

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 83

"O Come, all ye faithful"

Adeste fideles

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, P. 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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: Hymn 96

"Angels we have heard on high"

Gloria

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day 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 First Reading: Isaiah 52:7–10

The Holy Bible NRSV, p. 669

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 100

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come"

Antioch

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1–12

NRSV, p. 1091

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

Sequence Hymn 87

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1–14

NRSV, p. 968

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together

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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

"O Men from the Fields" (Bob Workmon, tenor) Offertory Solo Arnold Cooke

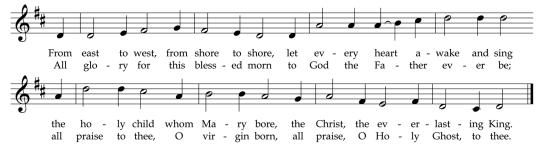
O men from the fields, From reek of the smoke Come gently within, And cold of the floor And peering of things Tread softly, softly, Across the half-door. O men, coming in!

O men from the fields, Mavourneen* is going From me and from you, Softly, softly come through; Where Mary will fold him Mary puts round him With mantle of blue. Her mantle of blue.

Padraic Colum

Presentation Hymn

Puer nobis



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

^{*&}quot;Mavourneen" is a term of endearment derived from the Irish Gaelic *mo mhuirnín*, meaning "my beloved."

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

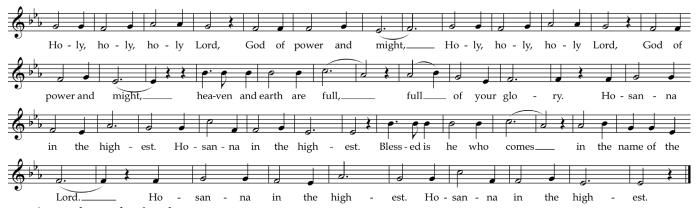
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 Man 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 130

Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert



The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

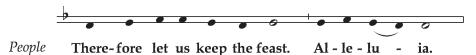
The Breaking of the Bread

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The Fraction Anthem S–152 "Christ our Passover"

Ambrosian chant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Solo

"Jesus, Jesus, rest your head"

trad. American, adapt. by John Jacob Niles

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head. You has got a manger bed. All the evil folk on earth Sleep in feathers at their birth. *Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.* You has got a manger bed

Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate? How his mammy went to the stable On that Christmas Eve so late? Winds were blowing, cows were lowing, Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing. Refrain

To the manger came the Wise Men. Bringing from hin and yon For the mother and the father, And the blessed little Son. Milkmaids left their fields and flocks And sat beside the ass and ox. Refrain

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The 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 oh 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.**

Closing Hymn 107

"Good Christian friends, rejoice"

In dulci jubilo

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude







Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon Substitute Organist: Sara Bryant Soloist: Bob Workmon, tenor

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC

MUSIC IN HONOR OF

Boo, Honk, Lulu, & Pops Given By: Calder & Henry

John Flay Gardner Jr. Given By: Todd & Elizabeth Hinshaw

Anna McClain Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

Mrs. Jane B. Tatum Given By: Amanda RJ Fulk

Wesley Clewis & Sexton Staff Given By: Robert & Ruth Bayley Jennifer, Erin & Families Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

> Ann Hale Given By: Susan Ingle

Our Grandparents

Given By: David, Jack & Caroline

Murchison

Knox & Anna Trask Given By: Ansley and William

John Sullivan Given By: Doris & Bob Ruffner

Pastors Phillip, Cheryl & Gray Given By: Robert and Ruth Bayley

Given By: Lee Williams & Amy

Crittenberg

Jim & Barbara Cobb

Given By: Tom & Beth Lilly

Margaret & Mark Forest Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

Billie Holland Given By: Karen & Scott Clark

Our Godchildren Given By: Elizabeth & Ned Murchison

Ford Williams, my godfather Given By: Catchie McDonald

John Sullivan & St. James Choir Given By: Virginia & Wilson Hardy

Our Beloved Christmas Visitors Given By: Ann & Steve Mueller Dr. and Mrs. R.V. Fulk, Jr. Given By: Amanda RJ Fulk

Susan Ingle Given By: Ann Hale

Jim Spruill Given By: Ann & Steve Mueller

Blessings for all those touched by St James Care Guild in 2023 Given By: Ted & Di Chamblee Poucher

The Choirs

Given By: Gorda Singletary

MUSIC IN MEMORY OF Kristina Crittenberger Brockmeier

David M. Blackwell Given By: Beth Crouch Blackwell

Chalmer W. Carver, Jr Given By: Mary Beth & Bill Tallman

> Helen & Paschal Creech Given By: Claybourn Creech

chal Creech Robert T. Davis

bourn Creech Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis

Sanders Burney Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis

Peter A. Cooley Given By: Jean & Billy Smith

Dorothy C. Davis Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis Chalmer W. Carver Jr. Given By: Ruth Carver

