



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints' Sunday

November 3, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In

Andrew Moore

INTROIT

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Darwall

*Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.
Ye blessed souls at rest who ran this earthly race
And now, from sin released, behold the Savior's face,
God's praises sound, as in his sight with sweet delight ye do abound.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 149:1)

John Weicher

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: **Let all the faithful praise the Lord.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

Sung to Austrian Hymn

*Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.
Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.
Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.
Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it— truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.*

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up individuals to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

* Those who are able, please stand.

Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:11-23

(Pew Bible, NT Page 192)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

(Pew Bible, OT Page 878)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"The Way Forward"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Sam Miglarese

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 on 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

***HYMN NO. 550**

Give Praise to the Lord

Laudate Dominum

***THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.

During the passing of the peace, children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for "A Time with the Children."

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

(Following "A Time with Children," children may return to the playroom or join their caregivers and siblings as they go back to their seats.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Lesley Curtis, soloist

*In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss,
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.*

*In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.*

If you would comfort me sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would mourn me and bring me to God, Sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure,

Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me; bring me to God.

Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Thanks and praise to you, O God, creator and lover of the universe. You created all that was; you nurture all that is; you imagine all that will be. You are the pattern of community, Three-in-One, God of mercy. From the beginning of time, you have created us for relationship with one another, with the earth, and with you. When we reject your call to community, choosing isolation over partnership and brokenness over healing, you call us back, again and again, with words of grace and the promise of new life. Remembering that we are not alone at this table, we join our voices with all the saints whom you have called from all times and all place, who forever sing your praise.

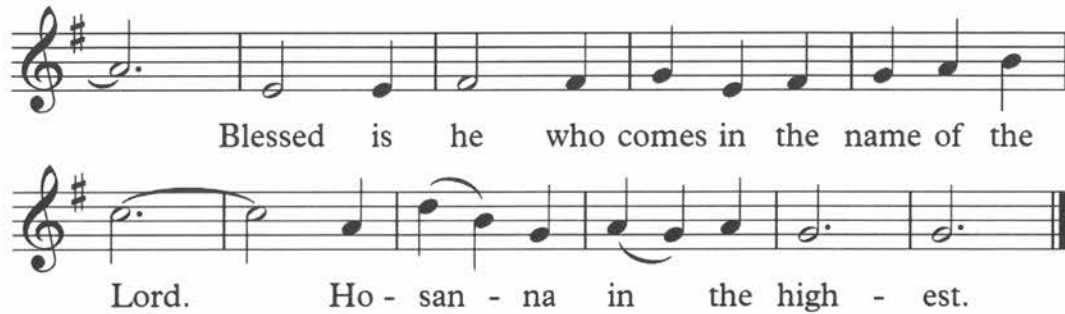
All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 572

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Hymn continues next page.)



Leader: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our host and our guest at this table. Through his birth, you took on flesh, affirming the goodness of our bodies and our world. Through his life, you took on suffering, sharing the truth of hope in desperation. Through his death, you took on death, revealing the depth of your love for us. Through his resurrection, you brought new creation, embodying the promise of life everlasting. With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this wine, gifts of the earth through which you bless us, and we offer ourselves in your service. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain, that we may taste your goodness, see your presence, and become one with you and your body. Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us and remember them now before you:

William John Bigger

Nina Bird

Peg Bracken



James Lawrence Casteel

✦ *Mary Clark*

✦ *Elizabeth "Bette" Conroy*



✦ *Ralph Coonrad*

✦ *Leonora "Lee" Courtland*

✦ *William (Bill) Deems Currie, Sr.*



Pamela Meeker Danser

Jerry England

✦ *Helen Bruce Floyd*



Steven Earl Gaddis

Kerry Graham, Jr.

Carmen Guajardo



Millicent Marie Lanier Hester

Heath Huberg

Lewis Kimmel Johnson



Robyn Lorimer

Mary Sue Overcash Morrow

Tiffany Murage



Frances Louise Nelson

✦ *Edward Newsom*

Joe Bacon Rist



✦ *William Henry Rogers*

Vicky Toby

Zorion Tucker



Bob Velkey

Christina Zabolitski

✦ Member or former member of FPC

Leader: In life and in death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, Now and forever. Amen.

