



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We, the baptized ministers,
declare Christ's Mission for us:
to grow as a Church
in the spiritual strength
of community,
and to care, reach out,
and include all people in Christ's love.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM
October 13, 2024

Welcome to St. Thomas! We are so glad that you are here with us. If you are new to our community, we invite you to fill out a welcome card located in the pew rack in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to a priest. We also invite you to stay with us for coffee hour after the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

Introit

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation

#885 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Procession

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

#460 Hymnal 1982

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

The Acclamation

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During the singing of the Song of Praise, children from Pre-K to 3rd Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.

Song of Praise

Glory to You, O Lord (Canticle 13)

#886 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Musical score for the song. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics "Glo-ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you, O Lord." and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line with lyrics "you are wor - thy of praise." and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 12/8.

Verses are on Page 4

Musical score for the verses, consisting of a piano accompaniment in 12/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

- Glory to you, Lord God in the **highest**; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to **you**.
- Glory to you for the radiance of your holy **Name**; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*
- Glory to you in the splendor of your **temple**; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to **you**.
- Glory to you, seated between the **Cherubim**; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*
- Glory to you, beholding the **depths**; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to **you**.
- Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy **Spirit**; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

A reading from the Book of Job.

Job said: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; if only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1-15 (*We will pray a portion of Psalm 22 responsively by half verse*)

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *

strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *

like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *

my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *

and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Spirit of God, Unseen 1 / 2

#53 Voices Found

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "Spi-rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove: teach us the truth and help us be-lieve, show us the Sa-viour's love! love!". The first system ends with a first ending bracket labeled "1. 2." and a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1 You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ-ten word;
 2 With-out your help we fail our Lord, we can-not live his way;

we read it still, need-ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.
 we need your power, we need your strength, fol - low-ing Christ each day.

D.C.

The Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not

receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Will Drosos

The Nicene Creed

**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

Deacon: The prayers of the people is a time for us to come together as we offer our prayers to God. Please kneel as you are able and offer your own prayers in the pauses, either silently or aloud. In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Intercessor: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; for Mark, Gayle,

and Bud, our Bishops; for all bishops and other ministers; for Fran, Will, Caroline, Rishabh, Lori, Mary and Nicole, our staff; Mary, our Deacon; Beth, our Seminarian; for the teachers at the Early Learning Center; for the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, Glenn, our Governor, and the officials of Fairfax County, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the blessings of this life, especially for all those celebrating birthdays this week; for Becky and Jim Ventorini, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and for those blessings you would name *[pause]*. We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially **Ethan, Vincent, Vera, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Bill, Mindy, Barbara, Andrew, Beverly, Davis, Grace, Andrew, Tricia, Malcolm, Tony, Emily, Betsy and Michael, Melissa, Alexa, Cassandra, Anne, Chuck**, and those whom you would name *[pause]*; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have died, especially those whom you would name *[pause]*. For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that,

with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of blessed Thomas and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Together let us pray for St Thomas Church.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence.* Together, let us pray: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Following the exchange of peace in the church, peace is exchanged with the congregation on Zoom.

The Offertory

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*



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<https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate>.

Offertory Anthem

Bright Mornin' Stars Arisin'

Bright mornin' star's arising,
Bright mornin' star's arising,
Day is a breakin' in my soul

O where are our dear mothers?
O where are our dear mothers?
Day is a breakin' in my soul.

They are down in the valley prayin',
They are down in the valley prayin',
Day is a breakin' in my soul.

Traditional Shaker Hymn

O where are our dear fathers?
O where are our dear fathers?
Day is breakin' in my soul.

They have gone to heaven shouting,
They have gone to heaven shouting,
Day is breakin' in my soul.

Bright mornin' star's arising,
Bright mornin' star's arising,
Day is breakin' in my soul.

The Doxology *(to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King")*

#400 Hymnal 1982

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

Sanctus: #255 Lift Every Voice and Sing II



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

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:

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.**

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

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 Fraction: #876 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord_ Je - sus_ in the break - ing_

Fine Verses

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though_ ma - ny we share one_ bread.

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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.

