

For those who are here for the first time

Welcome! We are glad that you are here! The notes below are to get you oriented to our rhythms, routines, and rituals.

A digital retreat. Sunday morning is a special time in our community, when we connect with one another and God. We find it is best if we are unplugged. All you need for service is found in the church. We ask that you silence your phones, or leave them in the car, if possible. And enjoy this time!

Participating in worship

Feel free to participate as much as you wish. Some materials that will help you are...

The **Order of Holy Eucharist** in each pew contains the words we say every week in worship.

The **Sunday-Readings Handout** that you receive when you arrive allows you to follow along with today's prayer, Bible readings, and special music (music that is not in the blue hymnal).

Children's bags, located in the lobby, contain activities for your child to do during service if desired.

Sunday Schedule

8:00 - worship - a simple, beautiful, and traditional service with Holy Communion

Prayer teams available after service – see note below.

9:00 - conversation - a time reflect on life and faith with our priests (church library) / choir rehearsal (currently on summer break)

10:30 - worship - a traditional-and-contemporary service, with children's chapel during the Scripture readings and sermon (ages 5-11), and nursery care (ages 0-4)

Prayer teams available after service – see note below.

11:45-12:30 – coffee/tea and fellowship - time to get to know others and share a cold or hot drink together (church lobby & parish hall)

12:00-12:45 - children's/special choirs - not every Sunday - see announcements below for scheduled times

12:30-1:30 – church staff meeting – church staff gets away to reflect on worship and the week.

After-service prayers. If God is working in your life in some way, and you would like to talk with someone or to be prayed for, please come to the front of the sanctuary following each service. This is also a time to request prayer for healing, if you are sick or in pain.

The Offering – Each Sunday there is a time for us to give financially as an offering. During this time, you will notice people also bringing forward food items; they are for our local food pantry, Storehouse West. It is by donations that we can do the work we do here. Financial donations go mostly to pay our staff and keep our building in good order. Donations of food are delivered to the pantry weekly by a team of volunteers. We pray that this service and the other ministries of the church are a blessing to you, your family, and to the world. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to contribute food: non-perishables, no glass jars, they especially need peanut butter, cereal, pasta, and canned fruit.

If you would like to contribute financially: checks to “St Francis Episcopal Church” or give online at www.stfepiscopal.org.

During the Week

Our **Office and Chapel Hours** are Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm. Our chapel contains the Blessed Sacrament, as well as niches for ashes: you are welcome to visit and pray there.

Recovery groups (AA, NA) meet most days.

For more information, to inquire about a sacrament, or to schedule a time to meet with a priest, please call our office at [505-896-1999](tel:505-896-1999) or email us at stfechurch@gmail.com.

Parish Events and News

For events and news, visit our website or pick up a paper copy of announcements on the Welcome Table in the lobby.

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