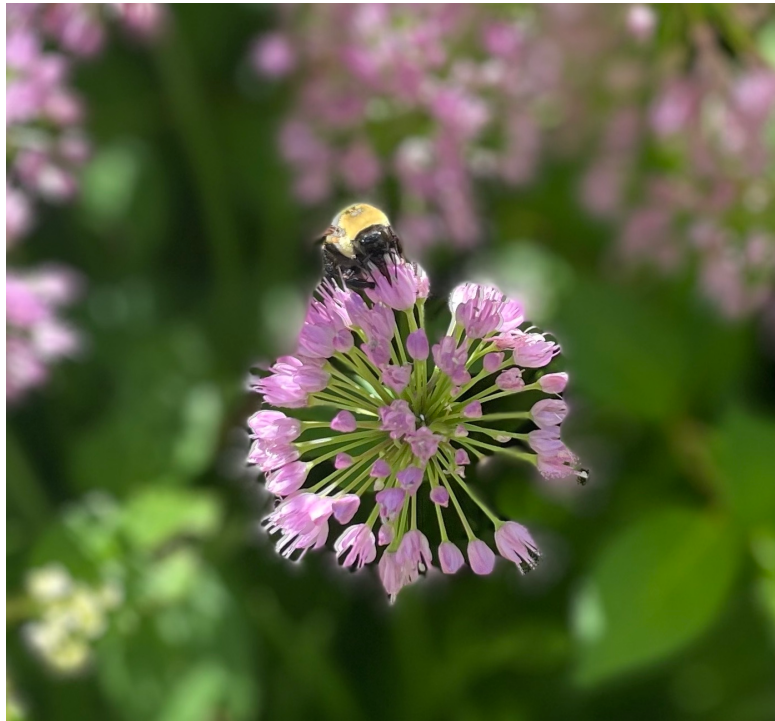


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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

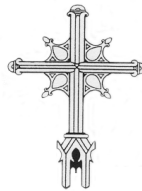
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. We do not provide staffed nursery care over the summer; however, the education wing has changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 657 Love divine, all loves excelling
All stand and sing.

HYFRYDOL

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty 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.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10

All sit.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 48

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 **Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, ***
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 **Behold, the kings of the earth assembled ***
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 **Trembling seized them there; ***
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- 8 **We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, ***
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 **Let Mount Zion be glad**
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 **Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.**
- 13 **This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.**

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 671 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

NEW BRITAIN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1–13

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and

proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE 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:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE CONFESSION

The people say the words in bold.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our presiding bishop, for Sean our presiding bishop-elect, for Jeff and Laura our bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Pie Jesu *from* Requiem

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)
Cailey Martinez, mezzo-soprano

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

THE SANCTUS

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven 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. ___

*Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)**All remain standing or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People***Christ has died.****Christ is risen.****Christ will come again.***The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteers, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC Improvisation

Ted Babbitt (b. 2004)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

PADERBORN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Allegro Assai Vivace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

from Organ Sonata No. 1 in F minor

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Jo Anne Burgh

Organist: Ted Babbitt

Ushers: Bette-Jane Hardersen, Don Polk

Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Eti Akpan, Bill Lockery

Healing Prayer Minister: David Grimaldi

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Kim Green	Susan	Ellie Brown	Wendy
Brad Babbitt	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Whitney Lynch	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Virginia Skeelee	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Rachel Boccio	Sarah Carroll
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Greg Highland
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Rachel
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Lucas
Hale Walkoff	Brenda	G.F.	Amy Bittinger
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	Ned	William Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Roger	Mike
Madeline	Allison and Family	Rich Lammlin	Rick
Helen Rosen	Linda	Daniel Zoltan	Richard Myers
Nick Willke	Jacob Latranica	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Matt & Sarah
Wayne Gollenburg	Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh	John Scott	Carol
Uncle Rich Alpin	Tom Tata	Peggy O'Toole	Savanna D.
Tracie O'Brien	Michelle Sadler		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Jeff Verney	Andrew Hicks
Will Lockery	Barry Simson
David McCary	Abigail Stretz

