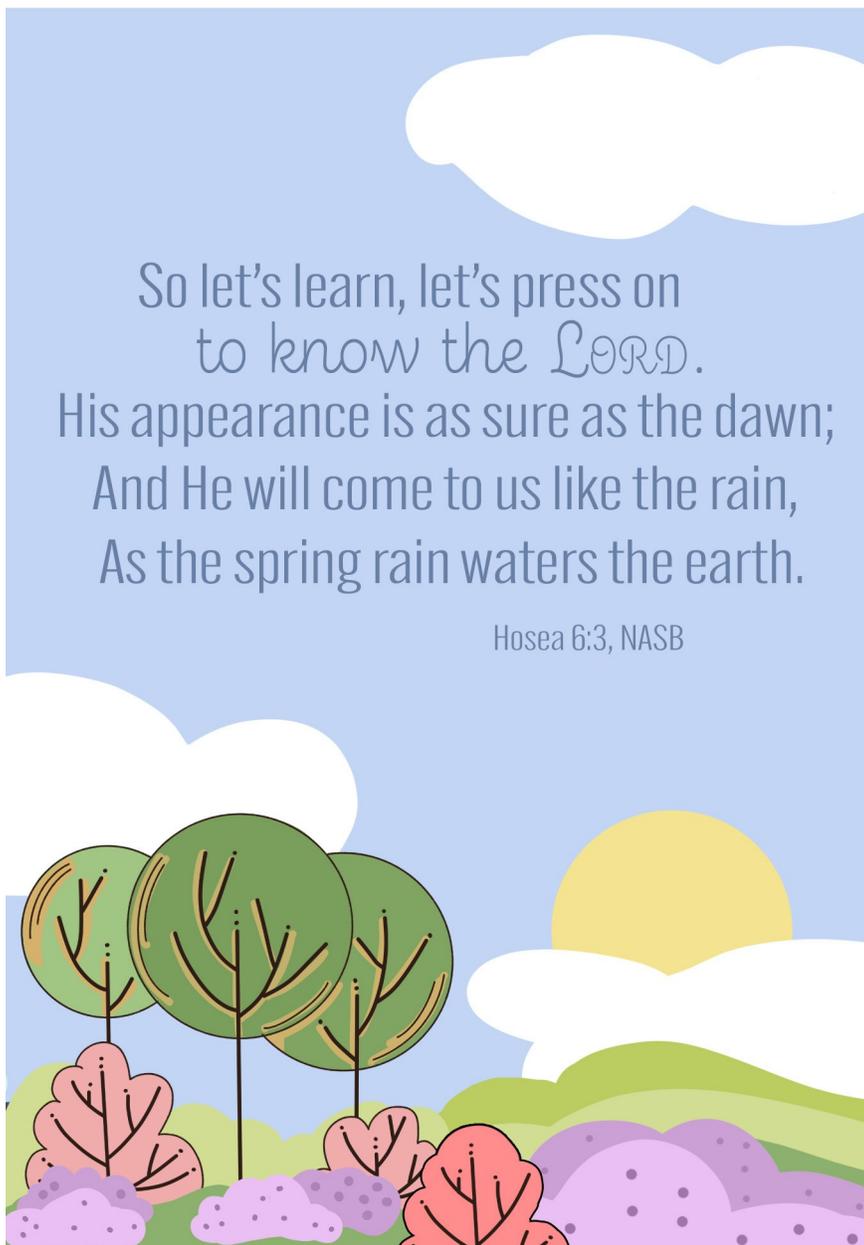




First Presbyterian Church of Everett

# The Carillon

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So let's learn, let's press on  
to know the LORD.  
His appearance is as sure as the dawn;  
And He will come to us like the rain,  
As the spring rain waters the earth.

Hosea 6:3, NASB

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**The Carillon  
March 2026**

**Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:**

10-11 a.m.- Worship  
11 a.m. - Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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**Worship - Sundays at 10 a.m.**



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join our worship livestream, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the FPCE Facebook page. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>. Worship services can also be viewed on our You Tube channel. Subscribe today by visiting [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view\\_as=public](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public)

**Please note:** There are times when Facebook and/or YouTube will mute parts of a worship recording that they deem to be infringing on copyright protections. To see the service online, uninterrupted, you'll need to watch the live broadcast.

