

# St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

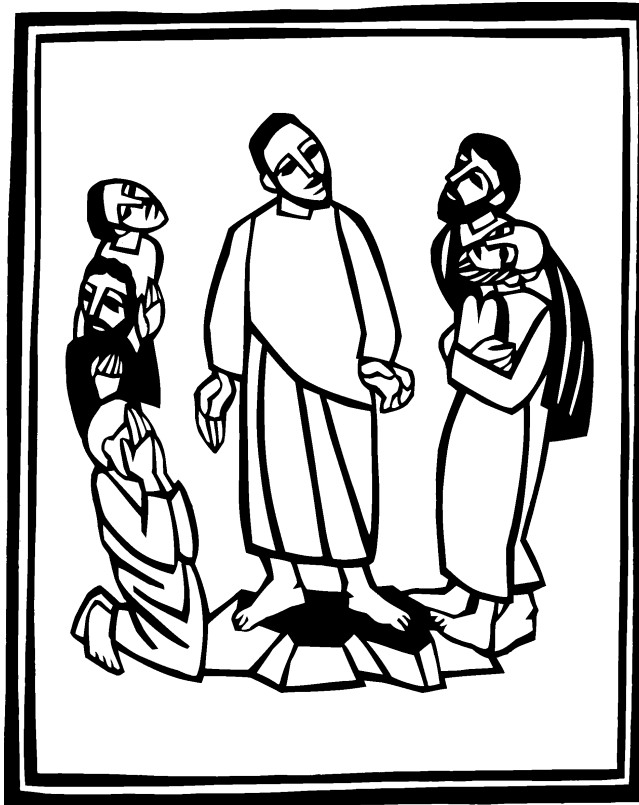
Juneau, Alaska

"A Harbor for God's Love"

Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026 ~ 10:30 am



### *The Mission of the Church:*

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to  
unity with God and each other in Christ.

*Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 855*

We welcome visitors. Take a moment to sign our guest book in the narthex, and join us for coffee hour after the service. Please join us in worship again, and may God bless your week.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;  
during the service, let the Lord speak to you;  
after the service, speak to one another.*

# Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament

*Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska  
Jo Schoeppe~ Officiant*

**The Last Sunday After the  
Epiphany**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

## Liturgy of the Word

### Opening Hymn

*God of grace and God of glory*

**Hymnal 594**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

*All standing as able, the Officiant says*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.  
 Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*All kneel or stand as able.*

*The Officiant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Officiant and People together say*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

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

*The Officiant says*

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.**



## Collect of the Day

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

**O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### First Reading

*Exodus 24:12-18*

**Dave Muldoon**

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, \*  
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; \*  
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 “I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy hill of Zion.”
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*  
he said to me, “You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for  
your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader*                    **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*All stand as able.*

***If thou but trust in God to  
guide thee***

**Hymnal 635**

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part



all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Wes nur loben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 17:1-9*

**Jo Schoepp**

*Congregation may remain seated during the reading of the&nbsp;Gospel.*

*Officiant*

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you

wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

## **Sermon**

**Jo Schoeppe**

## **Nicene Creed**

*All stand as able and together say*

**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: Form III**

**Barbara Learmonth**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, the Congress, the State Legislature, and the Supreme Court. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.*** We pray for: ***Sue, the Thomas family, Jim, Catie, Jo, Lisa, Jennie & family, Stephanie, Jessie, Tracy, Ann, Johnny, Seena, Mary & Stan, Marilyn, Jeannie, Caroline, Laurie, Tamira, Heather, Fred, Henry, Sharon & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Dee, Sam & Joyce, John, Judi, Linda, Heaven, John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Miryam, Rudy, David, Steve, Julie, Linda, Marilyn, Stephanie, Penny, Jim, Cyndy, Anne,***

***Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence and gun violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center, SEARHC'S: Ravens Way, and Lemon Creek Correctional Center; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Officiant adds a concluding collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **Peace**

*All Stand as able.*

*Officiant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*             **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Holy Communion**

*The Officiant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

***Today's loose offering will go into the General Fund.***

# Offertory Hymn

## *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

Hymnal 440



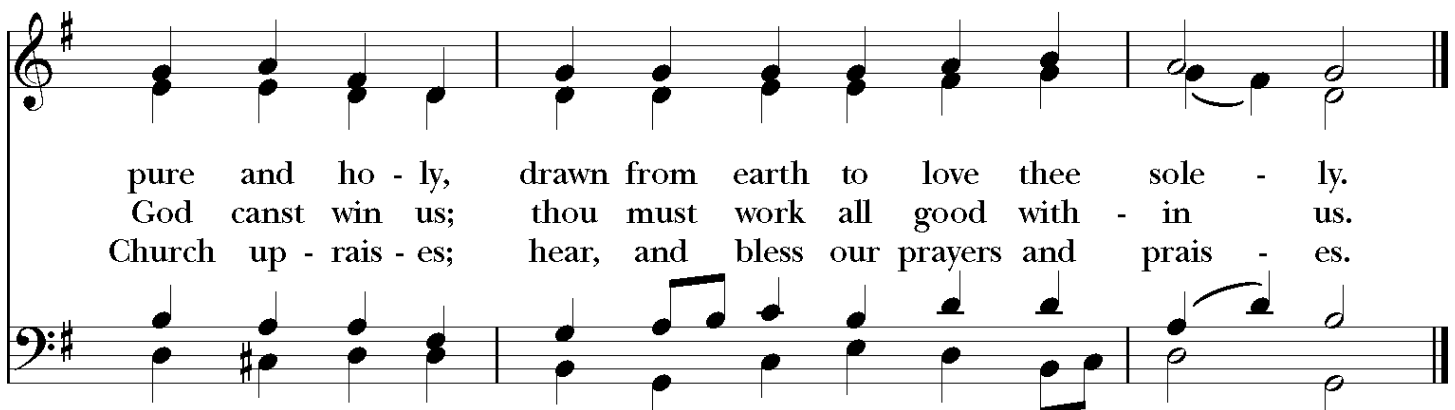
1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -



hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,



now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy



pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

*The People stand as able and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.*

## **Doxology (a hymn of praise)**

***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.***

*The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer, all stand as able.*

## **Prayer of Preparation for Communion**

*A General Thanksgiving (BCP Pg. 836)*

*Officiant and People say*

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.***

*The Officiant continues*

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

*People and Officiant*

**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 Officiant says*

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord. Let the Chalice Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers – Rob Smith & Dave Muldoon*

**Communion Music**

**Stephanie Hall**

*After Communion, the Officiant says*

Let us pray.

*The Officiant and People together say*

**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.**

## **Birthdays/Anniversaries**

*Please stand as able for any birthdays or anniversaries and together say*

**Prayer for Birthdays** *(BCP 830, prayer 50)*

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

**Prayer for Anniversaries** *(BCP p. 431)*

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, *N. and N.* that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

## **Announcements...See page 18**

*People may be seated and announcements are now made.*

Interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal  
Church?

St. Brendan's is putting together a class, and at this time there  
is one person looking to be confirmed...

See Dave for more information or questions.



# Closing Hymn

## *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal 304

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## Dismissal

*Officiant* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The Officiant says*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Parish Potluck!!!

Yes, another one!!!

March 1, 2026 following the service.  
At the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting it was decided that the comments gathered during the presentation led by Michael Rowcroft would be turned over to the Vestry to use as a guide for setting goals for St. Brendan's in 2026.



The potluck and report will happen simultaneously!!!

## A Note on Today's Readings

*The Last Sunday after the Epiphany—Year A*

Welcome to our worship service today. On this final Sunday before Lent, we always have as our Gospel reading the account of Jesus' transfiguration. This event is chosen primarily because it marks the turning point in the story of Jesus. It was on this occasion that Jesus clearly foretold his approaching death and resurrection. Thus we are pointed in our Lenten pilgrimage toward the cross and Easter.

The Old Testament reading records Moses' meeting with God on Mt. Sinai in an event like the transfiguration. His forty days and nights with God on the mountain are a prefiguring of our time with God in Lent.

The second reading records the memory of the transfiguration event as a sign that the writer's message is truth, being an eyewitness of Jesus' ministry. We are also witnesses as God transforms us into the likeness of Christ.

Today the Church uses the Easter word "Alleluia" for the last time until the resurrection is proclaimed at the Great Vigil of Easter. In many churches, the ancient "farewell to Alleluia" hymn (Alleluia, song of gladness, Hymn 122 or 123, *The Hymnal 1982*) is sung at the conclusion of the service today. "Alleluia" is omitted from the liturgy throughout Lent in order that its restoration at Easter will underscore our experience of renewal on that day.

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## Serving Schedule

### February 1 ~ March 1 ~ 2026

	<b>February 1</b>	<b>February 8</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>February 22</b>	<b>March 1</b>
<b>Altar</b>	Dave Muldoon	Lori Seymour	Brita Rice	Tonya Muldoon	Dave Muldoon
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Rob Smith	Barbara Learmonth	Dave Muldoon	Brita Rice	Dave Muldoon
<b>Psalm</b>	Dave Muldoon	Brita Rice	Rob Smith	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Dan Hall	Jo Schoeppe	Stephanie Hall	Jackie Schulz	Stephanie Hall
<b>Gospel</b>	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Michael Rowcroft
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Stephanie Hall	Jackie Schulz	Barbara Learmonth	Rob Smith	Jo Schoeppe
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth	Dan Hall & Jo Schoeppe	Rob Smith & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Rob Smith & Barbara Learmonth
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Barbara Learmonth	Michael Rowcroft
<b>Godly Play</b>	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon	Michael & Tamara Rowcroft & Tonya Muldoon
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Carol Fujioka	Carla Adams	Carol Fujioka	Carla Adams	Carol Fujioka
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Muldoon	Jeff & Carol Fujioka	Alec Muldoon	Ingrid Zaruba & Jo Schoeppe	Dave Muldoon