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Cindy & Jim Lawler
Courtney & Grant McAuslan
Ginny & Rich Flinchbaugh

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Plainfield; Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland; and for military chaplains and all who serve this country.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

Musicians needed for 9 a.m. Sunday services. Our summer service schedule, which goes through Labor Day weekend, consists of a 9 a.m. service held outdoors in the Cloister Garden (or in Hubbard Hall if it rains), and a 10:30 a.m. service held in the nave and also livestreamed. **We are in need of a pianist, guitarist, or other musician to accompany hymns and/or provide preludes and postludes at the 9 a.m. outdoor services on the following dates:** July 28, August 18, August 25. Contact Ellen in the parish office if you can help.

Save the date!! Worship service for Todd's installation, Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. As was announced recently, Todd FitzGerald has been called as the next rector of St. John's. Come celebrate with him and our parish community at an installation service with the bishop on September 25.

Updates on St. John's summer staffing:

- **Peggy O'Toole**, our financial administrator, is out of the office on unplanned medical leave due to injuries sustained while she was visiting family in California. While Peggy is expected to make a full recovery, she has several fractures that require rehabilitation and healing time before she can resume her normal activities. Peggy expects to return to the office for short periods (a couple of hours one or two days/week) starting the week of July 8, but is unsure when she'll be back to her usual schedule of three days a week. (Tuesday–Thursday). Please avoid contacting Peggy until she's back to a more regular schedule, so she can ease back into work at her own pace. If you have a time-sensitive financial concern, please reach out to Ellen in the parish office and she will either help you or contact Peggy as needed.
- **Todd FitzGerald**, our rector, is on vacation for the month of July in Maine, where he preaches and presides at a summer chapel in Cape Neddick on Sundays. **Margie Baker**, our associate rector, will be on vacation for most of August, serving at a summer chapel in Longport, NJ, and doing some other travel with her family. To allow both Todd and Margie much-needed time to rest and be with their families, please wait to reach out to them about non-urgent matters until they return to the office (Todd on August 1, Margie on August 28). For urgent or time-sensitive concerns, please contact the clergy person who is not on vacation, and/or Ellen in the parish office.
- Dwight and Ellen also have vacation plans this summer, and Margie has two weeks when she will be working but out of the office (serving as chaplain at Camp Washington July 15–19, and leading the annual Choir School sleepaway camp July 28–August 2). There will likely be days throughout the summer when the office is closed with no staff available on-site. We suggest calling before stopping by during office hours (9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday), and reaching out as early as possible with any time-sensitive questions or concerns. Thank you!

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

*Summer Series*WHAT DO EPISCOPALIANS
BELIEVE ABOUT...

Join us June 24–July 22 as we wrestle with some of the big questions of Bible and theology. Come for all or drop in for one. Mondays at 7pm in zoom.



- June 24** EUCHARIST
- July 1** SIN, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION
- July 8** ATONEMENT
- July 15** HEAVEN AND HELL
- July 22** SALVATION

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MARGIE@SJPARISH.NET

Don't forget about our
Blessing Box
this summer!

Our Blessing Box (or Little Free Food Pantry) gets used all year long by neighbors who need a little extra food for themselves and their families. Help us keep it stocked this summer with ready-to-eat food items, such as snack/protein bars; applesauce; pop-top cans of soup, pasta, fish, or fruit; peanut butter; crackers or bread; cereal; trail mix; instant soup or beans and rice.



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Sunday: Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

10:30 a.m. Sunday: Holy Eucharist in the church (also livestreamed)

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The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net) *Rector*
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Ralph Valentine..... *Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus*

VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes..... *Warden*
Stewart Murchie..... *Warden*
Anne Harney and David McCary *Co-Treasurers*

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer

2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Linda Schatz, Brenda Zanta