Online worship bulletins are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

## Off the Wall

I believe words, the words we use, the words we apply to life or use to describe situations are important. Whether the words coming out of our mouths, the words we choose online, the words we use to defend or attack, whether we carefully craft them or think they just appear, I believe our words show others who we are. One of the songs I learned in the MLK Choir had the chorus, “I won't harm you with my words, I'll encourage you with my words.” This song reminded us of the power of our words and the call for us to use our words in a godly manner.

Sure, there have been plenty of times when my words have been in jest, calculated to hurt, inappropriate, said too quickly, and fiery in delivery. We struggle with words and scripture reminds us to be careful.

Jesus reminds us in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:37), “Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.” The Psalmist warns the people (Psalm 4:2), “how long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?” Proverbs encourage us to use our words to bless each other (Proverbs 16:24), “pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” We are told by the author of James (3:8-10), “but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.”

Even when we recite, sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. We know this is not true. Words written or spoken can hurt. In the same manner, words can bless, encourage, and convey deep care and concern.

This is why when I watched the Super Bowl, my ears were keen to pick up as part of the introduction to the game, the idea that Sundays were made for football. Repeated a couple of times with images of families, friends, and communities getting together to tail gate, cheer on their team, and gathering around the television. I am all for people getting together to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. I believe there is a holy moment when we gather to eat, to cheer, to talk, to relax, and to engage in life.

Before you stop reading and say this is just because I like baseball, yes, I do. However, if during the World Series where the Cubs and Mariners are at the critical game seven on a Sunday and the announcers said, this is what Sundays were made for, I would still write these words.

I was stunned by the bold assertion that Sundays were made for football. We know this is a false and an idolatrous statement. And it's not just that we go to church on Sundays. We believe every day is God's. We believe God is our Creator. We affirm in the confessions that our highest calling is to glorify God and worship Him forever. We believe that sin has broken our relationship with God and each other. Our gospel message is Jesus, God incarnate, came to earth and through his life, death, and resurrection, sin is powerless, we are redeemed, and we are working toward and seeking first God's kingdom.

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Genesis tells us that God created in six days and then rested on the seventh. Did God need to rest? No. Genesis and our scriptures are honest about our humanity. We get busy with work and stuff and things and chores and life easily. Yet we are reminded that God rested. We too are invited to rest from the things that move us away from Jesus' transformation and God's creative presence. This day of rest is called sabbath in scripture. It is a day where work stops for us to reset, recover, and refocus on Christ. Our Jewish brethren take their sabbath between Friday and Saturday evening. As we honor Jesus' resurrection on Sunday, we set aside the first day of the week to refocus.

I get it. Followers of Jesus, we do not rest or keep the sabbath well. Still we are invited to rest. We do this together in worship, through prayer, singing, taking a nature hike, eating a meal with family, and beginning to practice or see that a day used to reset with Jesus keeps us mindful of God throughout the week.

Football, baseball, other events, and our own plans are not made for Sunday. Sunday is the day these take place. To adapt a song, this (Sunday) is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

There are a multitude of things vying for our attention. Know you are more loved than you realize. Come to a Sunday worship service and set aside time to be in God's presence. Join us on Easter to celebrate our risen Lord and recommit our lives to Christ. Let our words, actions, and practice orient ourselves to the presence of the Holy Spirit every day.

Peace, *Alan*

### Big Changes Coming to the PC(USA) Special Offerings This Year! Submitted by Kari Nupen

Beginning this year, PC(USA) is moving to having three Special Offerings instead of four. The Pentecost offering has been eliminated and the Peace and Global Witness Offering has been renamed "World Communion Offering". The causes previously supported by the Pentecost Offering will be included in the Christmas Joy Offering. Additional causes have been added to the One Great Hour of Sharing and World Communion Offerings as well. Want more details? Check out the flier on the Mission Bulletin Board or visit: <https://pcusa.org/giving/special-offerings!>



**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

# CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

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**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
MARCH 29 AT 10AM  
SANCTUARY

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**SIMPLE MEAL & WORSHIP**  
APRIL 2  
MEAL AT 5:30PM IN WESTMINSTER  
WORSHIP AT 7PM IN WESTMINSTER

**EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE**  
APRIL 5 AT 6:30AM  
LIGHTHOUSE PARK, MUKILTEO, WA

**DEACONS' EASTER**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
APRIL 5 AT 9AM  
WESTMINSTER HALL

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**APRIL 5 AT 10AM**  
SANCTUARY

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## Interfaith Shelter 2026 Donation Drive - It's time to start collecting!

