church teach about prayer practices, lead retreats, give spiritual direction, assist in writing and living a rule of life, give presentations about the spiritual journey, and provide spiritual friendship. Many of our monastic communities offer hospitality for



short visits or longer retreats. The website religiouslifesunday.org includes resources, videos, a speakers list, and much more.

Once you have made a connection with one religious community, you might want to explore becoming an associate or oblate. The process usually begins with discernment and preparation, followed by a formal service of commitment. Associates and oblates pray for the members of the community and other associates and oblates, and they usually give financial and other support, commit to a rule of life, and attend retreats. We also discern with those exploring a vocation to religious life.

HOW CAN I CONNECT WITH A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY?



We welcome your interest in our lives and our communities! To learn more about monastic communities in The Episcopal Church, visit caroa.net. Form more information on Christian communities, visit naecc.net. For more resources and information, visit religiouslifesunday.org.

COLLECT FOR MONASTIC ORDERS AND VOCATIONS

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONTACTS

BISHOP DIOCESAN The Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman | sam.rodman@episdionc.org ASST. BISHOP The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson | jennifer.brookedavidson@episdionc.org Steven Swanner | jsswanner@gmail.com VERGER Christin Baker | cbaker@hb-c.org MUSIC DIRECTOR FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR Julia Buffington | jbuffington@hc-b.org PARISH ADMINISTRATOR Cat Sykes | csykes@hc-b.org Kelvin Bradsher | gareth.bradsher@yahoo.com **SEXTON** NEWLIN PARTNERSHIP ADMIN. DIRECTOR Mindy Robinson | newlinpartnership@gmail.com Jocelyn Safrit | safritr@bellsouth.net **ASSISTANT FOR YOUTH & FAMILY PROJECTS** NURSERY STAFF Jan Kelly | jankelly159@gmail.com EmmaLee Murphy emma.murph26@icloud.com NURSERY STAFF The Rev. David R. Williams | david@davidrwilliams.org **RECTOR EMERITUS**

VESTRY CONTACTS

GEORGE BLAISDELL PAT HOUSE SID LITTLE JOANNE MCCLUSKY CHAPPY MOSER MAX NEWBAUER GARY SCHILKE ALEX STEVENS LARRY STEVENS JULIE SWANNER MARK THOMAS DIANA WALLACE gblaisdell13@gmail.com phousenc@gmail.com dslittle48@gmail.com jmcclusky@triad.rr.com chappy052056@gmail.com maxnewbauer@yahoo.com schilkesue@twc.com alexanderforreststevens@gmail.com samspenser@gmail.com julieswanner@yahoo.com mdthomas6@hotmail.com wallaced2000@yahoo.com

(336) 227-4251

WAYS TO CONNECT

OFFICE PHONE WEBSITE OFFICE HOURS INSTAGRAM FACEBOOK PAGE FACEBOOK GROUP YOUTUBE



www.hc-b.org Monday-Thursday | 8am-2:30pm - Friday | 8am-12pm www.instagram.com/holycomforterburlington www.Facebook.com/holycomforterburlington www.Facebook.com/groups/holycomforterburlington www.youtube.com/ECHCBurlington