(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Marilyn Hedgpeth, Mindy Douglas

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Communion Anthem

Anima Christi

Michael Burgo

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ, heal me.
Blood of Christ, drench me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. Good Jesus, hear me.
In your wounds, shelter me. From turning away, keep me.
From the evil one, protect me. At the hour of my death, call me.
Into your presence lead me, to praise you, with all your saints forever. Amen.*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful – those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 326**

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Ye Holy Angels Bright (Darwall)

Barbara Harbach

Today is the deadline for submitting nominations for persons to be elected to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Forms are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On October 27 we welcomed 23 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* are given by *Kathy Parkins* to the glory of God and in memory of *Heath Huberg* and all those who have died this year from the effects of brain diseases.

Childcare for infant through 6-years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Children ages 3-6 join worship for “A Time with the Children,” after which they may join their parent(s)/guardian(s) in the pews or return to the playroom. Childcare for infants–2 years continues in the nursery for all of worship. There is a *changing table* in the narthex, to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the narthex and foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Portions of today’s *worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* (2018 edition).

The *bulletin cover* depicts the entrance to the Memorial Garden at First Presbyterian Church, dedicated June 24, 1984 to the glory of God, the Creator and Keeper of life. The photo is courtesy of David Smith.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: FPC will be a polling place this week!

On **Tuesday, November 5**, FPC will serve as a polling place for Durham residents. We recommend that you contact the church staff by phone or e-mail that day as there will be little, if any, parking available during regular hours. While the Day School will operate on its normal schedule, we will not be handing out blessing bags or allowing groups to meet here during the day. Please contact **Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator, at t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org if you have questions.

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

Thank you to everyone who returned their pledge forms, prepaid their 2020 pledges, and shared their personal stories during this fall's Stewardship Season. We are so blessed to be on this journey together. If you haven't turned in your pledge, you can mail it in or complete the process online. Please remember to complete the Service and Mission area of the pledge form. You may contact Tom Bloom if you have questions about the pledging process.

Long Range Planning Team Follow-up Discussions

If you missed the October 20th presentation by the Long Range Planning Team, or would like further discussion on one of the four priorities, follow-up discussion sessions will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.) on **Sundays, November 10 and November 17** in the Wilson Parlor.

Care Packages for College Students

Do you have a student in college? Please make sure the church office has their current college address. The Pastoral Care Committee is assembling care packages for our college students. The congregation is invited to support this project by bringing in items for the packages - gum, hot chocolate, microwave popcorn, hard candy, Granola bars, puzzle or joke books, etc. Baskets will be labeled at FPC's Mission Collection Center in the foyer for the donations. Items are needed by Sunday, November 24. Your support is very much appreciated.

~ Our Concerns ~

Paul Cornsweet is recovering in the guest room at Emerald Pond Retirement Community, Durham

Home:

Chuck Barenchi
Cynthia Shimer

Margaret Mubanga
Joseph Ngumi

Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett
Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

Strategic Behavioral Health, Garner: *Philip Herndon*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Ralph Edwards, grandfather of Amy Wilson

Frances H. Kennedy, mother of Emily Wilkins

Jodi Koviach, friend of Amy Cummings

Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

Harlee Yoder, granddaughter of Bob and Lina Yoder

Renee Zimmerman, friend of Emily Wilkins

Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim-brel and harp and joy-ful ac-claim,
 3 In glo-ry ex-ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

For All the Saints



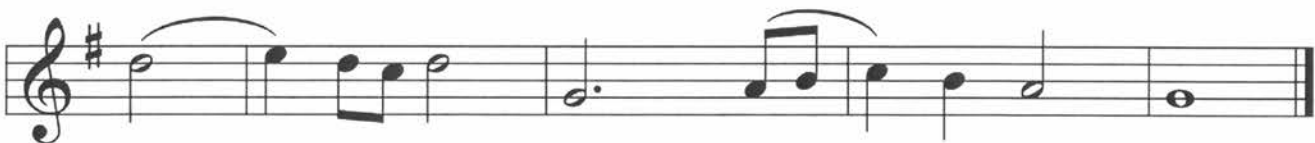
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