Start rounding up those household goods — we're almost ready to start collecting! Household goods — along with clothing, personal hygiene items and toys, etc. — are an ever-present need for them as their clients take the household goods with them when they “graduate”.

We will be collecting items in a box near the Welcome Booth on the first three Sundays in March: March 1st, March 8th, and March 15th.

New or gently used items are welcome. Below is a list of high-demand items they are always glad to receive. There is also an Amazon Wish list if you prefer. Scan the QR code or visit their website ([www.interfaithwa.org](http://www.interfaithwa.org)) for more information.



Reach out to Kari Nupen or any member of the Missions Committee for more information.

Current High Demand Items include:

- Bedsheets & Linens (twin and full sizes)
- Pillows (Standard size)
- Towels
- Dinnerware for adults and children
- New/Unopened Personal Hygiene items (Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc.) for kids and adults

**PLEASE NOTE: THEY ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT FURNITURE, STUFFED ANIMALS, CARSEATS, AND OPENED PACKAGES OF SOCKS/UNDERGARMENTS!**

## **Announcements:**

### **Priscilla Circle**

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, March 9th, at 11:30am in Calvin Lounge. We will be welcoming Rev. Dr. Edwin Coon to lead our study of Chapter 7. You may bring a lunch if desired. All women are welcome.

### **The Gathering**

Join us for our monthly dinner, held on the third Wednesday of each month. On March 18th, at 5:30pm, we will eat together and take time to learn about and practice contemplative prayer. The season of Lent invites us to reflect on our lives and to humbly come before God. All are welcome and we hope to see you in March!

### **Maundy Thursday**

Join us for our Maundy Thursday service on April 2nd in Westminster Hall. Dinner will be at 5:30pm followed by worship at 7:00pm.

### **Easter Services**

On Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus! We will have a Sunrise Service at Mukilteo Beach at 6:30am. Our Deacons will be hosting a continental breakfast in Westminster Hall at 9:00am. We will also worship at 10:00am in the sanctuary. We hope you join us on Easter morning and all are welcome!

### **Join the Choir!**

Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals are Sundays from 11:15am–12:45pm. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to sing, you're invited to help lead worship through music. Talk with Lorilee for more info.

### **SPAM Luncheon**

Mark your calendars. SPAM is returning on Friday, April 17th. Punch bowl is at 11:30am. Lunch is \$7.50 and will be served at noon. The program will be presented by Dr. Steve Hammond on his trip of "Carrying Bibles into China: A Story from Another Time, Not So Long Ago". Be sure to sign up at the Welcome Booth by Sunday, April 12th or call Jan Weakley at 360-722-7159.

## Book Group Update—Submitted by Shirley Solberg

Book Group continues to gather via Zoom at 10:00am, on the fourth Monday of each month. Please see dates listed below. Watch your email or contact me for the familiar link.

**March 23**      *A Walk in the Park: The True Story of a Spectacular Misadventure in the Grand Canyon* by Kevin Fedarko  
Leader: Alan Dorway

If you have ever visited, up close or even from a distance, this remarkable national park, you will surely appreciate Fedarko's detailed accounts of the adventures, or misadventures, of those who set out to explore it. And if you haven't been to this unique part of our country, you will finish the book with the feeling that you have completed a beautiful personal journey.

No book group set, unfortunately.

**April 27**      To be determined.

If no one has a better suggestion, I will pick something from one of the 130 sets in the Everett Public Library. I'm considering *The Curve of Time* by M. Wylie Blanchet. It's autobiographical, a family travel story, taking place along the British Columbia coast in early 20th Century. I have not read it, but it looks promising.

Please let me know your wishes (or accept what is chosen).

Shirley Solberg      shirley.solberg@icloud.com



## Library Update—Submitted by Shirley Solberg

We continue to develop our collection with new titles to fulfill requests and support classes and programs of the church.

Several of us recently read Anne Hillerman's *Stargazer*. If you enjoyed this novel, which carried on Tony Hillerman's stories of Leaphorn and Chee, you may be glad to hear that our library now has *The Sacred Bridge*. Like *Stargazer*, this mystery features Officer Bernadette Manuelito, a lively character Anne added to Tony's duo.

The pleasure of the Hillerman books is enhanced by their vivid descriptions of the unique southwest hills, valleys, and rivers of Arizona and New Mexico. We have just added a 2026 book with several stunning full-page, full-color pictures of that landscape. The photographs were provided by Anne Hillerman's late husband, Don Strel, known in his own right for those camera skills. *Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn*, is well worth your time just for the illustrations, but the accompanying text by Anne Hillerman should not be missed.

