LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

ST. GEORGE’S VISION FOR MINISTRY

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?
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A CONVERSATION WITH
Joanne Golann
Letter From The Rector

Loving Our Neighbors as Ourselves

M any of you remember the legendary college basketball coach, John Wooden, whose UCLA Bruins won an astonishing ten NCAA National Championships in a 12-season span covering the years 1964 to 1975. Over his tenure at UCLA he also coached four teams to undefeated seasons. Steve Jamison worked with Wooden in the coach’s latter years on book projects about leadership. Jamison explains that the key to Wooden’s successful leadership was that his emphasis was never about winning games. Rather, it was a relentless focus on exhorting his players toward continuous improvement. As long as his players were focused on increasing the quality of their play, the wins and championships would take care of themselves. They did.

It may seem odd to connect John Wooden’s leadership philosophy to the theme for this issue of The Shield focused on our call to mission and outreach. But the connection is this: to the extent we speak of success in the life of the church, it is not measured in objective “wins” one can numerically record such as baptized membership statistics, average Sunday attendance, or our annual budget, as important as those realities are. No, “winning” for us is about continuous improvement in our relationship with Jesus and his call upon us. For Christians, “winning” looks like the cross. For the church, “success” is improving in our capacity to love our neighbor as ourselves. If there is continuous improvement (i.e., growth) in these areas, the numeric records will take care of themselves.

A church thrives to the extent that the institution is never an end in itself but serves as the vehicle for communal edification and missional outreach for Christ’s sake. I often remark that the vision God has for Christians is clearly encapsulated by the first thing Jesus is recorded saying in the gospels “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people,” and by the last thing he is recorded saying “Go forth into all the world making disciples of all nations.” We are to FOLLOW and GO, discerning where Jesus is on the move ahead of us into the world and going there with faith, hope, and love. From start to last, the call is about others.

A great historical failing of the church has been to forget that our ultimate reason for being is not limited to those who belong to the church, but for the entire world. The healthiest churches, therefore, will give witness to robust commitment to outreach, mission, and evangelism as faithful embrace of the Lord’s ultimate hopes to restore all of creation back to full relationship in him.

St. George’s has experienced continuous improvement in our tangible commitments to outreach over the past decade, with dramatic increases in outreach funding, the launch of innovative and daring outreach initiatives locally, and new or deepened ministry partnerships around the globe. To God be the glory!

On the other hand, we have much room for improvement in the most basic forms of historical Christian outreach and, perhaps, the most impactful: gathered friends in the church developing intentional but informal relationships with those outside the church.

The reasons are clear to all: over-busy schedules; insecurity opening our homes to others for simple meals rather than elaborate entertaining; and cultural conditioning that has long-associated church outreach with financial aid and volunteer projects to the neglect of new relationships. This is precisely why our Missional Communities are at once so vital and so challenging here. They are about lay-led groups devoted to shared prayer life, routine meal fellowship, and joint commitment to new relationships through Christian service to others wherein the blessings become mutual.

I will never tire of the subject matter of this issue. It is our reason for being. We do maintenance well at St. George’s, and I am proud of it. But I am far more interested in mission. We are defined not by what we are now, but by where we are going. We want to be a church on the move, hastening forward in witness to new people whom the Lord desires for us to touch and be touched by.

Do we or do we not take seriously the Lord’s first and last words: FOLLOW ME and GO FORTH? My ongoing greatest passion for this parish is that as we grow in our love for Christ, that love grows our social relationships within the parish. Then as our community grows deeper we are propelled inexorably outward to be a channel of grace to our neighbors offering a distinctly alternative vision of abundant life. That is what this issue is about. That is what this church is about. And that is what our Lord is about. The wins will take care of themselves.
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The new life of the kingdom that Jesus invites us into is one of relationships. God did not save us from afar, but came among us in the person of Jesus—he moved into the neighborhood, as John 1:14 in The Message Bible puts it. The Kingdom of God is fundamentally about restored relationships—our relationship with God, with ourselves, with one another, and with the whole rest of creation. As we think about how we pursue mission, and for what this means for those in need, what we’ve learned over the last few years is that faithful mission entails much more than simply getting a meal or having a bed to sleep in—it means cultivating relationships and circumstances in which people’s dignity is restored, so that folks can more faithfully bear the image of the God who made us and who calls us to new life in Christ. It looks like people finding true belonging in community. It looks like people being empowered for sustainable employment. It looks like those who have been listening to the voices of those in need, truly taking the posture of one who serves, as Jesus did.

