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declare Christ's Mission for us:

to grow as a Church

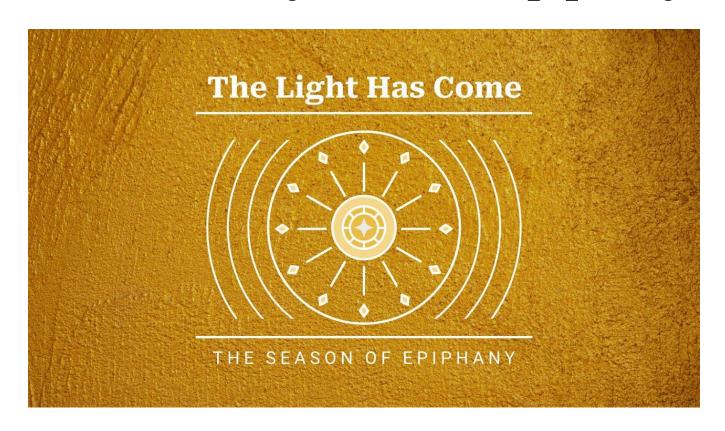
in the spiritual strength

of community,

and to care, reach out,

and include all people in Christ's love.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM St. Thomas Annual Meeting January 26, 2025 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

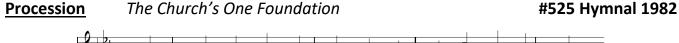
Welcome

The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith

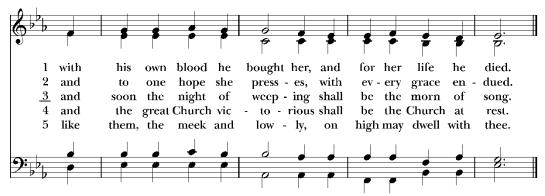
Introit

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Carol McClure







Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

The Acclamation

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever 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 Gloria, children from Pre-K to 3rd Grade are invited to follow the crucifer to Children's Chapel.







The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#131 Lift Every Voice and Sing II O I know the Lord 1,2 / 3,4 **Sequence Hymn** O know the I know the Lord Lord. 1, 2. Fine Lord's_ laid His 0 I know the hands on me. hands on me. 1. Did ev er you_ see the like fore_ Jc sus. preach ing to the poor?_ 2. O was n'tthat hap ру day_ Je sus. washed my sins way?_ a -3. Some_ seek the Lord and don't seck Him__ right. fool_ all_{-} day and pray at night._ 4. My_{-} Lord's_ done what He said, just healed_ the_ sick and raised the dead._ $\lceil 1 \rceil$ $11_{2.}$ D.C.1. I know the Lord's_ laid His hands on me, King hands on me, 2. I know the Lord's_ laid His me, When hands on hands on me, 3. I know the Lord's_ laid His hands on me, They hands on me, 4. I know the Lord's_ laid His hands on me, He's hands on me,

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The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

<u>The Sermon</u> 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

The prayers of the people is a time for us to share our prayers with one another as we lift them together to God. Kneeling as you are able, let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

God, grant us the spirit of adoration. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; for Fran, Will, Caroline, Rishabh, Lori, Mary and Nicole, our staff; for Beth, our Seminarian; for the teachers at the Early Learning Center; for the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas;

Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh: Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world.

Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer. We pray for **Ethan, Vincent, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Barbara, Andrew, Tony, Melissa, Andy, Jan, Tom, Scott, Vera, Steve, Debby, Kelli and Brent, Caroline, Rick,** and all those you would name [pause].

Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

God, protect in your love our neighbors, our families and this community of which we are a part. We pray for Paul Ryder and all those celebrating birthdays this week; for all those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week; and all the blessings you now name [pause]. Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the faithful departed, including those whom you would name [pause]. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.



It's Easy to Give Electronically to St. Thomas

Scan the QR code, or visit the GIVING page on the St. Thomas website: https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate.

Offertory Anthem

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Carson Cooman

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my tired soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller, be.