Randy Coupland Given By: The Calder Family & The Barmore Family

Wilbur & Lil Doyle Given By: Wright & Gail Doyle Smith

MUSIC IN MEMORY OF

Stephen P.C. Fuchs Given By: Amanda RJ Fulk

Margaret & Bob Huffman Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

Adam Langlais Given By: Tom & Catherine Schmid

Sam Mann Given By: Austin, Charlie & Mary Ashburn Mann

Charlotte & David Murchison Given By: Their Family

Lynn W. Pollock Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis

Michael Stovall Given By: Kathy, Kit, & Corbett Stovall

Charles Nathan Thompson Given By: The Tayloe Family

Adelaide J. Ward Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis Catherine & George Gornto Given By: Their Family

> Sandy Johnston Given By: Lainie Johnston

Charles Langpaul Given By: Lori Langpaul Beebe

Birute & Bill McClain Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

> Charlotte Murchison Given By: Their Family

Joan Harrell Schaeffer Given By: Schaeffer Family

Nathan Thompson Tayloe Given By: The Tayloe Family

Mary Brumback Thompson Given By: The Tayloe Family

Winifred & Robert Whiting Given By: Jean & Billy Smith

Elizabeth (Beth) Lewis Williams Given By: Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberg

Bill Hale Given By: Ann Hale

George & Charlotta King Given By: David & Charlotta Howell

> John Latta Given By: Sharon Latta

Dr. James A. & Weezie McFarland Given By: Your family who love and miss you

> David Murchison, III Given By: Their Family

Bess & PR Smith Given By: Jean & Billy Smith

Ethel Avera Taylor Given By: Katherine Taylor Cammack

Margaret & Terry Turner Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

> Mom Given By: Ford

Elizabeth (Bobo) Wright Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

Bill & Sarah Howell Given By: David & Charlotta Howell

> Vukan & Louise Kuic Given By: Your family who love and miss you

Dev & Gay Lippitt Given By: Cece Snow & family

Hugh MacRae Given By: his daughter, Meg

Josephine Crittenberger Nall Given By: Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberg

> Jim Spruill Given By: His Family

Emerson Teer Given By: Jane Rippy

Edward L. Ward Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis

Mr. & Mrs. William L. Williams Jr. Given By: Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberg

POINSETTIAS IN HONOR OF

Our Five Granddaughters Given By:John & Nancy Baden

Mr. & Mrs. Robert V. Fulk, | | | Given By: Amanda RJ Fulk

Mariana, Gabriella & Ian McFarland Given By:Sonja & Jim McFarland

Lew, David, Harrison, Jack, Caroline, & Sallie Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

> Jane Metts Rippy Given By: A cousin

Our Godparents Given By:Lew, Harrison & Sallie Williams

Ron & Alvx Copley Given By:Wanda Copley

Margaret Gossweiler Given By: Bob Lanham

Murphy McFarland & Kristen Crouch Given By:Sonja & Jim McFarland

Cecilia & Virginia Parker Given By:Mom & Dad

Iane Rippy Given By:Karen, Scott, Sarah & Nick

Catchie, Mae, David, Jack & Caroline Given By: Aunt Anne/Monk & Uncle Ford/Fun

Our Families & Friends Given By:Leo & Mary Beth Corbin

Our Parents Given By:Todd & Elizabeth Hinshaw

Abigail McFarland & Kyle Neuman Given By:Sonja & Jim McFarland

Marilyn & Net Reilly, our parents Given By:Karen & Scott Clark

> Overton Stokes Suiter Given By:Virginia Pierce

Blessings for all those touched by St James Care Guild in 2023 Given By:Ted & Di Chamblee Poucher

Daddy Buck Given By: The Currin Family

Our Children Given By:Todd & Elizabeth Hinshaw

Nancy Hansen Milligan Given By:Bob & Nancy Uzzell

> Jane M. Rippy Given By:Lauren Bell

Brandon Candler Tully, Conard & Hughes Henderson Given By: Tom Tully

The Clergy Given By:Doris & Bob Ruffner

Given By:Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberg

POINSETTIAS MEMORY

St. James Day School

Bill Atkinson Given By: Peggy Atkinson and Family

> Bonnie Sanders Burney Given By: Alexander Koonce

David Champney Given By: The Champney Family

Elizabeth Thompson Barnes Given By: Watson & Greta Barnes

J. Chris Cammack III Given By: Katherine Taylor Cammack

Mrs. Mary Gilliam Clark Given By: Nancy C Korman & Elizabeth C Stallworth

William Watson Barnes Given By: Watson & Greta Barnes

Chris Cammack Given By: Gillian & Allen Taylor

> Bob Cook Given By: Bill Oakley

Elizabeth Metts Brown & Michael Corbett Brown, Sr Given By: Elizabeth & Billy King

