

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

CREATION

All of creation was made good, with humanity as its very good crown - created in the image of God, the delight of His heart.

FALL

Humanity rebelled, seeking to be god rather than to submit to God, and began to live life selfishly rather than according to His goodness. In this rebellion, we have bound ourselves under sin, evil, and death. This results in alienation from God, from one another, from creation, and even from ourselves, and brings us under God's righteous judgment.

REDEMPTION

God, in His mercy and great love for us and for all of creation, entered into the world to save people and to renew his creation: Jesus Christ, God in flesh, came to free us from sin, evil, and death. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, conquered evil and death, and was exalted as King over all.

INVITATION

We are invited to be reconciled to God and participate in the renewal of all creation. This requires repentance from our old way of life, having faith in Christ's act of love and mercy, and having a new life of grace and love with the Holy Spirit. This can begin now. Join with us in worship, as we come to God in our need, confess our sins, receive His forgiveness, hear His word, and are nourished by His self-giving love in the bread and wine. Please speak to one of our pastors if you'd like to learn more about forming a relationship with this God who loves you already.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Christ Church Anglican was founded in 1733 and maintains its historical heritage as the first church in Georgia and as a member of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese in the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA).

Parking can be found in our lot on 37th Street and is also available at the Library next door on Bull St. or at the Georgia Infirmary on 36th St. or The Whitefield Center at Drayton and 37th St.

Nursery Care is provided on Sundays beginning at 9 a.m. for children 4 and under, downstairs in the Wesley Wing.

Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the service. Children's activity bags and books for use during the service are available at the 37th street entrance. Please leave the activity bags and books in the pew or return to the Narthex. Little Church for children ages 5-10 takes place during the sermon.

Weekly Newsletter Scan the QR code to access

and sign up for our weekly newsletter. Parish news and events are featured in our Thursday release.



NEWSLETTER



Visitors, we are happy you are worshiping with us today! Please stop by the Parlor after worship to meet Clergy & Staff and to receive a newcomer gift. Also consider completing this online connection card located on our website. We look forward to seeing you in the future

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please kneel or sit in silence as you prepare your heart to worship the Living God.

PRELUDE "Classic Prelude" Gordon Young

U.S.:1919-1998

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #384

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant For unto us a child is born,

People Unto us a child is given. Isaiah 9:6

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All say together

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.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

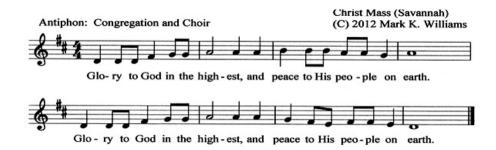
Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Cord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

A SONG OF PRAISE Hymnal #853



- (Choir)

 1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 We worship You, we give You thanks,
 We praise You for Your glory. (All -Antiphon)
- (Choir) ² Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
- (*Choir*) ^{3.} For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. (*All -Antiphon*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit

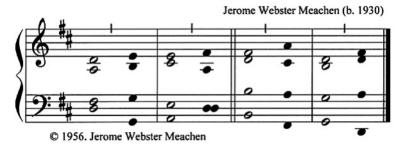
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 Pew Bible, p. 954

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



- How lovely are your dwellings, | O LORD God of hosts! |
- 2 My soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; | my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house; and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even your altars, O LORD of hosts; I my King and my God.
- Blessed are they who dwell in your house; | they will be always praising you.
- 5 Blessed is the one whose strength is in 'you, | in whose heart are your 'ways, |
- Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a 'well; | indeed, the early rains fill the pools with 'water.
- They will go from strength to 'strength, | and the God of gods shall be seen by them in 'Zion. |
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; | hearken, O God of Jacob.
- Behold, O God, our de¹ fender, | and look upon the face of you | r A¹ nointed. |
- ¹⁰ For one day in your 'courts | is better than a 'thousand;
- I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of un Godliness.
- 12 For the LORD God is a light and defense; 'the LORD will give grace and honor; | and no good thing shall he withhold from those who live a godly life.

(Repeat second half of chant)

O LORD God of hosts, blessed is the one who puts his trust in you.

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

Young children are invited to "Little Church" at this time.

Children will follow the crucifer (cross) out of the Nave and downstairs to the Wesley Wing. Parents of very young children are asked to accompany their child.