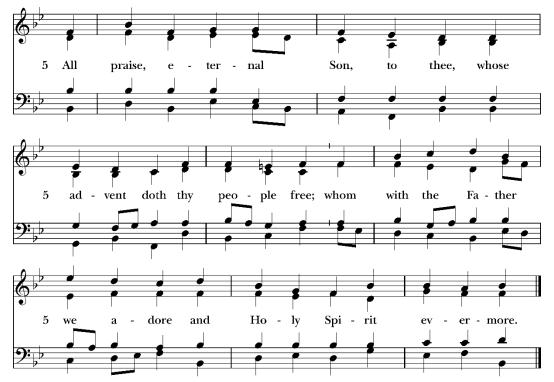
O Light that follows me all my way,
I give my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze
its day may brighter, fairer, be.

O Joy that seek me through the pain I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be!

- George Matheson

The Doxology

#76 Hymnal 1982, Verse 5



Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten free wafers are available on request. As the Eucharist is distributed, all who desire prayers for healing—for themselves or for others—are invited to come to the healing minister in front of the pulpit on the left as you face the altar.

The Great Thanksgiving EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

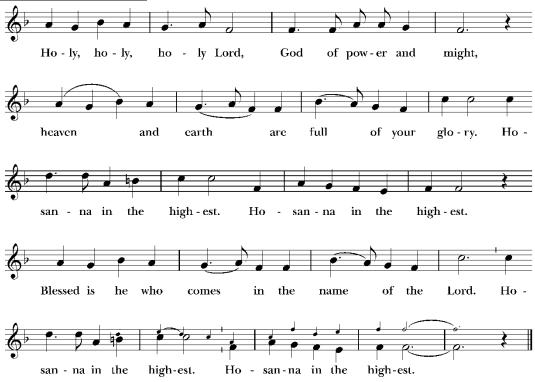
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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:

Sanctus: #S125 Hymnal 1982



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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:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

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 St. Thomas 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 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: #S164 Hymnal 1982



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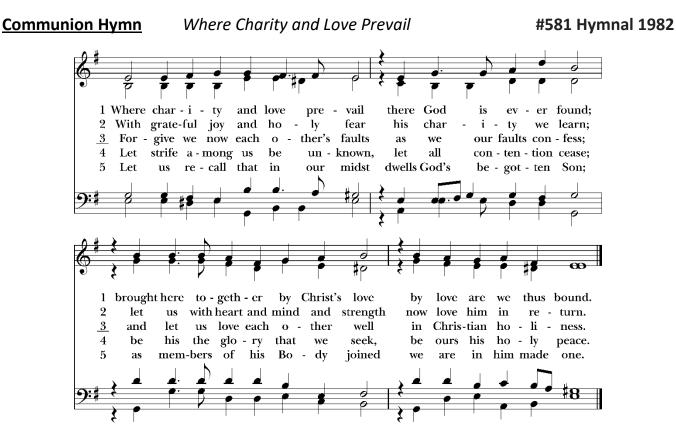
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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.

<u>Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom</u>

While some are receiving communion at church, those worshiping on Zoom say the following prayer: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. ~ from St. Augustine's Prayer Book



6 Love can exclude no race or creed If honored be God's name Our common life embraces all Whose Father is the same.

Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation

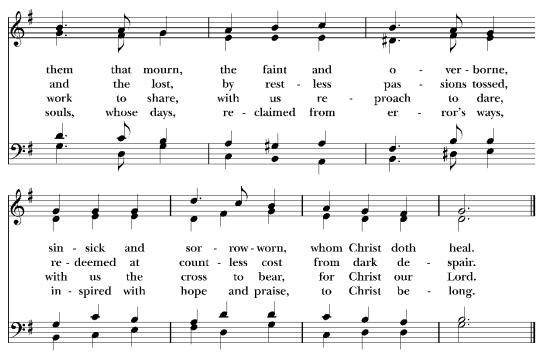
Let us pray. God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us as we are united with Christ and one another in prayer and sacrament. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. 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 ANNUAL MEETING

The Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustingly, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the reign of God. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**





Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886). Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892).

