

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, December 1st, 2024 — 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645	<i>J. S. Bach (1685–1750)</i>
	Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659	<i>J. S. Bach</i>

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

✦ **Introit** I look from afar *adpt. from G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)*

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
 Go ye out to meet him and say:
 Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
 Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
 Tell us, art thou he that should come?
 Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

✦ **Hymn 718** Lo, he comes with clouds descending HELMSLEY

1. Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3. The dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4. Yea, A - men! Let all a - dore thee, high on

fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand, thou - sand
 dread - ful maj - es - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bod - y bears; cause of end - less
 thy e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry, claim the king - dom for thine

train. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Ev - er - last - ing God, come down!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1758 (Rev. 1:7)
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody, 18th cent.; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Celebrant: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

✠ **Confession of Sin**

All: *Merciful God*
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

✠ **Exchange of Peace**


Celebrant: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

People: *And also with you.*

✦ Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

Refrain

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
 Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697

76. 76. 77 with Refrain

Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 33, verses 14–16:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

arr. David Blackwell (b. 1961)

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
 From tender root hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming
 As those of old have sung.
 Brought forth a flower bright,
 Amid the cold of winter,
 And in the dark midnight.

2. The Rose, which I am singing,
 Whereof Isaiah told,
 Is Mary, purest maiden,
 Who bears the holy child.
 At God's eternal will,
 She bore to us a Saviour,
 Yet stays a virgin still.

3. O flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

German, 16th c; trans. Theodore Baker (1851–1934)

Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Lector: A lesson from the first epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 3, verses 9–13:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 25:1–10

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.



Lord, make me to know your ways. Lead me in your truth, and teach me.

Cantor: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: *O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.*

Cantor: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: *Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.*

Cantor: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

*People: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.*

*Cantor: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!*

*People: Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

*Cantor: He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.*

*People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. ♪*

✘ **Gloria Patri** from 'Jubilate: Collegium Regale' *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

✘ **Gospel Lesson** Luke 21:25-36

*Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 21, verses 25-36:*

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

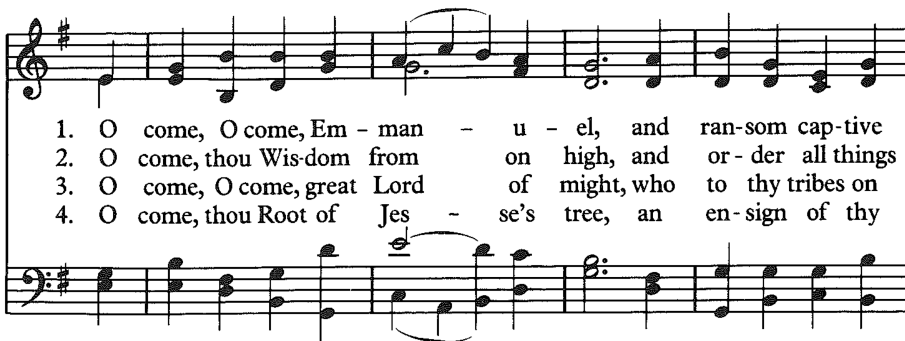
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon "Communion Meditation" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

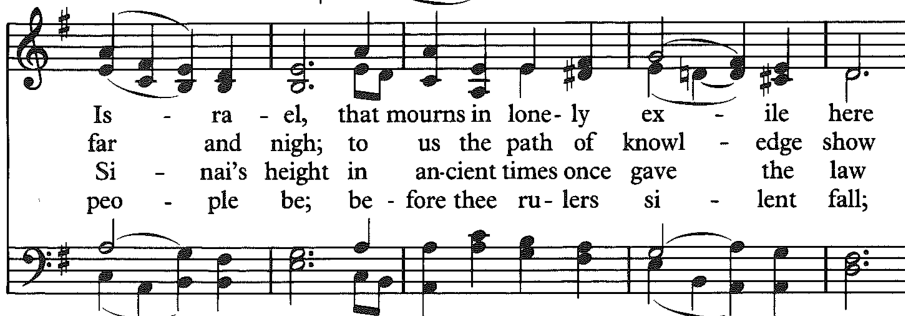
✦ Hymn 211

O come, o come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1–4, in unison)

VENI EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en - sign of thy

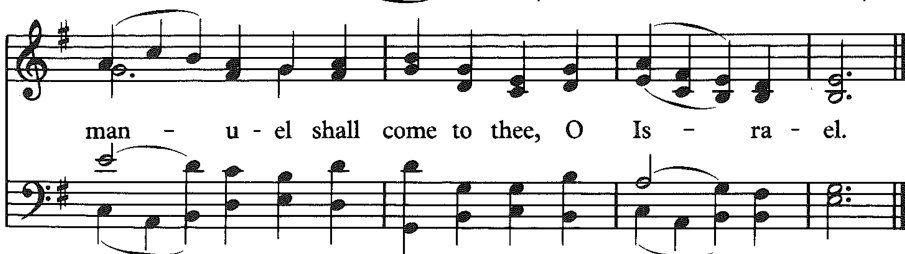


Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;



Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 in cloud and majes - ty and awe.
 all peo - ples on thy mer - cy call.



