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Second Sunday in Lent

Year B February 25, 2024

Lent is not a gloomy time, a sad time, or a depressing time for those who are remembering what God has done for them. Our self-examination, which reveals our sin, prepares us to recognize our need for God. Then we gather Sunday by Sunday in the liturgy where our story as the people of God reminds us that God has met and still meets our need. Our fasting and self-denial give us the resources with which we can join Christ in his struggle against evil and death. Joining with him in that, we also join him in his victory.

> 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Rev. Jane Van Zandt, Celebrant Holly Simons, Minister of Music

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude Deep River - *arranged by Marianne Kim* Choral: Amazing Love – *Lloyd Larson*

Welcome

We are gathered on the day of Christ's resurrection.

Processional Hymn #401 The God of Abraham Praise (v 1 - 4)

The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove; 1 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend; dwells the Lord, 3 There our King, the Lord, our Right-eous - ness, 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, $\mathbf{5}$ The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high; ø. love; cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of 1 An -2 shall, ea - gle - wings up - borne, we \mathbf{on} to heaven a scend: 3 um - phant o'er the world and Prince of Peace: tri sin, the 4 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," "Al might - y King! and cry, 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry; 1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed: 2 shall be hold his face, we shall his power a - dore, we 3 Zi sa - cred height on's his king - dom he main - tains, on 4 Who and was, is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be: 5 hail, A-braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

The Great Litany

Enriching Our Worship

The people stand or kneel as they are able

Celebrant Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,.

People Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, **Have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, **Savior deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, **Savior deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, **Savior deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, **Savior deliver us.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.

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Kyrie Levas 236

Collect Of The Day *We center ourselves for worship in prayer.*

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray together.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching + song

Lessons	We hear the Word of God proclaimed.
First Lesson	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 22 *for the downtrodden.*

Response



Cantor- Jack Ferguson

All who see me scoff at me; They mock me with parted li	ns they way their hea	ds
"He relied on the Lord; let him d		
Let him rescue him, if he lov	,	Response
Indeed, many dogs surround me,		
A pack of evildoers closed in	-	
They have pierced my hands and	my feet;	
I can count all my bones.		Response
They divide my garments among	them	
And for my vesture they cast	lots.	
But you, O Lord, be not far from	me;	
O my help, hasten to aid me.		Response
I will proclaim your name to my	brethren;	
In the midst of the assembly		
"You who fear the Lord, praise h	1 1	
All you descendants of Jacob		Response
"Revere him;		
All you descendants of Israel	!!"	Response
The Second Lesson	Romans 4:13-25	_

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish. *Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") ---in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God

The Gospel Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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The people sit

Sermon

Rev. Jane Van Zandt



Hymn of the Day #707 Take my life



NICENE CREED

We profess our faith with the whole church.

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 PeopleThe Leader and People pray responsively

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the wellbeing of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

The Peace		We share the gift of Christ's peace and love.	
1		e of Christ be always with you. • with you.	

The Offering An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world

I appeal to you, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

For everyone's safety, we will not pass the traditional plate during today's service. Instead, an offering plate is available at the entrances to the worship space, or you may visit wolfesaints.com/donate.



The people stand in body or spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION God feeds us with the real presence of Jesus Christ

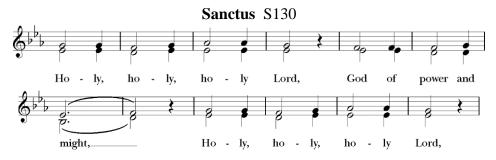
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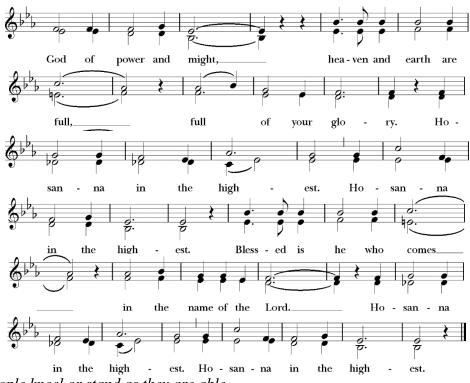
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),





The people kneel or stand as they are able

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

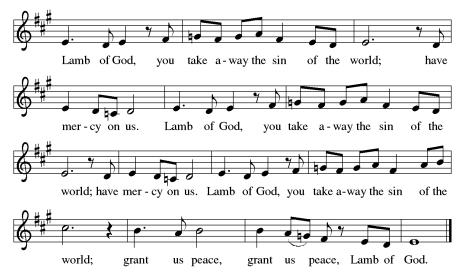
THE LORD'S PRAYER We pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

As now, our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread We break the bread to share in the body of Christ.

Lamb of God ELW S191



Invitation

We are all invited to receive God's forgiveness.

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.

You are invited to The Lord's table regardless of who you are, where you have been, what you have done. You are welcome because God loves you, no exceptions and we do too!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

There is a long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church to offer a means for people to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Choral Meditation ACS #954 You Lord are both Lamb and

Shepherd

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray together

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

BLESSING God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

The people stand in body or spirit.