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presider	Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith			
Preacher	Rev. Will Drosos			
Deacon	Rev. Caroline Mitchell			
Altar Guild	Ed Rhodes			
Digital Usher	Bruce Allan			
Digital Verger	Jeff Crigler			
Children's Chapel	Lael Lyons & Rev. Caroline			
	Mitchell			
Eucharistic Ministers	Debby Reed & Rev. David Smith			
Healing Minister	Rev. Will Drosos			
Flower Guild	Cleta Raymond			
Lector & Intercessor	Cleta Raymond			
Usher	Jan Hamilton			
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Audrey Adair & Becky Ventorini			

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 January 26th, 2025



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

St. Thomas Annual Meeting Today!

Our annual meeting will take place at approximately 11am after the service today. Coffee and snacks provided! Please stay with us to learn about the future, elect new Vestry members, and celebrate St. Thomas!

Timbre Trio Concert

Today, January 26th at 5 pm in the Sanctuary

Timbre Trio is a women's vocal ensemble formed in 2024 to explore their shared love of folk music from America and around the world. Classically trained sopranos Tammy Rogers, Robin A. Pennington, and Eileen West will showcase a lively blend of traditional folk melodies and contemporary interpretations in an enchanting live performance.

Ladies Lunch Bunch 4th Monday, January 27th at 11:15 am

Silver Diner

11951 Killingsworth AV, Reston https://www.silverdiner.com/reston Save a place or running late? Text Audrey at (813)956-7550

Rev. Caroline's Ordination to the Priesthood Saturday, February 1st at 10:30 am

God willing, the Rt. Rev'd. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of Virginia, will ordain Rebecca Deann Casey and Caroline Greer Mitchell to the Sacred Order of Priests on Saturday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington. You are invited to join! The Ordination will be recorded and available on YouTube for those unable to attend in person. The festal color of the day is white. February 1 is the feast day of St. Brigid of Ireland, and Rev. Fran has been invited to preach. Caroline will celebrate the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, February 2nd with us at St. Thomas.

Volunteer to Support Fairfax Diapers Thursday, February 6th at 10am

The task is simply repackaging diapers from bulk quantities to household-size bundles to be distributed to needy families. Please scan the QR code below to access the sign up. Questions? Contact Anne Spear by email at amspear@yahoo.com or by phone at (703) 915-4300.



Pints with Doubting Thomas

Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 pm

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons. Join us to learn and discuss theology in an informal environment. The first round of drinks is on us! Next month, we will be talking about prayer.

Women Gathering Zoom Meetup (the 2nd Thursday of each month) February 13th at 4:30 pm

Join us as Rev. Fran leads a discussion of Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans. We will continue with:

"The Beast" (preface) p. 113 and Chapters 5 "Resistance Stories" p. 115. The book is available on AMAZON in paperback, e-book, and audiobook.

For more details, contact Betsy eheilman2003@yahoo.com Audrey at audreyjadair@gmail.com for the ZOOM link and study guide.

Coffee Hour Hosts needed for Feb & March

Coffee hour sign-ups are available via a link to SignUpGenius or by using the QR code, both of which are below. If you need help signing up electronically, I would be happy to help! We would like hosts to limit their food offerings to 2-3 items, to include fresh fruit or raw veggies. Also, you can indicate if you are not comfortable making coffee on the sign up. Thank you for continuing this tradition of Fellowship at St. Thomas. If you have any questions, please contact me directly. Becky Ventorini, Fellowship Hour Coordinator beckyventorini@gmail.com

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This Week

Monday January 27th

11:15 am – Ladies Lunch Bunch 12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Tuesday January 28th

12 pm – Midweek Eucharist

Wednesday January 29th

10 am - Staff Meeting

12 pm – Noonday Prayer

Thursday January 30th

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

Friday January 31st

11 am – Mclean Islamic Center Worship

Saturday February 1st

10:30 am – Ordination of Caroline Mitchell

Sunday February 2nd

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship