



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

**October 10, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.**

*Due to health concerns about the transmission of COVID-19,  
we are not engaging in congregational singing. During hymns,  
worshippers are invited to hum along with the choir members if they like.*

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Three Impressions . . . . . Sigfrid Karg-Elert

I. Adagissimo con molto espressione

II. Tranquilo e sempre delicato

III. Lento religioso

**Introit** :: “You Belong to Christ” . . . . . Robert A. Hobby

*You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.*

**\*Doxology** (congregation is invited to hum)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*praise God, all creatures here below;*

*praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.<sup>†</sup> Amen.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: *The heavens are telling the glory of God,*

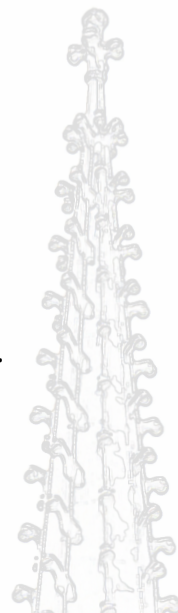
**All:** *and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork!*

Leader: *Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.*

**All:** *There is not speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.*

Leader: *Yet their voice goes out through all the earth*

**All:** *and their words to the end of the world!*



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*\*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

**\*Hymn** (*congregation is invited to hum*). . . . . “Baptized in Water”

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
faithfully now God’s praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God’s praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God’s children;  
joyfully now God’s praises we sing.*

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*  
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Sacrament of Baptism

**Anthem ::** “The Peace of Christ” . . . . . James Biery

*May peace from Christ come dwell in you, may love from God envelop you and bind you  
close in harmony, true meekness, and humility. For you are called God’s chosen ones,  
God’s holy and beloved ones. Be clothed anew in loveliness, compassion, patience, gentleness.  
The peace of Christ which dwells in you will perfectly be seen through you.  
So let your hearts and voices ring; let grateful songs to God take wing.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 72:1–7; 18–19

**\*Gloria Patri** (*congregation is invited to hum*)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:†  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . Mark 9:30–37

**Sermon Series ::** Normal Never Was, God Always Is: Part Six . . . . . Joseph L. Morrow

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Responding to the Word

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**Anthem ::** “The Love of God” . . . . . Austin C. Lovelace

*Let the love of God, pouring like a flood, bring purity and peace.  
Within its depths of quietness are gems that heal and bless and life that will not cease.  
Let the love of God, like a lovely bride arrayed to wed her groom,  
so bless each heart with joy and grace that love will fill the place and Christ find heavenly room.  
Let the love of God be our staff and rod, our law from heaven above.  
And this is God’s one great command: to love and understand that God himself is love.*

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†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Call to Offering**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Dear God, we offer you our praise. We offer you our hearts.  
We offer you our money. We offer you our lives.  
Thank you for everything you give to us. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*Hymn** (*congregation is invited to hum*). . . . . “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!*

*We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!*

*The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit’s power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!*

*A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!*

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

Triumphant March on “Now Thank We All Our God” . . . . . Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude.  
If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,  
please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.*

#### **Baptized in Today’s Service**

Aspen Anne Holmbeck, child of Joe Holmbeck and Alexandra Wagner  
Edmund Alexander Patterson, child of Bill and Kaylyn Patterson  
Arie Thomas Vostry, child of Tyler and Kaity Vostry



**We are glad to be worshipping with you today** and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

✳ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ✳ We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, including in worship, **everyone is required to wear masks, fully covering the nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status.** Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. ✳ For those worshipping with us in person, we are not checking vaccination status, but **by entering the Fourth Church campus you certify** that (a) you do not currently have COVID-19; (b) you are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) you have no reason to quarantine; and (d) you will practice social distancing if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary and a 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel.** ✳ In the Sanctuary, **the front section is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing**, with seating by households. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating, with masks required wherever one sits. Seating for Jazz at Four is set up for social distancing. ✳ Due to health guidelines, **congregational singing is not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel**; those who would like to hum while the choir members sing the hymns are invited to do so.



**Nursery care** is not available at this time. ✳ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ✳ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel. ✳ Following the morning service, those who would like to do so are invited to **greet one another outside** in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

**You can read more** about the guidelines in place for in-person worship as well as information about continued online opportunities **at [www.fourthchurch.org/reopening](http://www.fourthchurch.org/reopening)**

**For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at [www.bit.ly/FPCworship](http://www.bit.ly/FPCworship), Facebook Live ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)). (*The prelude begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.*) The service is also available for viewing after the service, including later in the week. ✨ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. ✨ During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes and Spotify ([www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast](http://www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast)).



The church campus remains closed at this time. ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (*a half hour before each service starts*). For the morning service, access is by the Michigan Avenue doors to the Sanctuary and the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors.



**Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher.



Each Wednesday we release a new video in our **“Rhythm and Word: Midweek Music and Prayer”** series, a fifteen-minute worship experience weaving together scripture, prayer, and music offered by the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet. You can **subscribe to our YouTube channel** and watch the videos there ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) on Wednesday evenings or anytime during the week or **receive them by email** (sign up at [www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail)). ✨ Also on Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. For details, email Carol Allerton ([callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ A virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted by our Replogle Center on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)

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**“Called to Be a Church Alive,”** our 2022 stewardship campaign, is underway, inviting all of us to pledge our support for the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights in the year ahead. Please plan to submit **your 2022 pledge**—which you can make online at [www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge](http://www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge)—by Reformation Sunday, October 31, a day we will also celebrate as Commitment Sunday: a day to lift up all that we are able to do together through our generous response to God’s blessings in our lives.



Beginning today Meals Ministry will be offering limited indoor dining—in addition to the current to-go option—for Sunday Night Supper. To make that happen, **additional volunteers are needed to help serve Supper guests on Sundays.** You can sign up to volunteer with Meals Ministry by using **VOMO, our Volunteer Ministry sign-up platform**, at [www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvolunteers) ✨ This Tuesday, Chicago Lights Tutoring kicks off its new program year! If you have time one evening a week to **mentor a student (Tutoring will take place online this fall)**, please fill out a Tutoring Volunteer Application, which can be completed at [www.bit.ly/cltutorapp21](http://www.bit.ly/cltutorapp21); for more information, contact Mark Dennison ([mdennison@chicagolights.org](mailto:mdennison@chicagolights.org)). ✨ **Benevolent Guild** meets outdoors at the church this Wednesday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



By this Friday, October 15, **all Fourth Church volunteers serving in person must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.** If you are volunteering this fall, please **send a copy of your vaccination certification to [vaxproof@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vaxproof@fourthchurch.org) by October 15.** Your information will be received directly by our Human Resources Department and kept confidential, only used to confirm your ability to volunteer with the church. Please direct questions about this to Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).



**The Renoir Trio** will present a string trio concert this Friday, October 15 at 12:10 p.m. as part of our weekly **Friday Noonday Concert** series. *Masks must be worn by all in attendance.* Our concerts can also be enjoyed online live as well as afterwards at [www.bit.ly/fpcprograms](http://www.bit.ly/fpcprograms), on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), and on Facebook Live.

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This morning **Jeff Doane** will teach a Zoom class at 11:15 a.m. on **“Presbyterian Witness, Part 1: The Apostles’ Creed,”** an opportunity to explore the history and language of one of the earliest statements of faith and its importance for what we believe. For Zoom details, register online at [www.bit.ly/creed1021](http://www.bit.ly/creed1021) ✱ Next Sunday, October 17 at 11:15 a.m., **John Buchanan and Tom Dozeman** will begin teaching a three-week class on the Old Testament figure **David: “Shepherd, Warrior, Monarch.”** This class will meet in person in the Gratz Center (register at [www.bit.ly/david1021](http://www.bit.ly/david1021)) and will also be recorded for viewing online later in the week. ✱ Adults sixty and over are invited to take part in the **Center for Life and Learning’s** online weekday classes, lectures, and exercise opportunities. For details, email Susan Quaintance ([squaintance@fourthchurch.org](mailto:squaintance@fourthchurch.org)).



**A new Thursday evening online Bible study led by Lucy and Tom Forster-Smith** examines themes and events in Genesis. For Zoom details for this Bible study that meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., register at [www.bit.ly/genesisbiblestudy21](http://www.bit.ly/genesisbiblestudy21) ✱ **Men’s Bible Study** meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** offers two online sessions this Wednesday, October 13, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. For details for Men’s or Women’s Bible studies, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✱ On Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. **TwentiesThirties Bible Study** for young adults meets online. Email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)) for details. ✱ Written by members and staff, **daily devotional meditations** are available by email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)) as well as online ([www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)), via Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and Twitter ([twitter.com/fourthchicago](https://twitter.com/fourthchicago)).



**New Zoom Small Groups**, which will meet weekly for six weeks, begin this week. If you would like to **connect with five to seven other people via Zoom** for a time of **fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual formation** or want to learn more about small-group opportunities, please email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✱ This Tuesday, October 12 **Books by Women** will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to discuss **A Room of One’s Own** by Virginia Woolf. Newcomers are always welcome to join in these conversations. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✱ On Tuesday, November 2 the **First Tuesday Book Club** will discuss **A Gentle Answer: Our “Secret Weapon” in an Age of Us against Them** by Scott Sauls at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For Zoom details, email Lewis Hamer ([lhamer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lhamer@fourthchurch.org)).

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**Sunday School** (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center. For details about online Sunday School, email Briana Belding-Peck ([bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org)). ✱ Youth programming does not meet today but will resume its in-person gatherings next Sunday, October 17 with **eighth-grade Confirmation** and **Junior High Youth** meeting at 9:15 a.m.; **Senior High Youth** meeting at 11:15 a.m.; and **youth parents** sharing in a time of fellowship at 9:15 a.m. in the fifth floor lobby. For additional details about youth groups, email Katie Patterson ([kpatterson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:kpatterson@fourthchurch.org)). ✱ **Cherub and Children's Music Time** (*ages 3 through grade 5*) meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4F, where **Youth Music Time** (*grades 6–12*) meets at 10:45 a.m.



If you are interested in **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class next Sunday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up at [www.bit.ly/inquirersclass1021](http://www.bit.ly/inquirersclass1021); for more information about membership, email Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)).



For those who are facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. If you would like to have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✱ To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ✱ If you would like **to talk to a pastor** or notify the pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please call the church (312.787.4570). ✱ **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley ([dhandley@fourthchurch.org](mailto:dhandley@fourthchurch.org)) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.



For resources and ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, watch our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/fourthchurch](https://instagram.com/fourthchurch)) ✱ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar)

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Our congregation is **celebrating its sesquicentennial!** We encourage you to visit the web page [www.fourthchurch.org/150](http://www.fourthchurch.org/150) to read **historical accounts** and **letters from Chicago's faith leaders**. There you can also hear **greetings from Fourth Church friends** from across the globe and view **videos of pastors who formerly served at Fourth Church** as they share memories of their time with our congregation. These collections continue to grow, so do check back periodically.



We are marking our sesquicentennial anniversary in various ways throughout the year, including on **Sunday morning, October 24**, when we will welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit **guest preacher Dr. Otis Moss III**, who has been recognized as one of the “12 Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World” by Baylor University’s George W. Truett Theological Seminary. We are honored that Dr. Moss, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, will be with us, as we continue to give thanks for the many treasured relationships Fourth Church has had with other congregations and community partners over the years. ✨ Also during the 10:00 a.m. service on October 24 we will have the **first live performance of “A New Heaven and a New Earth.”** This anthem by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen, which was premiered virtually during online worship on February 14, was commissioned by Fourth Church in honor of the congregation’s 150th anniversary. ✨ We also look forward to using for the first time that Sunday **new Ordinary Time banners** commissioned to celebrate our sesquicentennial.



On Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*also livestreamed*) **Shannon Kershner** will lead a conversation commemorating our 150th anniversary. Pastor Emeritus **John Buchanan**; **Felicia Davis**, President and CEO of the Chicago Foundation for Women; and **William Schweiker**, Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will talk about **“Is the Church a Light in the City? Faith in the Twenty-First Century.”** This Michigan Avenue Forum will be followed by an in-person **“The Next 150 Years”** program on Saturday morning, November 13.



Those attending a Fourth Church worship service in person are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of Fourth Church—including the weekly live stream of the Sunday morning service. By entering the worship service, you consent to the non-commercial use of the resulting visual and audio records; you waive all rights you may have to any claims of compensation for the use of these records; you release Fourth Church from any liability for the use of these records; and you waive the right to inspect or approve any of these records.



## Worship Leaders

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David Handley, Debbie Kinzer, Rocky Supinger, Joseph L. Morrow

## The Music Today

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Members of the Morning Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE were composed in 1909 by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933), who studied at the Leipzig Conservatory in Germany, where in 1919 he was appointed professor. The postlude based on “Now Thank We All Our God” is his most famous composition.

OFFERING GIFTS to support the ministry and mission of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering boxes at the exit from the Sanctuary. They also can be given via Venmo (@Fourth-Church) or online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online) (or via the “To Make a Gift” button on our website: [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)).

SHANNON KERSHNER IS IN NORTH CAROLINA this morning, where she has been asked to officiate a public memorial service for two former leaders within the Presbyterian Church (USA), Glenn and Evelyn Bannerman, following their deaths in 2020 from COVID-19. We hold in prayer all who are gathered there and join in giving thanks for the ministry of the Bannermans.

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**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

**Matt Helms** Children and Family Ministry

**Joseph L. Morrow** Evangelism and Community Engagement

**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry

**David Handley** Interim Minister for Caring Ministries

**Jeffrey Doane** Parish Associate for Older Adults

**Maggie Shreve** Parish Associate for Jail Ministry

**John Buchanan** Pastor Emeritus

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