

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Eucharist with Confirmation & Reception

MARCH 9, 2025 TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA Welcome to Trinity Church! We are honored that you have joined us for worship this today.

We invite you to observe a period of silent prayer before the service begins. Please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service.

For your convenience, the entirety of the Liturgy is printed in this bulletin.

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

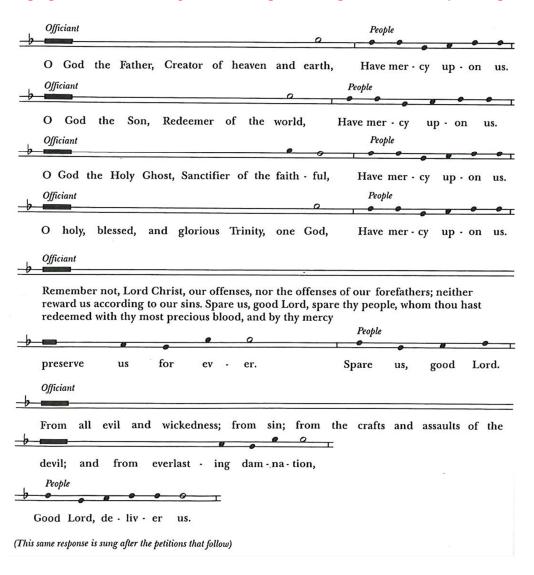
Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

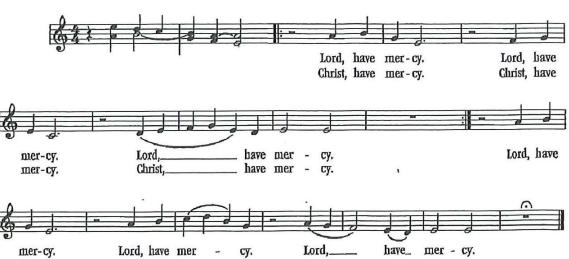
Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT LITANY

The Congregation stands as the procession begins, during which the Litany is sung.



We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way, People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. (This same response is sung after the petitions that follow) Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. People Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us. People Officiant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace. Officiant O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us. KYRIE ELEISON SETTING: Portola Valley Mass, Carson Cooman (b. 1982) Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

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

GRADUAL PSALM – Qui habitat

The Psalm is said responsively by the Lector and People

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

SECOND LESSON

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader People

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

WORDS: Pearcy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. TUNE: *Quittez Pasteurs*, French carol; harm. Martin F. Shaw (1875-1958)



- 1. Now quit your care
 and anxious fear and worry;
 for schemes are vain,
 and fretting brings no gain.
 Lent calls to prayer,
 to trust and dedication;
 God brings new beauty nigh;
 reply, reply, reply
 with love to love most high;
 reply, reply, reply
 with love to love most high.
- 3. For is not this
 the fast that I have chosen?
 (The prophet spoke)
 To shatter every yoke,
 of wickedness
 the grievous bands to loosen,
 oppression put to flight,
 to fight, to fight
- 2. To bow the head in sackcloth and in ashes, or rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be led to where God's glory flashes, his beauty to come near.

 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear;

 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear.
- 4. For rightousness
 and peace will show their faces
 to those who feed
 the hungry in their need,
 and wrongs redress,
 who build the old waste places,
 and in the darkness shine.
 Divine, divine, divine

till ev'ry wrong's set right. to fight, to fight, to fight till ev'ry wrong's set right. it is when all combine! Divine, divine, divine it is when all combine!

5. Then shall your light
break forth as doth the morning;
your health shall spring,
the friends you make shall bring
God's glory bright,
your way through life adorning;
and love shall be the prize.
Arise, arise, arise!
and make a paradise!
Arise, arise, arise!
and make a paradise!

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone." Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden Bishop of West Virginia

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

All those to be Confirmed or to be Received into this Church, come forward, together with their Presenters.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the Candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL CONVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

Repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good news of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being?

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence is kept. The Bishop then concludes

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant [Name] with your Holly Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Bishop says

[Name], we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop then concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SIGN OF PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please turn to those around you and offer a greeting of peace. All may be seated as announcements are made.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Kindle My Fire

I will kindle my fire in the morn of the day, in the presence of holy angels. Without malice or jealousy, envy or fear, without terror of anyone under the sun, but the Holy Beloved to shield me.

O Holy One, kindle thou here in my heart a flame of pure love to my neighbor, to my foe, to my friend, to my kindred all, to the brave, to the knave, to the thrall.

O Child of the loveliest Mary, from the lowliest thing, to the Holy Name, the beloved of all.

> WORDS: *Carmina Gadelica*, alt. MUSIC: Mary Truly Ermey (1939-2022)

While the Choir sings the Offertory Anthem, the people's gifts are received. Those offerings not otherwise designated will, this morning, go to the Bishop's 2025 Offering to benefit Sandscrest Conference and Retreat Center. More information can be found inside the back cover of this bulletin.