The Kingdom of God is also an all encompassing reality, which means that our discipleship and mission—our learning to live in and proclaim this kingdom by following Jesus—includes every aspect of our lives, especially the gifts, skills, and relational networks that we utilize in our daily life and work. As we discover the new life that God gives us in Jesus, God invites us to use our kingdom-formed imaginations to cultivate kingdom-building relationships—this is one way of defining what mission is. And one of the best examples I have ever seen of this taking shape is a ministry that is right under our noses: the St. George’s Enterprise Ministry (SGEM).

SGEM is one of the most innovative and exciting things we are doing at St. George’s. It is rooted in a desire to cultivate rich partnerships with social enterprises who are pursuing the holistic restoration of relationships that the Kingdom of God embodies. And further, our desire with these partnerships is to not only give financial resources, but to provide opportunities for our parishioners to utilize their immense professional gifts, skills, and relational networks in the service of the Kingdom of God by helping these social enterprises do their work more effectively and faithfully. Our partnership with these enterprises gives us a way of connecting with people very different from us in ways that foster the restoration of relationships that Jesus came to bring, and that he invites us into as we follow him. I’m excited for you to learn more about this incredible ministry, and to explore even more imaginative ways that we can employ our gifts and skills in the service of God’s kingdom. Please Join us! 🕉
The Nashville flood in May, 2010 devastated much of Nashville and brought significant damage to our church home. Tragically, two of our most faithful parishioners, Bill and Frankie Rutledge, died trying to make their way to church that fateful Sunday morning. Perhaps as a direct result of our own period of vulnerability and need, St. George’s felt called by God to embody and bear witness to his kingdom in very tangible ways.

Subsequently, St. George’s committed 10% of the Living Waters capital campaign funds (the campaign that was intended to renew and repair areas of our campus affected by the flood waters) to an endeavor that would help the underserved in our community to have a better life. Our community was committed to giving back in ways that would use our resources to benefit our Nashville neighbors as an expression of God’s love for all people.

But what would this look like? And how would we accomplish this? After more than a year of pretty intense study, research, and discernment about what works and what doesn’t work—what empowers people and what tears them down—St. George’s founded a truly exciting and innovative ministry—St. George’s Enterprise Ministry (SGEM). The vision for the enterprise ministry was, and still is, to help people help themselves.

SGEM provides seed money and human resources (drawn from St. George’s own community) to emerging social enterprises led by visionary, energetic, and passionate leaders. These leader(s) helm organizations that:

• focus on development, not betterment
• promote interdependency, not dependency
• empower recipients with personal and social transformation
• are willing to leverage St. George’s strengths in business, leadership, entrepreneurship, and mentoring

We have learned much in the last few years about what it means to be a social enterprise, what it means to help people help themselves, and about what it means to be a good neighbor in these times. Our sincere hope is that something in these pages makes you want to join us. The SGEM committee is seeking parishioners who are willing to share their time and talents with our selected social enterprises to help increase their probability of success. If you have an interest, please contact me, Chris Calton, or Jeff Beemer.
HUMPHREYS STREET COFFEE

Born out of a desire to create jobs in their neighborhood, provide mentoring opportunities that empower youth, and train teenagers in job skills such as customer service, marketing, and craftsmanship, Humphreys Street Coffee was created. They are a social enterprise within their parent non-profit, Harvest Hands Community Development, and employ 16 teens per year. One hundred percent of their profits are reinvested into programs and scholarships that support their students.

To learn more about Humphreys Street Coffee, please visit humphreysstreet.com.