> Louise & Chalmer Carver Given By: Ruth Carver

Randy Coupland Given By: Ann & Steve Mueller

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OF

Pat Crittenden Given By: Tom Crittenden, Jr. & Latane C. Miller

Florence Jeffress Dunn Given By: William, Annie and Burr

Mary Lou Watson Harley Given By: Don, Luci, Don & Robbie Harley

> Paul Ingle Given By: Ann Hale

Tessa Kane Given By: Jack, Emily, Molly & Mary

Eddie & Betty Jo Knox Given By: The Knox Family

Frank Rahm Liggett III Given By: Margaret, Louise & Virginia Sprunt

> Hugh MacRae, II Given By: Bambi

Alice Courtney Egerton Miller Given By: The Egerton family

> Opal Miller Nichols Given By: Schaeffer Family

Donald Ellwyn Pike Given By: Gillian & Allen Taylor

Fred & James Rippy Given By: Jane, Louise, & Jared

John A. & Rosemary W. Russo Given By: Greg Soltis & Rosemary Russo

Laurence Gray Sprunt Given By: Margaret, Louise & Virginia Sprunt

Michael Stovall Given By: Kathy, Kit, & Corbett Stovall

Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas Swain, Sr. Given By: Their Family

Mr & Mrs James M. Taylor Given By: Bambi Taylor MacRae

Beth "BeBe" Williams Given By: Catchie, Mae & Betsy Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Crittenden, Sr. Given By: Their Family

Katherine & J.C. Early Given By: Kay & David Dougherty

Donald Lee Harley Given By: Don, Luci, Don & Robbie Harley

Elizabeth & Charles Jaggers Given By: Ruth Carver

Tessa Catherine Kane Given By: Ansley & William Trask

Dr. Donald B. Koonce Given By: Alexander Koonce

Tom and Kathleen Lilly Given By: Tom & Beth Lilly

Mary Penton Maliga Given By: Beverly & Russell Clark

Our Parents

Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

Elisabeth Burns Nimocks Given By: Don, Luci, Don & Robbie Harley

Nancy Creighton Wheeler Poe Given By: Barry Poe & Virginia Poe Ancillotti

> J. Fred Rippy, III Given By: Lauren B. Bell

Dr. Henry Singletary Given By: Gorda Singletary

Elizabeth Harriss Sprunt Given By: Margaret, Louise & Virginia Sprunt

Elizabeth Sapp Suiter Given By: Virginia Pierce

Carole & Craig Tallman Given By: Mary Beth & Bill Tallman

> Walker & Ethel Taylor Given By: Stuart Grainger

Elizabeth Aldridge Williams Given By: The Williams Family

Walter L. Crouch M.D. Given By: Beth Crouch Blackwell

Frances Powe Grainger Given By: Stuart Grainger

Grandpa Dave Hash Given By: Charlotte, Henry & Andrew Jarrett

Peggy Paul Jennette Given By: Victor & Jennifer Grainger

Departed loved ones Given By: Carl & Nancy Keller

Mary Bellamy Koonce Given By: Alexander Koonce

Jocelyn Strange Lynch Given By: Her Family

Herb & Catherine McKim Given By: Leo & Mary Beth Corbin

Charlotte Murchison & David Murchison Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

> Mary Jo Oakley Given By: Bill Oakley

Sarah L. Pretlow Given By: Alexander Koonce

James Fred Rippy IV Given By: Elizabeth & Billy King

Henry Pate Singletary Given By: Watson & Greta Barnes

Mrs. Erla Swain Stone Given By: Tom Crittenden, Jr. & Becky C. Purnell

> Elizabeth Sapp Suiter Given By: Virginia Pierce

Walker Taylor III Given By: Katherine Taylor Cammack

> Robert Tracy Given By: Judy & Bill Tracy

Adair Wright

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Doris & Frank Dougherty Given By: Kay & David Dougherty

John Victor Grainger III Given By: Stuart Grainger

Mr. & Mrs. G. Dudley Humphrey Given By: Mr. & Mrs. Ted

Tyson a& Peggy Jennette Given By: Stuart Grainger

Frances & Francis King Given By: The King Family

John Latta Given By: Sharon Latta

Jocelyn Strange Lynch Given By: Jane Woodbury

Jane Miller & Edwin Anderson Metts, Jr. Given By: Jane, Louise, & Jared

Mr. & Mrs. J.F. Newber, Sr. Given By: J.F. Newber, Jr.

Robert S. (Bob) Parker, Sr. --"Poppy" Given By: Cecilia & Virginia Parker

Sarah Pretlow Given By: Jane Rippy, Louise & Jared Lane

Peg Rorison Given By: Cece Snow, Mike Schultz & family

Jim Spruill Given By: his daughters, Beth Spruill Barr, Kathy Spruill Elliott & their families

> Michael C. Stovall, Jr. Given By: Alexander Koonce

George Thomas Swain Jr. & Virginia Swain Given By: Mary Virginia Swain

Ethel & Walker Taylor Given By: Gillian & Allen Taylor

Alexander MacDonald Wessell Given By: Neill, Charlotte, Lee, & Wren

Jack Curlett & Molly Wright Given By: Anne Curlett

Eloise H. Wyatt Given By: Beverly & Russell Clark

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