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal #510

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

St. Elizabeth

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Pew Bible, p. 1019

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading,

Deacon People

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans, Rector

The congregation is invited to pray and reflect in silence for a time following the sermon

THE NICENE CREED Standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten 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,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

The reader pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People **Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop, and Alex, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially Carol Rogers Smith with E412 Ministries and the Soroti Diocese in the Anglican Church of Uganda.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People **Hear our prayer**.

For all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you, especially those working in health care including doctors and nurses.

Reader Lord, in your mercy People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially those in the country of Bangladesh.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Your additional prayers are invited at this time.

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Matthew 11:28

1 Timothy 1:15

1 John 2:1-2

John 3:16

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All say together

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the

world to save sinners.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

THE PEACE Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

PARISH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER MEMORIAL

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for my Christian parents, Wallace & Anna Thomas by Claudia Thomas.

THE OFFERTORY

The people give their tithes and offerings as the bread and wine are prepared. Online donations may be made at ccasav.org or through Venmo@CCASAV.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"How Beautiful Your Songs of Praise" Parish Choir and CCA Orchestra Music: Jeff Lippencourt Text: R.C. Sproul

In the stillness of my heart I will wait for You.
In the silence of my soul I will speak Your name; with my voice I will proclaim.

Refrain: How beautiful Your songs of praise. How true and steadfast are Your ways.

Let all that is within me rise and sing. How beautiful Your holy name.

How marvelous Your saving grace, that You would call me as Your own; how beautiful.

In the movement of a breeze I can hear You speak.
In the works Your hands have made sun and moon and stars; I see ev'rything You are.
(Refrain)

Celebrant

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SURSUM CORDA)

Standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

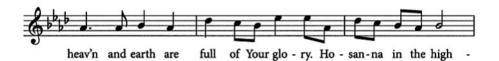
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:









Christ Mass, Mark K. Williams U.S.: 2012

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All say together

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.

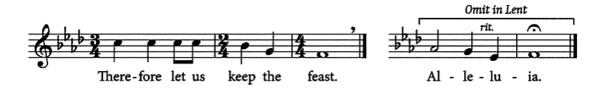
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION







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We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

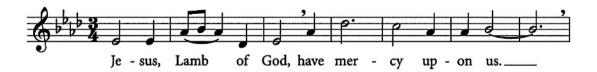
but in your abundant and great mercies.

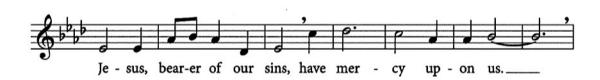
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

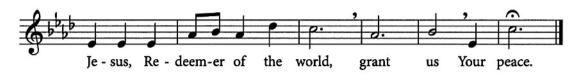
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)







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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ die for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We invite you to come forward to kneel or stand at the railing to receive Communion or a blessing in the following ways:

- All baptized Christians may receive both the bread and the wine by either eating the bread and drinking from the cup or by leaving the bread in your palm for the minister to take and intinct (dip) in the wine and place back in your palm for consumption.
- To receive only the bread, after you eat the bread cross your arms over your chest as the wine is offered.
- To receive a blessing without the bread and wine, come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and the minister will offer a prayer of blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward for Communion, inform an usher and the ministers will come to you.
- Gluten free wafers are available by request.

Intercessors are available for prayer in the corners of the Nave.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"A Song for the Sabbath" Choristers arr. Helen Kemp (U.S.:1998)

(Psalm 92:1-4)

Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah, sing praises to the Lord. Hallelujah.

- ¹ It is good, good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O most high! It is good, good to sing praise to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O most high! To declare your steadfast love; in the morning every morning; and your faithfulness every night, every night. (*Refrain*)
- ² To the music of the heart, to the music of the lute, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad, at the work of your hands, I sing for joy. I sing for joy! (*Refrain*)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

The congregation is invited to join in singing praise to God.

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Come, Jesus, Come

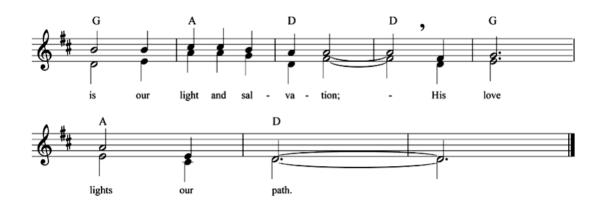


His Love Lights Our Path



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Take My Life



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The Celebrant may commission Eucharistic Visitors at this time.

