

ST. MARGARET'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bringing the Good News

You are Loved

There is Hope

You are Not Alone

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are altogether new to the faith, looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to worship today, please know that you are welcome at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Please do help us begin to get to know you by filling out the Visitor form on our website (scan this QR code), or you may ask an usher for a paper copy.



SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation 10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 12:15 p.m. EYC 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m. Daughters of the King 4:00 p.m. Episcopal Kids Community
MONDAY
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center
TUESDAY
7:30 a.m. Bible & Breakfast on Zoom 9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry
WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center 11:30 a.m. Maggie's Lunch Bunch
THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center 6:00 p.m. Vestry 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. The Village 7:00 p.m. Wildmen's Dinner
SATURDAY
11:00 a.m. Arkansas Local Food Network pickup

WORSHIP

Regular Sunday Schedule

8 a.m. Quiet Holy Communion

9 a.m. Multi-generational & fully inclusive of children

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with organ and choir

Thursdays

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer



Scan this QR code to link to our weekly e-newsletter and learn more about what's happening at St. Margaret's.

LEARN

THE ART OF HONORING: ODES & ICONS

April 11, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The urge to honor and remember is long and strong in the human spiritual story. From the ancient traditions of Hindu home shrines to Eastern Orthodox icons to Dia de los Muertos altars of Mexico, people through time and place and religion have created structures and images to remember and honor those we love and revere. To create a piece of art dedicated to a person or idea is to take the time to absorb, observe and remember – to put that person or concept foremost in our hearts and minds. Join artist and educator, Lisa Thorpe, for a day of art and meditation. You can choose a saint to honor from images she provides or bring a photo of a loved one you want to celebrate. Each person will make an “Icon” on a wooden plaque using paint, decorative papers, copper and tin. At the end of the workshop there will be an opportunity to sit with your image in prayerful silence at the Arkansas House of Prayer – or take a walk around the labyrinth.

Registration is limited to 30 participants. Lunch is included, and your \$10 fee will cover art supplies. Please register using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (scan QR code on left-hand page.)

LENT MADNESS UPDATE

Lent Madness is fully under way! There are 15 fierce brackets competing for the victory of signing their name on the St. Margaret’s Golden Halo (*read: toilet seat that the youth spray painted gold and covered in glitter*). Across those 15 brackets submitted by St. Margaret’s parishioners (including one completely representing the “voice and vote” of ChatGPT...), a wide range of Saints were predicted to win THE Golden Halo but, interestingly, Desmond Tutu is the clear favorite (early signs of a winner!?). At this point, our top three brackets at St. Margaret’s belong to Leslie Hutchins, a tie for second between Kris Alexander & ChatGPT, and Jamie Joheim! As a Lenten discipline, Lent Madness makes it clear that Lent is not about misery. We are reminded that throughout this season, we "prepare with **JOY** for the Paschal feast." And we learn so much more about the Saints who are with us on this journey! We are not alone. To subscribe for daily emails about the Saints reminding you to vote online, visit LentMadness.org.

BELONG

MAGGIE’S LUNCH BUNCH

This Wednesday, March 11th Maggie's Lunch Bunch will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We’ll meet in the Welcome Center for a brown bag lunch and an opportunity to get to know one another more deeply. There will be no program, just a check-in to see how everyone is doing. It’s all about the Fellowship. It’s ok if you can’t commit to every month, come when you can; we’ll always be happy to see you!

WILDMEN’S DINNER

The Men’s Group will be hosting their next Wildmen’s Dinner this Friday, March 13th at 7 p.m.. For \$25 you will get a famous Wildmen's ribeye complete with a variety of fixings and beverages. We will need guys to sign up to bring potatoes, salad, and bread. Part of the proceeds generated will be used to give back to the church. It will be a night of great food and even better fellowship! Scan here to learn more or RSVP. If you have any questions contact John Madden - johnsavermadden@arizona.edu, or David Repp - drepp@gmail.com. Come join us! Your attendance is the biggest blessing so if cost is prohibitive, please reach out to us at admin@stmargaretschurch.org and allow us to help cover the cost of your meal. We are stronger and richer in community and want all men to be able to attend.



EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE TRAVS

Friday, May 8th, 7:00 p.m., Dickey-Stephens Park

Let’s go out to the ballgame! St. Margaret’s is invited to join other Episcopalians in and around the Little Rock area for a night out at the ballpark with the Arkansas Travelers on Friday, May 8th. **Deadline to register is Friday, April 24th.** Tickets for age 5 and up are \$20, but please list 4 and under in the registration for the headcount. Ticket price includes food, which will be available at a buffet near the block of seats reserved in the Club Car area. Game starts at 7:05pm. Register using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (scan QR code on lefthand page.)

Bring the whole family and invite a friend!

SERVE

BACKPACK MINISTRY – SPRING BREAK COLLECTION

Spring break for the 60 children in our Backpack Ministry begins on March 23 which means that we need to include some special food items that will better cover the week they are out of school when food insecurity is a greater challenge. We need your help with extra supplies to fill their bag. From our weekly e-newsletter (scan QR on lefthand page) you can sign up to bring specific items to include in the backpack or make a financial contribution so our team can do the shopping for you. Items should be delivered to the church office no later than 3 p.m. on **Thursday, March 12.** (Please note that the peanut butter and applesauce should be in plastic jars only.) Check with Deacon Deb, dcooper@stmargaretschurch.org, if you have questions. Thank you for your faithful support of these children!

FEED MY SHEEP MINISTRY HUNGERS FOR A SHEPHERD

If you have a heart for service and an appreciation for the healing power of food, please prayerfully consider serving as St. Margaret’s "Feed My Sheep" coordinator. Working closely with church staff and engaging a handful of helpers, this vital ministry ensures parishioners feel supported with a meal or Meal Train during significant life transitions such as welcoming a new baby or adoption, recovering from surgery or illness, or navigating the loss of employment. If you feel called to lead this ministry, contact Mark Magie at mark.magie@yahoo.com or by text at (501) 687-4794.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 8, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 9:00 A.M.

The text of our worship comes from the *Book of Common Prayer*, where the service for Holy Eucharist, Rite II, begins on p. 355.

Hymns will be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*.

When the text of this worship booklet is in bold, it is spoken or sung by all.

The Presider's posture (sitting, standing, or kneeling) may serve as a cue, but you are invited to participate as able and comfortable.

WELCOME

SILENT PROCESSION

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

THE KYRIE

Anne C. Weaver

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

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THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

During the singing the children gather at the front for the reading of the Gospel and the Sermon.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Elana Arian & Noah Aronson

**We return, We return
We return, We return
We return, return again and again
To you, you, you
We return again to you**

THE GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food. The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.) Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!" Jesus said to her, "Go, get your husband, and come back here." The woman replied, "I don't have a husband." "You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus answered. "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth." The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth." The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us." Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you." Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?" They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus. In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, eat." Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you don't know about." The disciples asked each other, "Has someone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. Don't you have a saying, 'Four more months and then it's time for harvest?' Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. I have sent you to harvest what you didn't work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work." Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me everything I've ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE:

Elana Arian & Noah Aronson

We return, return again and again, to you.

THE SERMON

Join us in prayer
for those in our community
throughout the week.
You can find the
St. Margaret's prayer list here:



To add someone to the prayer list
fill out a request form on our website
at [stmargaretschurch.org/worship/
request-prayer](http://stmargaretschurch.org/worship/request-prayer).

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form V

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Intersessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all
the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow
among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, hatreds
cease, and proud divisions end, that we may be reconciled to you and one
another, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For the just and proper use of your creation, that we may respect, conserve and
care for the earth and its resources, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For the spread of the Gospel, that we may have the courage and willingness to
declare the Good News, so that all may come to know the saving grace of your
son, our Savior Christ, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President;
Sarah, our Governor; and Frank, our Mayor; that they may serve justice, and
promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees,
prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For our families, friends, and neighbors, especially those we name at this time;

Brief silence for prayer

that they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church and those
whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may
have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intersessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves,
and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord

Birthdays and Anniversaries

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: Taste and see

James E. Moore, Jr.

Refrain **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**
Verses sung by Cantor

All we have and all we are
is of God, and everyone has
a faithful offering to make.
All gifts received today will
support St. Margaret's ministries
and empower our service
to the community.