In quite a different vein, we have procured several titles on prayer and other spiritual concerns by the esteemed Thomas Merton.

These are the most notable new additions, but they join over 3,000 other titles. For the complete listing, go to the online catalog at: <https://15781.rmwebopac.com/>,

Additionally, you can browse the shelves in the library next to the church office, survey the "Burgundy Bookmobile" on Sunday mornings in Westminster, or contact me any time. Your recommendations and requests are always welcome.

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## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. OGHS funds have long been used to support disaster recovery, hunger relief, and alleviating poverty. Gifts this year will continue to support those crucial causes in addition to supporting immigration/Migration/Refugees and Climate Change. As we have in previous years, we will collect this offering on Easter Sunday, but earlier and late gifts are always welcome!

On the following page you will find this year's version of the Sharing Calendar. While aimed at children and young families, the messages of how blessed we are should not be lost on us. Consider reviewing as you plan your giving this year.

Additionally, the Presbyterian Giving Catalog has tangible ideas for how your gifts can be put to use. \$10 can provide farming tools for a family, \$50 provides a family with a water filter, \$125 provides Emergency Life packs for those fleeing regional upheaval. Grab a copy at the Welcome Booth for more ideas.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY - WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



# A Sharing Calendar for Lent 2026

Each day at or after a meal time, gather around this map activity. Consider the reflection and questions, place a coin or a bill (a "gift") in your fish coin bank or a jar.

**Sunday:** After a natural disaster, it may be hard to find places to cook or buy meals. Say a prayer of thanksgiving and give a gift for each meal you ate today.

**Monday:** Over 18 million Americans live in a food desert, far from a store where they can buy groceries. Give a gift for each grocery store nearby.

**Tuesday:** Electricity is usually the first utility that is lost in a storm. Give a gift for each electrical outlet in the room you are currently in.

**Wednesday:** Is water necessary for good health? Using the map, find Zambia and read what the PC(USA) is doing there. After learning more, give a gift for each drink you had today.

**Thursday:** On the online OGHs map, look at the U.S. states where the PC(USA) is working. Pray for each by name and give a gift for each state you've visited.

**Friday:** If you can read, you are more likely to be healthier. Learn a new word today and give a gift for every letter in your name.

**Sunday:** Most people around the world don't have access to the many varieties of fruit and vegetables we have. Give one gift for each type of fruit in your house.

**Monday:** Climate change is forcing farmers worldwide to either adjust their farming methods or move away. Give a gift for each type of animal you saw today.

**Tuesday:** When families move, building a new community of friends and neighbors can be hard! Make a card or gift for someone new in your church or neighborhood.

**Wednesday:** Without the right nutrition in the first two years of life, a child's physical and mental development is compromised. Give a gift for each toddler you know.

**Thursday:** When roads are closed and electricity is off, going to see a doctor can be hard. Give a gift if you've been able to see a doctor in the past year.

**Friday:** It is estimated that 1 in 5 kids in the U.S. will experience hunger this year. Give at least one gift if you have not experienced hunger this year.

**Sunday:** Where does your water come from? Many people carry buckets of water long distances to their homes every day. Give a gift for every faucet in your home.

**Monday:** In Panama, the PC(USA) partnered in the construction of a 25,000-liter tank, helping families with clean water for drinking and cooking. Give a gift for each drink of water you had today.

**Tuesday:** Social barriers are like locked doors that hold people back and keep them from thriving. Give a gift for every door that can lock in your home.

**Wednesday:** If you could start a business of your own, what would it be? Give a gift for every good business idea you hear from those you are with.

**Thursday:** Rainwater is rare in some places, so special collection systems are built to catch the water. Give one gift for every day it rained (or snowed) in the past week.

**Friday:** Changing weather patterns mean old ways of farming don't work in some areas anymore, so farmers need to be taught new techniques. Give a gift for every farm you've visited.

**Sunday:** In some places, people walk for hours to go to church, where they find support and encouragement from friends and family. Give a gift for every time you went to church this month.

**Monday:** Hunger-related causes kill thousands of people every day around the world. Give a gift for meals you've had today.

**Tuesday:** Some people can't find jobs and care for themselves because they don't have access to a car or the right bus route. Give one gift for every wheel in your garage that helps you get places.

**Wednesday:** Poverty can make people feel like they are always falling two steps back with surprise expenses or problems. Give a gift for every set of steps in your home.