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Renew and strengthen us as we journey together to Jerusalem in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn ELW #815 I want to walk as a child of the Light Found on page 16

DISMISSAL

We depart to live as Christ's body in the world.

Celebrant	Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
People	Thanks be to God.
Postlude	The Church's One Foundation – arr. M. McDonald

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Recessional Hymn



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ANNOUNCEMENTS for February 25th The 2nd Sunday in Lent

We welcome all who are visiting with us today or who are new in our midst. Please complete a Welcome Card found in the pew racks and sign the guest book in the Narthex. All are invited to join us for coffee hour in the parish hall downstairs immediately following worship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available on the table in the Narthex.



PLEASE PRAY for:

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Lynn Willscher, Tom & Julie Wilson. *In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*: St. George's Episcopal Church in Durham. *In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer*: The Anglican Church of Tanzania. *For those who have died*:

Our Parish

Jim & Anne Bullitt, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Judy Hess, Louise Graham, Don & Sandi Johnson, The Jeffers family (Polly, Dave, Rachael), Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Liz Libby, Norma Lunney, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Connie Mitchell, Warren Muir, Carol Pearson, Bree Schuette, Sebastian Tordonato.

Our Family & Friends

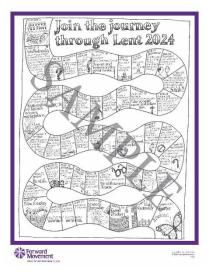
Basil Brown, Candy Desrocher, Peter DeVeau, Michael Dowd, Anne Fish, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Linda Hall, Susan Belt Hartson, Faye Juul, Jim Lunney, Margie, Jim & Lil Shepherd, Tom Southern, Marguerite Truesdale, Kyle Williams, Peggy Young.

If you wish names added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email: <u>allsaints@metrocast.net</u>

Birthdays: 2/26 Anne Bullitt, 3/1 Barbara Elkins

Anniversaries:

Journey through Lent coloring posters are available on the resource table outside the parish office.



Sunday Ministry Assignments *The monthly*

schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and in the Enews.

	<u>2/25-Lent 2</u>	<u>3/3-Lent 3</u>	<u>3/10-Lent 4</u>	<u>17-Lent 5</u>
Altar	Drew	Bertsch	Harding	Gurney
Guild	Sundquist	Hancock	Torma	Harding
Usher	Hancock	Jones	Bertsch	Holm
Lectors 10am	Kathleen Codyrachel	Jane Nielsen	Lucy Hancock	Susan Fuller
Eucharistic Ministers 8am 10am	Gail Dietzer Cate McMahon Susan Fuller	Bill Woodard Gayle Gurney	Jay Wyman Skip Hancock Dianne Wasmuth	Carol Simpson Dawn DeKemper Linda Brown
Greeters	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Flower Guild	No Flowers	No Flowers	No Flowers	No Flowers
Flower Delivery				
Counting @ 10am	2/27 Deb Hoyt B. Woodard	3/5 Deb Hoyt D. Wasmuth	3/12 B. Woodard C. Sundquist	3/19 Deb Hoyt B. Woodard

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Worship Bulletin ~ We follow the order of worship from The Book of Common Prayer as it is printed in this bulletin. Leader parts are in regular print; the congregation parts are in **bold** print. Notes and directions are printed in *italics*. Hymn numbers are noted in this bulletin and can be found in The Hymnal 1982 found in the pew racks.

All are invited to receive Communion in this church.

The Common Cup *as an Option* Following guidance from Bishop +Rob to clergy and discussion with our Worship and Music Team and Vestry, we will offer the option of receiving wine by common cup as we offer the option of gluten free bread during Holy Communion. The Eucharistic Ministers will continue to distribute wine via individual cups and if you desire the common cup*, please ask Pastor Bill (just as you would for gluten free).

***Note:** For sanitation concerns and at the direction of our bishop, we will no longer offer the opportunity for Intinction (the dipping of the bread/wafer into the wine. The common cup is only available for drinking from.

Facility Information ~ Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs in the hallways exiting the Parish Hall and upstairs in the hallway exiting the sanctuary. A small restroom is located off the narthex lobby at the rear of the worship space. We welcome children in worship, but should you (or they) need, an unstaffed nursery area is located off the narthex lobby.

Seeking a Church Home? ~ If you would like additional information about All Saints', are seeking a faith community to call home, or interested in exploring your faith, please speak with the rector.

Masks are not required in the building at the present time. However, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, then you are encouraged to do so.

Sharing of the peace will be done from your seat only.

Offering plates are available at entrances to the worship space or giving online @ wolfesaints.com.

We continue to livestream for those unable to worship in person.



Ministers: All the People of All Saints' Bishop: The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld Rector: The Rev. William "Bill" Petersen Priest Associate: The Rev. Elizabeth Preysner Minister of Music: Holly Simons Sunday School Teacher: Danielle Pierpont Parish Administrator: Debra Hoyt Sexton: Mark McLaughlin