BRANDED Collective

BRANDED Collective exists to empower survivors of human trafficking through meaningful employment producing jewelry and as a result, economic independence. Their hope is that each employee will be inspired to rediscover the dreams she has lost and be motivated to go forth and pursue them. They also seek to unite a collective of survivors and patrons who work together to advance the abolition of human trafficking.

To learn more about BRANDED Collective, please visit brandedcollective.com.

POVERTY & THE ARTS

Poverty & the Arts is a social enterprise non-profit that provides opportunities for artists overcoming homelessness to engage in creative outlets, create income opportunities through selling artwork and merchandise, develop entrepreneurial and professional skills, and build community relationships. In their Artist Collective program, artists utilize the provided art supplies and studio space to create artwork in partnership with mentors from the local art community.

To learn more about Poverty & the Arts, please visit povertyandthearts.org.
“Go to the people, live amongst them, learn from them, love them. Start with what they know; build on what they have.”

Taking this Chinese Proverb to heart Humphreys Street Coffee House came into existence after Dr. Howard Old, the former pastor of Brentwood United Methodist Church, met with the South Nashville Neighborhood Association 11 years ago. Affluent predominantly white churches had for years sought a partnership with impoverished areas of Nashville, particularly in South Nashville. Unfortunately, many of those efforts were short lived and had little lasting effect on the communities they sought to serve. “They told us that if we really wanted to make an impact in their community we should go buy the “crack house” on Humphreys Street and clean it up” according to Brian Hicks the Director of Harvest Hands Ministry. “They were challenging us to live in community with them and we accepted the challenge.” The parishioners of Brentwood United Methodist bought the blighted property, cleaned it up and turned it into Harvest Hands, a community outreach program focused on education, healthy living, spiritual formation, and economic development.

Fast forward eight years. Harvest Hands now resides in the Napier and Sudekum area of Nashville due to the gentrification of the original Harvest Hands location in Wedgewood-Houston. “We were sitting on this once blighted piece of property that is now worth many times what we paid for it and we’re wondering what we’re going to do with it,” says Hicks. Enter the vision for Humphreys Street Coffee House.

As a part of the Harvest Hands mission to provide economic development for the South Nashville community, students participating in the after-school program began roasting coffee. In fact, they became quite good at it. They started wholesaling their product to local coffee shops and training more community members to roast coffee beans. In time, local coffee houses started roasting their own coffee beans which slowed demand on the wholesale side of the business but retail sales continued to climb.

What to do? Harvest Hands took the property on Humphreys Street and created a direct market for the wholesale operation—a retail coffee shop! Through a grant, and with help from the St. George’s Enterprise Ministry, operations at Humphreys Street are now under way. Many community members that were pushed out of Wedgewood-Houston because of gentrification are now back working in a bright and bustling retail store that was once a derelict eyesore. What was once a blight is now a bright light in the community. There is no better example of a social enterprise I can think of—the heart of which is Christ’s redeeming love at work in the world. 🙏
In early 2015 St. George’s entered into a covenant relationship with a sister parish in our diocese, Church of the Resurrection. Somewhat experimental, this relationship involved financial support through outreach funding, as well as clergy and lay support.

Today we are thrilled to report that Church of the Resurrection is thriving. What an incredibly transformative and life-giving relationship it has been for both parishes.

A lawyer once asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus gave him an answer by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. It is a beloved story of a man who crosses a great divide to care for another. All well and good—but Martin Luther King, Jr. preached a sermon one time that challenged our modern understanding of the parable. He said that we, as Christians, are called to so much more than binding up wounds, providing lodging and offering comforting words. He said “One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed...true compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar.”

In many ways, Sneed Road in Franklin, Tennessee is different from the Jericho Road, but The Church of the Resurrection—wounded, bewildered and discouraged—needed a neighbor willing to show godly love and compassion. A financial partnership would have bound wounds, but only temporarily. What was required was a partnership of the heart. St. George’s has shared with us its soul: clergy, people, resources, prayers and members. Good people of St. George’s, you have been more than a neighbor for us. You have been the Church, and our path has been changed.

The time is fast approaching when Resurrection will be able to stand completely on its own feet. The partnership between our parishes will naturally and eventually change—as a healthy relationship between parent and child will mature and change. However, we have inherited from St. George’s a passion for growing the Kingdom of God, and we will be able to follow a mission of our own: to preach the message of our own transformed road in order to lead others to Jesus Christ. ♦
The bishop visits Church of the Resurrection on a recent Sunday morning.
THE NASHVILLE FELLOWS PROGRAM is a nine-month Christian leadership and discipleship program for young adults. The program offers recent college graduates a holistic opportunity to enhance their understanding of who they are called to be in Christ and engage with their calling to advance God’s kingdom in both their future vocation and every aspect of life.

The Fellows Program runs from late August to May and is hosted by a collaboration of three churches in the Nashville area. Through this unique ecumenical approach, the Fellows Program seeks to equip young people to both understand the relevance of Christ in our culture and develop a framework for engaging this culture towards his redemptive and transformative power.

St. George’s Church is proud to be among the community of churches supporting these young adults. Whether by providing a church home, job placement, or host family we continue to be richly blessed by our relationship with The Nashville Fellows Program.

If you are looking for ways to become involved with the Fellows please contact The Rev. Clint Wilson at clinton.wilson@stgeorgesnashville.org.
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HOMETOWN: Democratic Republic of Congo
ALMA MATER: Martin Methodist College
MAJOR: Business Administration with an emphasis in Management with a Minor in Accounting
HOME CHURCH: St. George’s Episcopal Church
JOB PLACEMENT: Censis Technologies
HOST: John and Gail Thompson

JULIE GIBBONS
HOMETOWN: Fairfax, VA
ALMA MATER: Elon University
MAJOR: Economics with a Minor in Communications
HOME CHURCH: St. George’s Episcopal Church
JOB PLACEMENT: Human Capital Group
HOST: Bryan and Alice Essary

ALICIA DAHLMAN
HOMETOWN: Cedarburg, WI
ALMA MATER: Miami University (OH)
MAJOR: Economics with a Concentration in Sustainability and Environment Science
HOME CHURCH: St. George’s Episcopal Church
JOB PLACEMENT: Fidelity National Information Services
HOST: Patrick and Laura Wright

DANIEL HUFF
HOMETOWN: Elsie, MI
ALMA MATER: Grove City College
MAJOR: Communications with a Minor in Biblical and Religious Studies
HOME CHURCH: St. George’s Episcopal Church
JOB PLACEMENT: Saint George’s Episcopal Church Youth Ministry
HOST: Greer Cummings
Sarah & Jackson Wray with their children.

Joanne and David Golann with their children on a recent Sunday morning.
Q. You and your family have been members of St. George’s for several years now. Tell us what drew you to this particular community?

A. One of our first weeks at St. George’s, we attended the Outreach Fair. There were some materials left out on a table, and I remember reading through the discipleship curriculum and learning about Missional Communities. I was so excited to see these opportunities because some of my most formative Christian experiences have been in the small group setting. I loved the idea of focusing a small group on mission and I also loved the idea of discernment through discipleship.

Q. As members of the Poverty and the Arts Missional Community you are positioned to witness the impact of the relationship that PovA has with St. George’s Enterprise Ministry. Is there anything unique that stands out to you?

A. Poverty and the Arts was one of the first organizations supported by St. George’s Enterprise Ministry. Social enterprise organizations use market principles to promote social missions. In the case of PovA, artists who have been impacted by homelessness are given the opportunity to develop their artistic skills and create and sell their artwork, receiving part of the proceeds from their sales. PovA brands itself as “a creative community transforming homelessness” — and that strikes me as right — in encouraging creativity and entrepreneurism, the organization is transforming how we perceive homelessness and how those experiencing homelessness perceive themselves. Part of the power of social enterprise ministries is that they empower those they serve. At PovA, the “homeless” gain a new identity as “artist.”

Q. What has your relationship with PovA been like for you and your family? How do you see God working in the midst of that ministry?

A. We’ve really enjoyed our time with PovA. Our potluck dinners — both with the Missional Community and with PovA at their studio — are something we look forward to each month. It has been a humbling experience as well. It’s taken us to different places in Nashville and put us in touch with different people.

God is clearly at work at PovA. It’s a wonderful ministry, all the more remarkable because it was started by a college student from Belmont. After spending time with people experiencing homelessness, she recognized that these individuals had many assets—like creativity and artistic talent. PovA provides a space to nurture these talents but also creates a community among the artists. At PovA, individuals who have been stigmatized and lost find a place where they are valued, cared for, and appreciated — here they can receive the message that each of us is precious in God’s sight.

Q. If people want to become involved with your Missional Community or any Missional Community or outreach opportunity for that matter — what advice do you have?

A. First, I’d say, we need you! In a large congregation, it’s easy to think that our contributions are not as critical but that’s not true. Our Missional Community, and I’d venture to say other MCs and outreach ministries, need more helping hands. In the past year, our Missional Community has had several conversations discerning whether to continue because of dwindling involvement. We welcome all participation, big or small.

My second piece of advice is to come, not looking to change the world, but to change yourself. The first page of our church’s discipleship curriculum reads: “We must see before we can do.” I’ve found that to be very true. You can’t help someone until you can see them, and you can’t see them until you know them. And getting to know someone who is different from you will change you. I’ve found that a relationship makes the abstractions real. It’s hard to care about poverty. It’s easy to care about a person.

Q. We have focused on your relationship with PovA but I am sure you have many other interests as a family. What sorts of things do you do in your free time? What do you enjoy about living in Nashville?

A. Honestly, we don’t do much! As a family, we intentionally try to keep our schedules open. I think we’ve been able to participate actively in PovA because our weekend calendars are pretty empty. That said, we’ve enjoyed living in Nashville and find it has much to offer—we like the farmers’ markets, the Nashville zoo, the parks and trails, and the various events and fairs. Having moved from the Northeast, we also like the warmer weather!
Hurricane Relief
Thank you St. George’s parishioners. Due to your generosity we have been able to send $14,700 to sister churches in both North Carolina and Florida after the devastating Hurricanes this fall. Your support will help Trinity Episcopal Church in Lumberton, NC and Holy Nativity Episcopal Church and School in Panama City Beach, FL.

Harvest Dinner
On October 7 St. George’s gathered once again for a beloved annual tradition—the Harvest Dinner. There was food, fellowship, and fun all around. Thanks to our co-chairs Julie Hullett, Rebecca Laine, and Callie Shell for a lovely evening.

Pilgrimage
This past October a robust group of St. George’s parishioners and clergy embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Not a mere sightseeing trip—this pilgrimage was about spiritual growth and discovery through a journey to sacred places. The parish was able to follow along on the journey thanks to fantastic blog posts.

Special Guests
St. George’s has been a bustling place with special guests sharing insights on a variety of timely and interesting topics. We have enjoyed having Duncan McLea (pictured), Malcolm Guite, Michael Ward, Jim Wehner, Sissy Goff, and Dave Thomas this fall.
We have been active members of St. George’s for several years and our family has grown stronger through our life in the church. God has blessed us in so many ways, both known and unknown, but it’s easy to lose sight of our blessings when we are faced with adversity.

1 Chronicles 29:14 serves as a reminder to us each year as we decide how to show our appreciation for everything we’ve been given. “All things come of thee, and from thine own have we given thee.” Everything we have is due to God’s grace and what we give back is what was never truly ours.

Our annual pledge to St. George’s is our opportunity to acknowledge and show our gratitude for God’s blessings. What we give is a small percentage of what is given to us and we give it gladly. We trust the Church will use our gift to continue its spiritual work with the members of our congregation and the community at large, just as it has for so many years.

For years, we didn’t pledge to the church. We gave as an afterthought, based on what was in our wallet when the collection plate was passed to us. While I’m sure the church appreciates what we gave, our decision to make a financial pledge to St. George’s did two things. First, it gave us the opportunity to look at our lives and decide what we could afford to give. Second, it gave St. George’s time to decide how best to use our gift.

Regardless of income, regardless of expenses, all of us can afford to give something back. The amount isn’t as important as is the physical act of giving it. We would encourage each of you to look at your lives, the gifts you’ve been given, and then make a pledge to the church to show your appreciation for all of your blessings.
The Sullivan Family enjoying a summer Sunday morning.
As of 11/16/18
Current pledges received: 298
Current dollars pledged: $1,811,628

Increased pledges: 136
New pledgers: 22
FOYER GROUPS ARE FORMING AT ST. GEORGE’S. PLEASE JOIN US!

Foyer groups are an Anglican tradition dating back to post World War II England when members of local churches were inspired to gather together in informal groups in a spirit of post war reconciliation. Fast forward several decades and foyer groups have transformed into a fun and informal way to share community with one another.

Foyer groups are comprised of 8-12 adult parishioners who gather to enjoy casual fellowship and a meal once a month for four months. Each group can decide how and when they want to dine – what day of the week and where (in someone’s home, most frequently, or in a restaurant). Typically foyer groups roam from house to house and the host for the evening provides the main dish while everyone else provides the sides. No programming is involved – just good old fashioned social time.

Registration is for one semester at a time so you can come and go with life seasons. Groups will be scrambled and remade each semester. Reserve your spot for January through April by contacting us at reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 262.

FOYER GROUPS ARE FORMING AT ST. GEORGE’S. PLEASE JOIN US!

TREASURER’S REPORT  OCTOBER 2018 Year to Date

ST GEORGE’S
FINANCIALS

PLEDGES
UNPLEDGED GIFTS
OTHER INCOME
EXPENSES
NET CASH FLOW

$400,000
$350,000
$300,000
$250,000
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BUDGET
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### CHRISTMAS EVE
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Inreach, a lay ministry of parishioners helping other parishioners, began in 1996. Shepherds of the Month coordinate volunteers who serve as members of the body of Christ to assist with rides, tasks, running errands, or a few meals. Inreach reaches in to help smooth out temporary rough spots.

Being a Christian parish family means reaching out to others. If you can spare an hour or two a month, would you like to join our list of volunteers or to serve as one of our Shepherds?

For assistance, call the church office at 615-385-2150 or pick up the Inreach Shepherds bookmark in the church office.

To volunteer for Inreach, please contact Jeanne Gore at 615-604-9856 or jengalan@comcast.net.

Upcoming
SHEPHERDS OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER
Emily Walker  865-789-6798

JANUARY
Gail Molen  772-696-2267

FEBRUARY
Cathy Shell  615-414-0669

BIRTHS

Virginia Eleanor Bailey
daughter of Ruth and Craig Bailey

William Loomis Burns V
son of Kate and Will Burns

Anne Fleming Young Clayton
daughter of Marie and Grace Clayton

Elizabeth James Coltharp
daughter of Jennifer and Holt Coltharp

Elizabeth Sanders Hawley
daughter of Heather and Hunter Hawley

Wells Ellen Wilson
daughter of Frances and Rob Wilson

BAPTISMS

John Roaten Jarman
son of Caylan and Anderson Jarman

Natalie Claire Roth
daughter of Christine and Steve Roth

Sophie Jean Sekulow
daughter of Anna and Jordan Sekulow

DEATHS

Bill Edwards
Vickie Herlong
Ann Howe Hilton
Tony Johnston
Nancy Lee
James Pickens

WAITING ON THE WORD:
A poem a day for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany
by Malcolm Guite

Poet Malcom Guite blessed us with his keen spiritual insight and the beauty of his words during his September visit to St. George’s. This collection of poems by the finest English language poets will keep our spirits warm during the winter months. Each poem is accompanied by commentary to help us “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” the words we have taken in. I encourage you to make this book part of your daily rhythm this Advent.

— The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess

— The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30am  Holy Eucharist
8:45am  Holy Eucharist with Children’s Chapel**
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10:05am Sunday School*
11:15am Holy Eucharist**
5:00pm  Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL SERVICES

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24
3:00pm  Holy Eucharist with Children’s Sermon
5:30pm  Holy Eucharist
10:30pm Choral Prelude
11:00pm Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25
10:00am Holy Eucharist

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