**Thursday:** The most vulnerable are often the most impacted in emergency situations. Say a prayer for children impacted by disasters, and give a gift for every flashlight in your home.

**Friday:** Sometimes people need help advocating for their rights — like lawyers fighting for those impacted by unfair employment practices. Say a prayer for those who advocate for the poor.

**Sunday:** In South Sudan, women have found hope as they learn to farm so they can grow food for their families. Give a gift per plant in your house.

**Monday:** In Ohio, refugee women are able to market their sweet and savory treats at the farmers market, helping to take care of their families. Give one gift for every sweet treat you had today.

**Tuesday:** Immunizations give us hope for when certain diseases will no longer cause sickness and pain. Give a gift for each immunization you have received.

**Wednesday:** In Haiti, hope is seen in the leaves of the moringa tree, a superfood that can help many hungry people! Give one gift for every tree at home.

**Thursday:** Give a gift for every year you have been in school and find three books you can donate so another person can read and learn.

**Friday:** Learning new languages can be hard! Give five gifts for every language your family members speak.

**Passion/Palm Sunday:** Blankets are used internationally to comfort those impacted by disasters. Give a gift for each blanket in your home, or find some blankets you can donate.

**Monday:** Teaching healthy food choices and food safety can change the health of an entire community! Find some healthier foods you can donate to a food pantry or soup kitchen.

**Tuesday:** Find a location on the OGHs map you have not learned about yet. Spend some extended time learning about and praying for the ministry and people there.

**Wednesday:** Communication can be incredibly difficult after a disaster. Give a gift for every computer in your home, and call, email or text a loved one.

**Thursday:** God's love is shown in so many ways. Find three things you can do today or tomorrow to share God's love.

**Friday:** Clean water is a precious resource all over the world. Find some ways you can conserve or use less water every day and commit to doing at least 1 for a month or more.

**Sunday – Resurrection/Easter/One Great Hour of Sharing:** Present the gifts in your coin box to your congregation. Say a prayer for all those who will receive help from your generosity.

For more locations and ministries, go to [pusa.org/oghsmap](https://pusa.org/oghsmap) or scan this code:





## MARCH CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in future celebration listings.

Join us in wishing the following members & friends a happy birthday and/or anniversary:

### **Anniversaries:**

- 3/11 Travis & Veronica Bacon
- 3/17 Rick & Barbara Johnson
- 3/21 Tom & Pat Erickson

### **Birthdays:**

- 3/7 Gary Norris
- 3/8 Jaques Kwaku Mawudeku
- 3/9 Susan Lynn
- 3/10 Dottie Hawkins
- 3/14 Tyler Angell
- 3/17 Craig Bosman
- 3/17 Jack Striker
- 3/25 Susan Davis
- 3/26 Nancy Kniest

### **Special Dates:**

- World Day of Prayer, March 6, 2026
- Daylight saving time begins, March 8, 2026
- St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2026
- First day of spring, March 20, 2026
- Holy Week, March 29-April 5, 2026
- Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29, 2026

# Newsletter Deadline

**Carillon:** If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

**March 15th**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.  
ON DUE DATE.**



**Our next in-person collection is Sunday, April 5th.**

Find additional information in the worship bulletin.

Thank you for your donations.

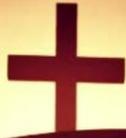


### **Daylight Saving Time Begins!**

Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour on **Sunday, March 8th**. Set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night, so you'll be on time for worship and morning activities. We look forward to seeing you—bright and early—with a little more evening light to enjoy!



Don't miss the next **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, March 14th from 8:30-10:00a.m. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!



# Easter Sunday

with First Presbyterian  
Church of Everett

Sunday, April 5th



## SUNRISE SERVICE

Mukilteo  
Lighthouse Park  
6:30 a.m.



## DEACONS BRUNCH

FPCE  
Westminster  
9:00 a.m.



## WORSHIP SERVICE

FPCE  
Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m.

# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## **Ruling Elders**

<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>	<b>Class of 2028</b>
Randy Fehlhaber	Judy Campbell	Emily Alfrejd
Susan Lynn	David Baer-Peckham	Katherine Campbell
Kari Nupen	Terry Walker	Danielle Fowler

## **Deacons**

<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>	<b>Class of 2028</b>
Rose Capetillo	Susan Davis	Joan Lyderson
Sam Capetillo	Judy Hammond	Malia Mantz
Mike Davis	Marilee Richards	Lisa Villesvik