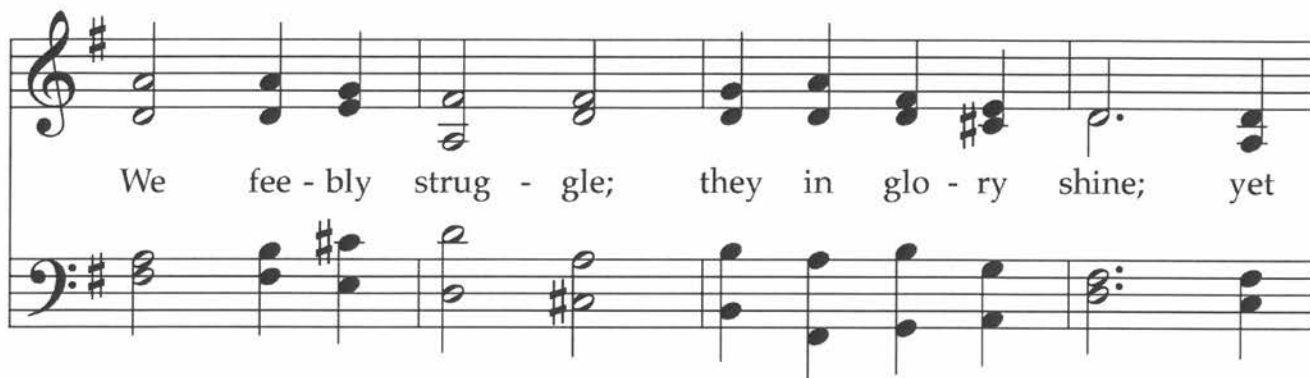


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

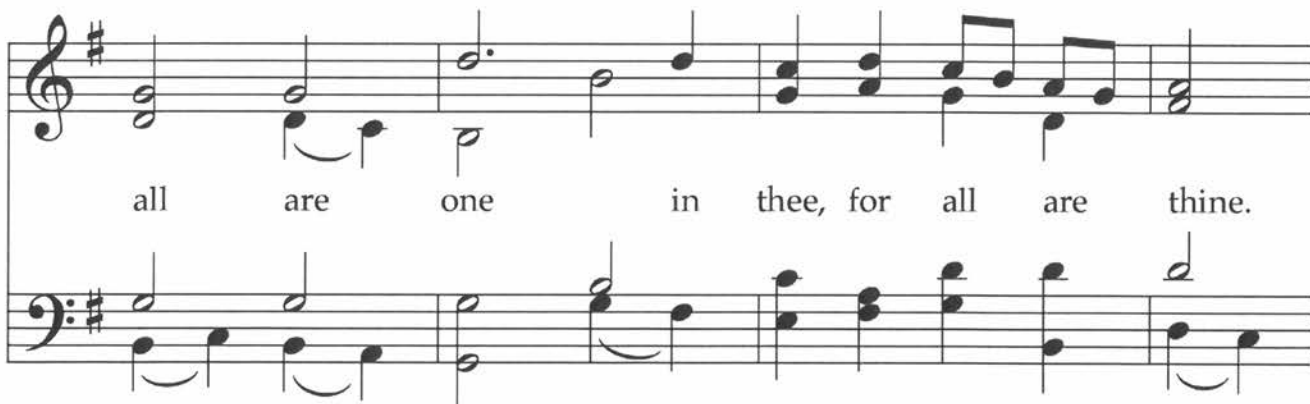
Harmony, stanza 3



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: Associate Pastor Nominating Committee</p> <p>4:30 – 6:00 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 PM Alleluia Children's Choir <i>Holy Envy</i> Book Study</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>	<p>Monday, November 4</p> <p>9:00 AM – Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p> <p>10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Study</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 5</p> <p>Election Day <i>(FPC is polling location)</i></p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 6</p> <p>8:00 – 8:45 AM High School Midweek Morning Meal at JVG</p> <p>5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 7</p> <p>9:00 AM – Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p>	<p>Friday, November 8 / Saturday, November 9</p>	<p>Sunday, November 10 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time</p> <p>9:30 AM Called Session Meeting (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School / Long Range Planning Team discussion (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>10:00 AM <i>Holy Envy</i> Class at Durham Friends</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Baptisms (New members welcomed)</p> <p>2:00 – 3:00 PM Caregivers Support Group</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Shape Note Choir</p> <p>4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p>5:00 – 6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir (No <i>Holy Envy</i> Book Study)</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>	

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Cris Rivera*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *David Sappenfield* (side/font); *Michael Honeycutt* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Katy Barron* (head), *Laurie Williamson* (count), *Michael Honeycutt*, *John Mozart*, *Bert Clere*

Communion Head/Replenish elements: *Alice Raney*

Bread: *Laura McDow* (process), *Sharon Hirsch*, *Laura Hanson*, *Karen Romines*

Cup: *Andy Henry*, *Griffin Momsen-Hudson* (process), *Tyler Momsen-Hudson*, *Luke Everett*

Shepherds: *Kim Abels*, *Jane Wettach*, *Diane Prosser*

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Tom Bloom, Business Administrator

Robert Daye, Sexton

Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff

Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate

Marilyn Hedgpeth, Associate Pastor

~Church Staff~



Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator

Sam Miglarese, Associate Pastor

Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music

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