Offerings of non-perishable
food for the Backpack and
Free Food Pantry ministries
may be placed in the basket
at the altar during the offertory.

During the offertory, you may place your offering in the alms basin, or make an electronic gift by texting STMARGARETS to 72356. Alternatively, scan this QR code to take you to the online giving form. Thank you for your offering!



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People Sanctus from "A Community Mass", Richard Proulx Hymnal, S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on
earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our
sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from
e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are
yours, now and for ev-er. A-men, A-men.

All are invited to receive Communion, or to come forward for a blessing.

To receive the sacrament, come forward to the rail, kneel or stand as you prefer, and extend your hands to receive the bread. Ask the priest at the rail if you need a gluten-free wafer.

To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a prayer.

For those who find it easier to remain in your seat, please signal an usher, and communion will be brought to you.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

THE SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN: I am the bread of life

Hymnal, 335

**I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.**

Refrain **And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ST. MARGARET'S PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026

ST. MARGARET'S MINISTRIES

Episcopal Kids Community

FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

Heidi Sohl

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

08 Jordan Karasek

13 Allison Johnson

13 Rory Sullivan

14 Gayle Bowman

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

13 Dwight & Patty Cowan

FOR THOSE PREPARING TO BE MARRIED

Natalee Clark & Zach Nelson

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF A CHILD

August Greene See

Proud Parents - Khloe & Parker See

FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Michaelene Miller & Ernest Perez

Justin & Heather Warren

FOR TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS *

** While there are no flowers on the altar during the season of Lent flower donations made during the season support the Flower Guild throughout the year.*

FOR THE CHURCH

Sean Rowe

our Presiding Bishop;

John Harmon,

our Diocesan Bishop;

Mary Vano,

our Rector;

Michaelene Miller,

our Associate Rector;

Deb Cooper,

our Deacon;

Marcus Emmons

our Deacon;

All Episcopal Churches in

the Diocese of Arkansas

St. Francis House and its ministries

Camp Mitchell

FOR THOSE IN NEED

Mary Allison

Blake

Jim Bradberry

Cherece & Chris

Richard Cooper

Alan Demascus

Paul Dodd

Cindy Fribourgh

Dede Hale

Janet Harrison

Kurt Johnson

Michael Johnson

Ron Kirchner

Rev. David Lemburg & family

Margaret

Kevin & Kathleen Maxwell

Bill Minor

Judy Morgan

Dale Orr

Harvey & Carol Owens

Paul

Raj

Joel Schmidt & family

Connie Staley

George Swarbrick

Matthew Thornton

Paul Thornton

Whitney

FOR OUR CHURCH STAFF

Kris Alexander

*Director of Children's Ministries &
the Early Childhood Center*

Elizabeth Connery

Lay Minister to Newcomers & Business Administrator

Colby Dillion

Lay Minister for Evangelism

Corey Harrison

Building Sexton & Chef

Elizabeth Haskett

Music Director

Amy House

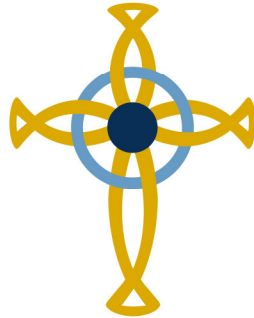
Lay Minister of Technology

Jamie Joheim

Parish Organist

Katherine Strother

Assistant to the Rector



ST. MARGARET'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Celebrant

Preacher

Deacon

Music Director

Acolytes

Altar Guild

Greeters

Lector

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Ushers

Communion Bread

Altar Flowers

LEV

The Rev. Michaelene Miller

The Rev. Mary Vano

The Rev. Marcus Emmons

Elizabeth Haskett

Crucifer – Meredith Joheim

Torch Bearers – Ryan Joheim & Molly Morshedi

Rachel Eells & Jackie Keller

Rory Sullivan

Rachel Eells

John Keller & Dee Sadler

Kristi Greene

St. Margaret's Flower Guild

Jamie Joheim

If you're interested in serving in worship in one of these roles, email admin@stmargaretschurch.org to get connected.

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