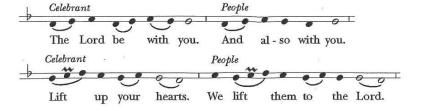
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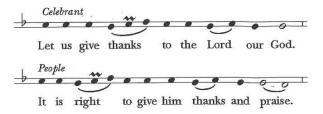
ALL THINGS ARE THINE

TUNE: Gardiner



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING





The Bishop 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

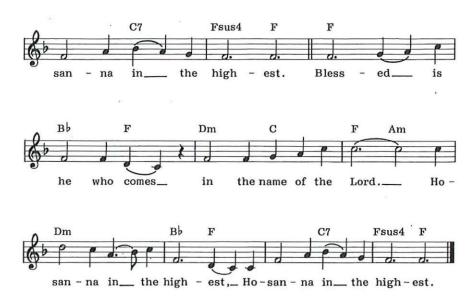
SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

TUNE: Land of Rest, American folk tune; arr. M. Pruner

Bishop and People







The People kneel or stand as able.

THE CANON

The Bishop continues

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

The People respond



THE LORD'S PRAYER

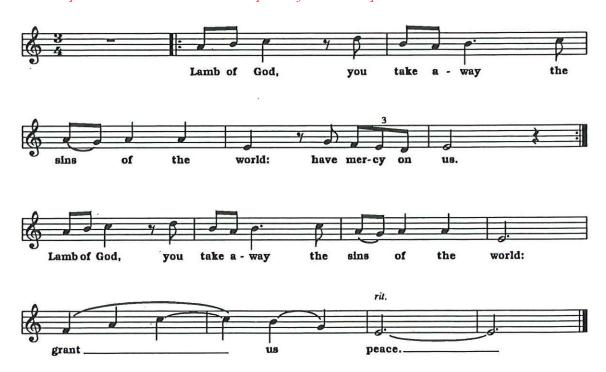
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

SETTING: El Shaddai Communion Service, Betty Carr Pulkingham

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

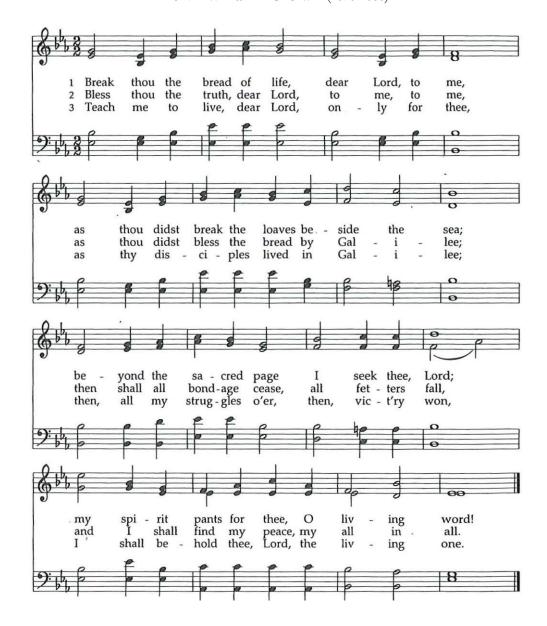


THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All those who believe and have been Baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, are welcome to receive the Sacrament in the Episcopal Church. If for reasons of discipline or conscience, you choose not to receive the Sacrament, you may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and this will indicate to the Priest that you are not receiving the Sacrament and he will pronounce God's blessing upon you. After receiving Communion, return to your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN

Break Thou the Bread of Life WORDS: Mary A. Lathbury (1841-1913) TUNE: William F. Sherwin (1826-1888)



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop People Let us pray.

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.

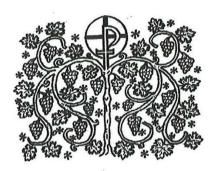
THE SOLEMN PRAYER OF INCLINATION

Priest

Bow down before the Lord. (The people may kneel or bow.)

Bishop

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and service you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

Lead Us Heavenly Father

WORDS: James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt.

TUNE: Dulce carmen (ca. 1840); harm. Wm. Henry Monk (1823-1889)



DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CONFIRMED

RECEIVED INTO THIS CHURCH

Jacob Dillon-Fountaine Erin Mackey Edith Newman Michael Dillon Alexandra Mackey

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The Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden **CELEBRANT** Bishop of West Virginia The Rev. Geoffrey Mackey ASSISTING PRIEST Rector Marie Mallory ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR Director of Music Ministry Breellen Fleming, Scott Ramsay LECTORS Kim Couch, Michael McKibben LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Henry Oliphant CRUCIFER Michael Matheny, Kevin Oliphant, Jr. **USHERS** Julie Matheny ALTAR GUILD

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Kerry Hensley (11), Jim Dauphin (12), and Randy Francis (15); and the wedding anniversary of Paula & Kevin Oliphant, Jr. (12).

The Greenery this week is given to the Glory of God.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast w/First Lutheran (Trinity Hall) Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
WEDNESDAY12:15 p	.m. Healing	Eucharist (Adams Chapel)
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room) Knitters (Conference Room)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Sunday School (Youth) Choir Rehearsal (Nave) Holy Eucharist, Rite II Coffee Hour (Trinity Hall)



Bishop's Offerings 2025: Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center



Throughout 2025, the loose offerings received during Bishop's Visitations will support the work of Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center as it continues to expand its ministry and update its facilities.

Located on nearly 300 rolling acres outside of Wheeling, Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center is a place of retreat, rest, and hospitality for all who visit. Guests may stay in the 1847 farmhouse or 1920s guesthouse, enjoy delicious meals in the Sandscrest dining room, worship in Sandscrest's intimate chapel space, relax in rocking chairs overlooking the beautiful landscape, share fellowship and warm up at their firepit during cool evenings, tour the historic barn on the property, and more.



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