A note about the distribution of the Eucharist:

We offer both the common cup and a cup for intinction. If you would like to receive by intinction, please go the left side of the altar rail and the presiding priest will dip the bread in the cup for you. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please go to the right side of the altar rail where the bread and the cup will be offered separately.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

While some are receiving communion at church, those worshiping on Zoom say the following prayer:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally today, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#488 Hymnal 1982



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Elcanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation

Let us pray. **God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us as we are united with Christ and one another in prayer and sacrament. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.** *Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski, adapted by the Rev. Will Drosos*

The Blessing

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city, where God lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

O Day of God Draw Nigh

#601 Hymnal 1982

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Improvisations on *Abbot's Leigh*

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith
Preacher	Rev. Will Drosos
Deacon	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Acolyte	Ed Rhodes
Altar Guild	Ed Rhodes
Digital Usher	Audrey Adair
Digital Verger	Jeff Crigler
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Flower Guild	Cleta Raymond
Lector / Intercessor	Pat Smith
Eucharistic Minister (EM)	Debby Reed
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Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, all welcome.

ST THOMAS Pumpkin Patch

G R E A T P U M P K I N S F O R G O O D C A U S E S



Great Pumpkins for Good Causes

The St. Thomas Pumpkin Patch is now open!

Our patch does good from beginning to end. Our pumpkins are grown on Northwestern New Mexico Navajo Indian Reservation land – providing much needed employment. Our unload and reload events provide a service-learning opportunity for local 8th graders. Proceeds from pumpkin sales support our ministry partners: SHARE (McLean food bank), Falls Church/McLean Children’s Center, Second Story, and the FACETS Hypothermia Program. Finally, our leftover pumpkins help feed the animals at Rikki’s Refuge – a non-kill, large animal shelter.

Please sign up to sell pumpkins. We are open from 10-6PM on the weekend, noon to 6PM during the week. 2 hour shifts. It’s a great way to meet local folk and tell them about St. Thomas.

Sign up to sell pumpkins - <http://bit.ly/PumpkinSales2024>

PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Skinny at St. Thomas October 13th, 2024



More information about many of these events can be found on the Announcements page on our website. Scan the QR code to see them.

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Please Volunteer for the Fall Festival!

Our Fall Festival is coming up in less than two weeks on October 26th, and we could use some more volunteers. There are a variety of jobs, including indoors or outdoors, seated or active, something for everyone! Please read the descriptions and sign up on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-45827782-2024>

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St. Thomas Pumpkin Patch!

Our 17th annual pumpkin patch is now open! Great pumpkins for good causes. We are seeking volunteers to sell pumpkins in two hour shifts. Sign up here:

<http://bit.ly/PumpkinSales2024>

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ECW Book Group

Wednesday, October 16th at 7:30 pm

In Hudson Hall. Fran will lead us in a discussion of *The Exvangelicals* by Sarah McCammon. BYO drinks and snacks. The Zoom link and meeting information is below if you'd like to join online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81699013866?pwd=WBDvwanZd4BqDN81nHSfvgetS45ibm.1>

Meeting ID: 816 9901 3866
Passcode: 681759

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Second Story Beacon of Hope

**Wednesday, October 23rd at 8:00 am
Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA**

St. Thomas is a sponsor for this event and can reserve a table of 10. Let Rev. Fran know if you are interested in attending!

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Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons. We will continue learning about and discussing how we interpret scripture.

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Ladies Lunch Bunch

Monday, October 28th at 11:15 am

Honeygrow, 8399 Leesburg Pike
Vienna, VA 22182

<https://www.honeygrow.com>

Contacts—Audrey (813) 956-7550 and
Tricia (571) 244-3142

ECW Treats and Treasures Sale

The Annual Treats & Treasures Sale will follow the 10 am service on December 8th with a possible clearance sale the following week. This is the major fundraising event for the ECW garnering nearly \$3,000 last year. All of the proceeds from the ECW sale are given to various charitable organizations. Please begin to select items to donate for the sale and bring them to church for pricing now through mid November. Thank you! For more information or to volunteer, contact the ECW at

ECWPres@Stthomasmcleanva.org

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Bishop's Visit!

Bishop Shand will visit St. Thomas on Sunday, November 17th. Speak to Fran or Will if you are interested in Confirmation.

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Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee Hour is really "Fellowship Hour" and is a long-standing tradition at St. Thomas. We are in need of hosts for the following dates for the rest of 2024:

November 24, December 15,
December 22, December 29

Sign-ups for coffee hour is available via a link to SignUpGenius or by using the QR code, both of which are below (instead of the paper sign-up in Hudson Hall). If you need help signing up electronically, I would be happy to help!



Thank you for continuing this tradition of Fellowship at St. Thomas! If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-50136812-stthomas>

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This Week

Monday October 14th

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday October 15th

12 noon – Midweek Eucharist

2 pm – Silent Book Club

Wednesday October 16th

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

7:30 pm – ECW Book Group

Thursday October 17th

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Friday October 18th

11 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

Sunday October 20th

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship