

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026 • 10:30 am • Holy Eucharist

*Welcome*

- Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.

**Prelude** *The Holy Boy*

John Ireland

- at the sound of the bells, all stand

**Processional Hymn 117** *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorm - ing,  
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,  
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorm - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Words: Reginal Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

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## Opening Acclamation

Unto us a child is born. Alleluia, alleluia

Come, let us adore him. Alleluia, alleluia

## 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.

## Song of Praise • S 278

*Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD



## **Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas**

*celebrant*

people

### *celebrant*

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Amen

- *all be seated*

## First Reading    Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

**Second Reading**      Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,

and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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**Hymn 98** *Unto us a boy is born!*

1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -  
2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in  
4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to  
\*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -

1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the  
2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that  
3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the

1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - - tion.  
2 he all men sur - pass - - - - - es.  
3 Beth-lehem in his fu - - - - - ry.  
4 to the joys a - bove - - - - - us.  
5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - - tion.

Words: Latin carol, 15th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt.

Music: *Puer nobis nascitur*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

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**Gospel**    Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up,

take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**    The Very Reverend Matt Bradley

## **Nicene Creed • all stand**

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 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, 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. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

- *the deacon says:*

Almighty God, whose Incarnate Son poured light into our lives and whose light shines through us into his world, may our prayers rise up to you, saying 'Come, let us adore Him.'

- *the intercessor continues:*

Let us pray for the Church Universal throughout the world; and particularly for Sarah, chosen to be Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Terry our own Bishop, for all bishops, priests and deacons, and for all who minister to God's people, and at this time especially for the ancient churches of the East and for the Anglican presence in Jerusalem, saying

**Come, let us adore Him.**

Let us pray for our country, and for our elected leaders and representatives, especially President Trump, Vice President Vance, Governors Beshear and Braun, and for those newly elected to office, that they may be led by the light of your grace, so that we may be governed rightly and wisely, and led in peace, saying

**Come, let us adore Him.**

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, Sudan and the Middle East, saying

**Come, let us adore Him..**

Let us pray for all who are in danger, for all victims of hunger and natural disasters, and for all refugees and those displaced by oppressive governments, saying

**Come, let us adore Him.**

Let us pray for the needs, concerns and thanksgivings of those who have asked for our prayers, especially Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Robert Huffman, Carlos LaGantta, Ginger Shackleton, Dean Weller and Marcia Wilmet, for Nicole Swan who celebrates a birthday, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud . . . . . , as we say

**Come, let us adore Him..**

Let us pray for those who have died or are nearing death, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud, . . . . . , that they may behold your face in your eternal kingdom, saying

**Come, let us adore Him.**

- *the celebrant concludes:*

Almighty God, you have given your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**The Peace** • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Dean's Welcome**

# LITURGY OF THE ALTAR



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## Offertory Anthem

Lully, lulla,  
thou little tiny child,  
by by, lully lullay.  
  
O sisters too,  
how may we do  
for to preserve this day  
this poor youngling,  
for whom we do sing  
by by, lully lullay?

## *The Coventry Carol*

Herod the king,  
in his raging,  
charged he hath this day  
his men of might,  
in his own sight,  
all young children to slay.  
  
That woe is me,  
poor child for thee!  
and ever morn and day,  
for thy parting  
neither say nor sing  
by by, lully lullay!

Lully, lulla,  
thou little tiny child,  
by by, lully lullay.

— Pageant of the  
Shearmen and Tailors,  
15th century

arr. Martin Shaw

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## **Eucharistic Prayer B** • Expansive Language

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children..

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S 128**

Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly, ho ly  
ho ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo ry. Ho-san-na in the high est.  
Bless ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

### **The Great Amen**



A - men.

### **The Lord's Prayer • *contemporary version***

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.

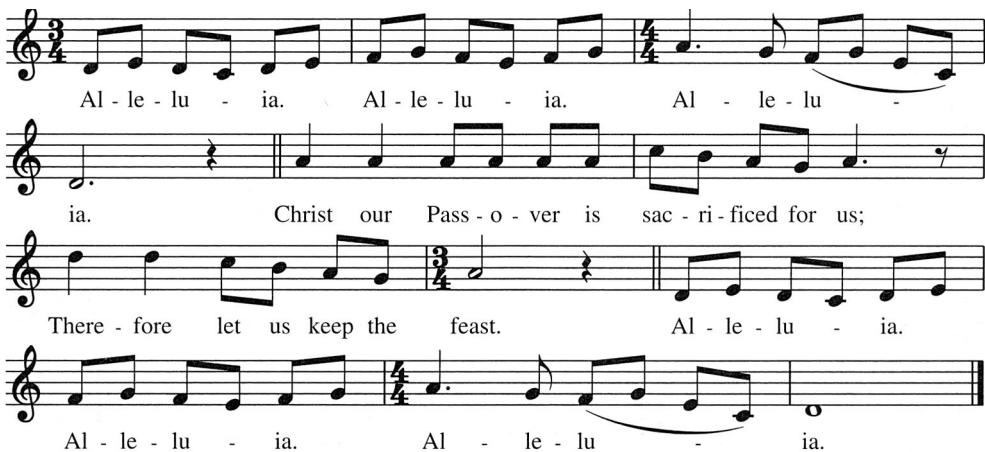
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## Fraction Anthem WLP 866



## Invitation to Communion

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.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

## An Act of Spiritual Communion • for those attending virtually

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

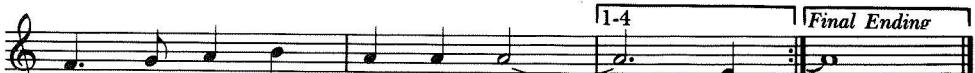
## Communion Hymn 246 *In Bethlehem a newborn boy*



1 In Beth - le - hem a new - born boy was hailed with songs of  
2 (The) sol - diers sought the child in vain: not yet was he to  
3 (Still) rage the fires of hate to - day, and in - no - cents the  
4 (Lord) Je - sus, through our night of loss shines out the won - der  
5 (May) that great love our lives con - trol and con - quer hate in



1 praise and joy. Then warn - ing came of dan - ger near: King  
2 share our pain. But down the a - ges rings the cry of  
3 price must pay, while ach - ing hearts in ev - ery land cry  
4 of your cross, the love that can - not cease to bear our  
5 ev - ery soul, till, pledged to build and not des - troy, we



1 He - rod's troops would soon ap - pear. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 The  
2 those who saw their chil - dren die. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Still  
3 out "We can - not un - der - stand!" \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Lord  
4 hu - man an - guish ev - ery - where. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 May  
5 share your pain and find your joy. \_\_\_\_\_

*Holy Innocents (December 28).*

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (b. 1905)

Music: *In Bethlehem*, Wilbur Held (b. 1914)

LM

## **Sending of Eucharistic Visitors**

- *deacon*

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

- *people*

**We are all one Body, for we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

- *all stand; said by all*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **Christmas Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

**Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

**Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

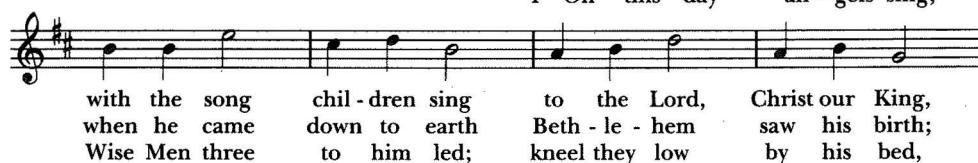


## Concluding Hymn 92 *On this day earth shall ring*

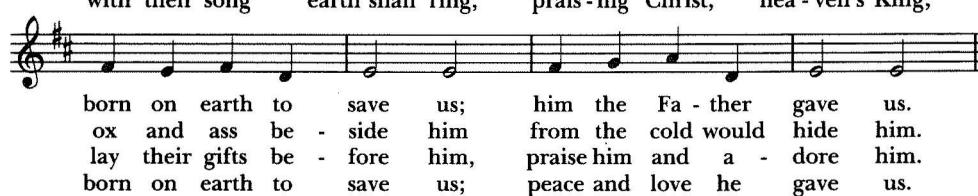
*Introduction*



1 On this day earth shall ring  
2 His the doom, ours the mirth;  
3 God's bright star, o'er his head,  
4 On this day an - gels sing;

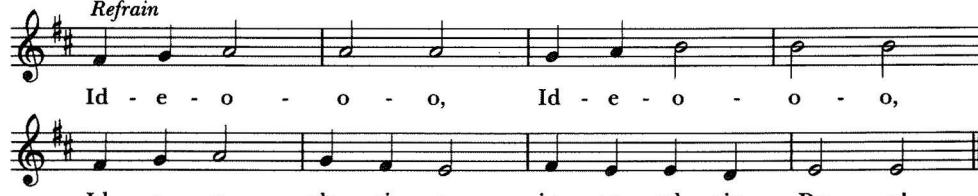


with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,  
when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;  
Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,  
with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,



born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.  
lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

*Refrain*



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,  
Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

*"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"*

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929)

Music: *Personent hodie*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

666. 66 with Refrain

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Chorale Prelude on Puer nobis nascitur*

Noel Rawsthorne

*serving today . . .*

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *celebrant*

The Rev. Charles Myers, *associate dean*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

Austin Echols, *organist & choir director*

Page Curry, Nick Teale, *lectors*

Bryan Platt, *intercessor*

Page Curry, Brenda Runner, Marilyn Werst, Tim Tice, *eucharistic ministers*

Carolyn VanZant, Josh Edwards, Hunter Lumbatis, *acolytes*

Ben Wilson, Betsy Marker, *altar guild*

Sissy Lanier, Jim Monin, Susan Wettle, *greeters/ushers*

John Kiesel, *bell ringer*

Betsy Marker, *live stream*



... as for  
me and my  
household,  
we will  
serve the  
Lord

*Joshua 24:15*

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