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry VENI EMMANUEL
 Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986 LM with Refrain
 MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul O. Manz (1919–2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!

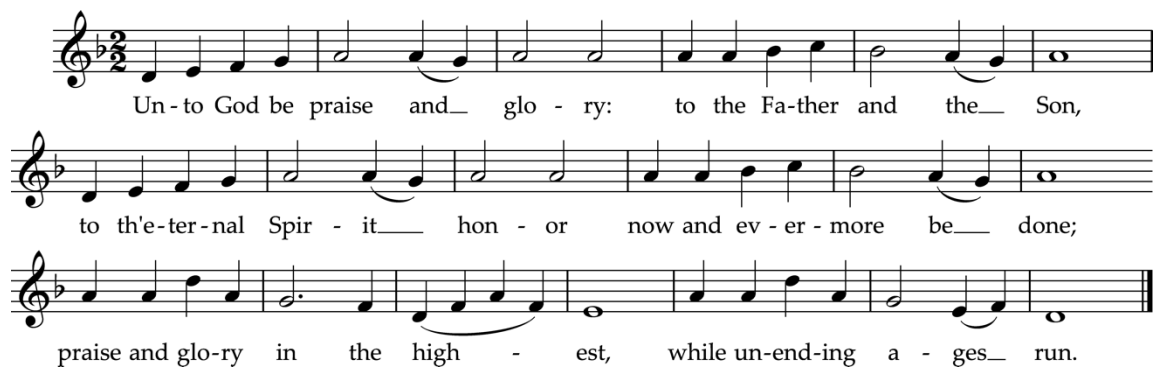
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their all.

Adapted by the composer from Revelation 22

✦ **Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*)

PICARDY



Un - to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa - ther and the Son,
to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;
praise and glo - ry in the high - est, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

✦ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

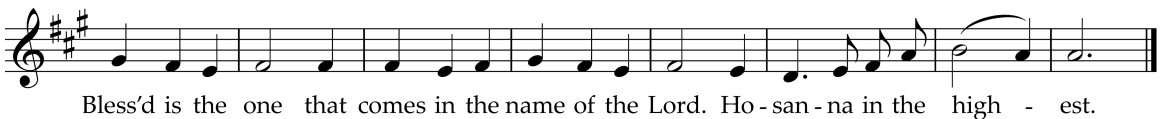
People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✦ Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

Patrick T. Waters (b. 1983)



✦ Words of Institution

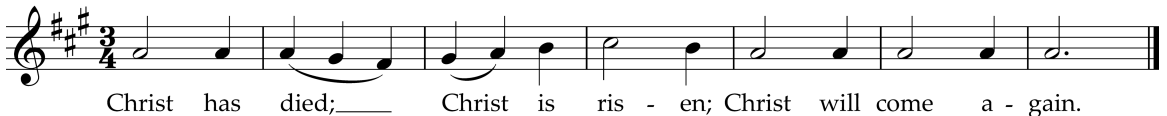
Celebrant: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts
and have mercy on those who fear you from generations to generation.
You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.
You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.
Your own Son came among us as a servant,
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will
and freely accepted death on a cross.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Celebrant: By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

✠ The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

✠ Agnus Dei *(sung by the choir)*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Distribution of the Elements

Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community, and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion today. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and receive a blessing instead. Simply let the server know when you approach. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished. We provide both wine (pulpit side) and an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Motet

A tender shoot

Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race;
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

William Bartholomew (1793–1867)

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✦ Hymn 196

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and
peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,
let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

HYFRYDOL

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✘ **Benediction**

✘ **Response** from 'There is no rose'

Robert Young (1923–2011)

Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth. Transeamus. (Let us follow.)

Anonymous; 15th century

✘ **Postlude** Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

*The preacher and celebrant is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
MONDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Tai Chi: Advanced Course (Marsh Room) Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	3:00–5:00 p.m.	Create Space (Thurman Room)
WEDNESDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m. 1:00–2:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Tai Chi: All Levels (Marsh Room) Mind, Body, and Spirit Yoga (Robinson Chapel) Ecumenical Service with Eucharist (Robinson Chapel)
THURSDAY	5:45 p.m.	The Hanging of the Greens (Nave)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	University Service of Lessons and Carols (Nave)
NEXT SUNDAY	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols (Nave) Lessons and Carols Reception (BU Castle)

✠ CHRISTMAS AT MARSH CHAPEL ✠

Sunday	December 8	11:00 a.m.	A Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday	December 15	11:00 a.m.	The Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	December 22	11:00 a.m.	The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Tuesday	December 24	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
		7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday	December 25	Christmas Day – The Nativity of our Lord	
Sunday	December 29	11:00 a.m.	The First Sunday after Christmas
Sunday	January 5	11:00 a.m.	The Second Sunday after Christmas
Monday	January 6	The Epiphany of our Lord	
Sunday	January 12	11:00 a.m.	The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Three new links from this past week of ministry may be found on the Marsh Chapel website (bu.edu/chapel)—a recording of the Marsh Chapel Choir concert from November 2; a WGBH interview with the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman on mindfulness practices; and a Boston Globe article on ‘Dealing with Post Election’ featuring Mr. Jonathan Lee.

WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. We hope you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

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