

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE  
RESURRECTION  
STARKVILLE, MS

Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
December 7, 2025  
10:30 a.m.

## WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We're glad you've joined us for worship today! It's customary in the Episcopal Church to observe silence before the service to help create a prayerful environment. Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart. During the service, let God speak to you through Word and Sacrament, and after the service, speak with your neighbor!

All you'll need to follow the liturgy is this service booklet. The congregation plays an important role in our worship, and you're encouraged to take part as you are comfortable.

Christians from any tradition are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you'd like to receive, please come forward to the altar when the priest indicates. You may choose to stand or kneel at the rail. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands, palms up, one on top of the other. To receive the wine, you can either hold on to your wafer to intinct (*carefully dip*) the bread into the cup, or you can assist a chalice bearer and take a small sip. Also, know that communion in one kind (*just the bread or wine*) is sufficient. If you wish to participate but not receive, come forward to the altar rail and simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest.

If you'd like to know more about our church, please call us at (662) 323-3483.

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to seek Christ and to make Him known in a dynamic place of worship and to create a loving and supportive community that shares spiritual and physical help with others.

## DIOCESAN INCLUSION STATEMENT

We respect the dignity of all persons, regardless of national origin, race, gender, age, or sexual orientation, and welcome and encourage them to fully participate in all areas of parish life.

# Holy Eucharist Rite II

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

H 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



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

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.*

# Trisagion

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the  
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the  
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.



- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
  - <sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
  - <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
  - <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- Antiphon*
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
  - <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
  - <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no  
more.
  - <sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
  - <sup>19</sup> And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

*Antiphon*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.


*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

# Sequence Hymn

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*


H 81



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung!  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
 \* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and



cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"



Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Priest*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

Fr. Walton

## Nicene Creed *(All stand.)*

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

## The Prayers of the People

*Presider or deacon*

As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will lead us with joy in the light of his glory.

*Deacon or other leader*

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

*Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For Dorothy our bishop and all bishops, for Walton our priest, and for all priests and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

*Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

*Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

*Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

*Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

*Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the dying and the dead.

*Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

*Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*To you, O Lord.*

*Celebrant*

O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you for ever.

*Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Bishop, when present, or 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

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*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Voluntary

## Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the corresponding parts.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

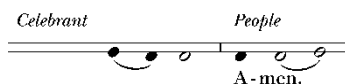
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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."

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever.



## **Lord's Prayer**

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

# Communion Hymn

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

H 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

# Communion Hymn

*People look East*

WLP 724



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



## 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



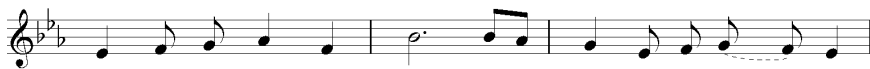
# Closing Hymn

*There's a voice in the wilderness*

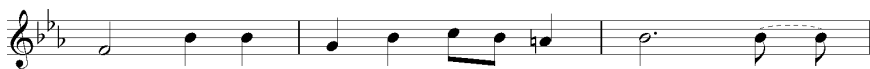
H 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_\_  
 2 O\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod; Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
 feed his\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our\_\_\_\_ God\_\_\_\_ may go!  
 na - tions shall\_\_\_\_ pass like a dream\_\_\_\_ a - way;  
 lead them, and\_\_\_\_ bring them\_\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

## Dismissal

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*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Liam Lamb, Vicki Coleman, Christine McBee, Rosemary Shaner, Peyton Passons, Nav Ashford, Jane Perry, Clayton Butler, Barbi Hughes, David Evans, Jamie Inmon, Loren Zimmerman, David Callahan, Taze Fulford IV, Debbie Sieger,, Mary Lee Beal, Maurin Grady, Bill Cooke, The Shramenkos

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>December 8</b>	Christmas Parade ( <i>Church office</i> )
<b>December 12</b>	Parents Night Out
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve w/Pageant (5:00) Christmas Candlelight Eucharist (9:30)
<b>January 6</b>	Burning of the Greens
<b>January 25</b>	Annual Meeting Sunday ( <i>morning</i> ) Canterbury Bishop's Visit (6:00)

## THIS WEEK AT ECR

### **Sunday, December 7**

9:15 am Sunday School All Ages

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II\*

5:00 pm EYC (*at the DUNN'S HOME*)

### **Monday, December 8**

6:00 pm Christmas Parade

*We will serve Hot Chocolate from the porch again.*

### **Tuesday, December 9**

6:00 pm Casserole Kitchen

### **Wednesday, December 10**

5:30 pm Healing Service

6:00 pm Choir Practice

### **Thursday, December 11**

7:00 am Bible Study (*Johnson Hall*)

10:30 am Centering Prayer (*Centering Prayer Room*)

6:00 pm Casserole Kitchen

### **Friday, December 12**

6:00 pm Parents Night Out

### **Saturday, December 13**

11:00 am Casserole Kitchen

### **Sunday, December 14**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 am Sunday School All Ages

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II\*

5:00 pm EYC

## MINISTERS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Very Rev. Walton Jones
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Connor Thompson
<b>Greeter</b>	Peggy Hemphill
<b>Lector</b>	Devan Torrence
<b>LEM Readings</b>	Holly Potts
<b>LEM Prayers</b>	Leslie Baker
<b>Oblation Bearer</b>	Lauren Marconi
<b>Ushers</b>	Les Potts Joey Thompson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joseph Thompson, Ty Marconi, Anne Reid Marconi, Hayden Duckworth
<b>Vestry on Duty</b>	Jeffrey Duckworth
<b>Verger</b>	Adam Marconi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Tracy Arnett, Jane Anna Waide
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Marc De Venney, Hellen Polk, Robert Long, Lee Gibson



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#### **CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Very Rev. Walton W. Jones, *Rector*  
Cindy Hughes, *Parish Administrator; Bookkeeper*  
Callie Ellis, *Choir Director*  
Teresa Kennard & Megan Aucoin, *Nursery Staff*  
Morgan Bevon & Anne Marie Sullivan, *EYC Leaders*  
Sarah Walker, *Interim Lay Chaplain*

#### **MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY**

George Dunn, <i>Senior Warden</i>	Jeffrey Duckworth, <i>Junior Warden</i>
Holly Potts	Brad Dye
Hellen Polk	Tracey Millsaps
Joey Thompson	Meredith Shapley