All say together

Heavenly Father,

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 BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSION OUT "Tell Out, My Soul"

Hymnal #383 Woodlands

THE DISMISSAL

Priest

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE







Help us celebrate CCA's birthday at the Annual Founders' Day Oyster Roast...
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th at The Whitefield Center, following the 10:30 a.m. service! RAIN OR SHINE!

Please consider inviting a friend to attend this unique event!

EVERYONE is asked to bring a dish to share, based on their LAST NAME:

A-G: SALAD H-O: DESSERT P-Z: SIDE

Questions: Email Valerie at vhanks@ccasav.org



Annual Meeting and Vestry Nominees for 2025

Our Annual Meeting is February 23 at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to attend as we share about the life and growth of CCA. On that Sunday we will not have an 8 a.m. service nor Sunday School. We will have ONE Holy Eucharist service at 9 a.m. followed by the Annual Meeting at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments will be held in Hebron Hall after the meeting.

We have three open vestry positions for terms that begin in 2025. Amy Bowden, Doug Harrison and Julie G. Roberts have been nominated.

Amy Bowden, Vestry Nominee



Became a member of CCA in 2013

Spiritual Gifts

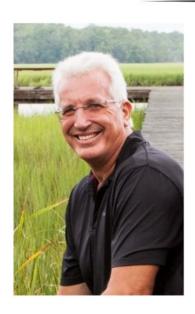
- Good Listener
- Empathetic
- Hospitality
- Craftsmanship
- Apostolic Ministry
- Service
- Knowledge



Ministries of Service at CCA

- Hospitality
- · Making Meals for those in need
- Feastmakers
- · Prayer groups/study groups
- Visiting Retirement Homes
- · VBS Organizer, Coordinator, General Volunteer
- Regular/consistent Blessed Sacrament Adoration Participant

Doug Harrison, Vestry Nominee



Became a member of CCA in 2020

Spiritual Gifts

- Organization
- Hospitality
- Leading Small Groups
- · Support for Missions



Ministries of Service at CCA

- · Sunday School Teaching
- Property Committee
- · Parish Warden
- Lay Reader
- Eucharistic Minister
- Eucharistic Visitation
- Small Group Leader
- The Dive Volunteer

Julie G. Roberts, Vestry Nominee



Became a member of CCA in 2022

Spiritual Gifts

- Small Group Leading
- Discipling Others
- Developing Leaders
- Evangelism
- Apostolic Ministry
- Strategy
- Teaching
- Preaching
- · Innovation and Improvement
- Writing Emails

Ministries of Service at CCA

- Starting a "woman under 40" book discussion and theology group
- Organizing and leading Young Family Ministry
- · Renew Women's Ministry Table Group Leader
- Small Group Leader Training





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SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer 8 AM: Monday - Saturday
Evensong: 6:30 PM, First Friday of Each Month
Sunday Worship: Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM, Compline 8 PM



CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans, Rector

The Rev. Canon Bryan Biba, Assistant Rector

The Rev. Greg Malley, Deacon

The Rev. Sally Lufburrow, Deacon

The Rev. Steve Dantin, Deacon, Executive Director of

The Whitefield Center

The Rev. Kirk Duffy, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Marcus B. Robertson, Rector Emeritus

The Right Rev. Alex Farmer, Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Andy Anderson, Military Chaplain in Residence

The Rev. Guido Gonzalez, Military Chaplain in Residence

The Rev. Joe Gasbarre, Priest in Residence

VESTRY

The Rev Dr. Craig Stephans, Rector

David Estes, Vestry Warden

Claudia Thomas, Council Warden

Andrew Lazzaro, Treasurer

Doug Harrison, Clerk

Eden Combes

Bridget Gardner

Bryan Kerr

Jason Mehl

Michael Mole

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Calvin Detwiler, Youth Assistant

Libby Kingston, Nursery Coordinator

Valerie Hanks, Parish Life Administrator &

The Whitefield Center Coordinator

Drew Ibach, Curate

Holly Vandegrift, Financial Administrator

Debbie Cela, Communications

Angela Childress, Receptionist

Tony Cela, Facilities Assistant

Jonathan Clements & Jack Stephans,

Sunday Assistants

Elias Clements, Livestreaming Director

PARISH COUNCIL.

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