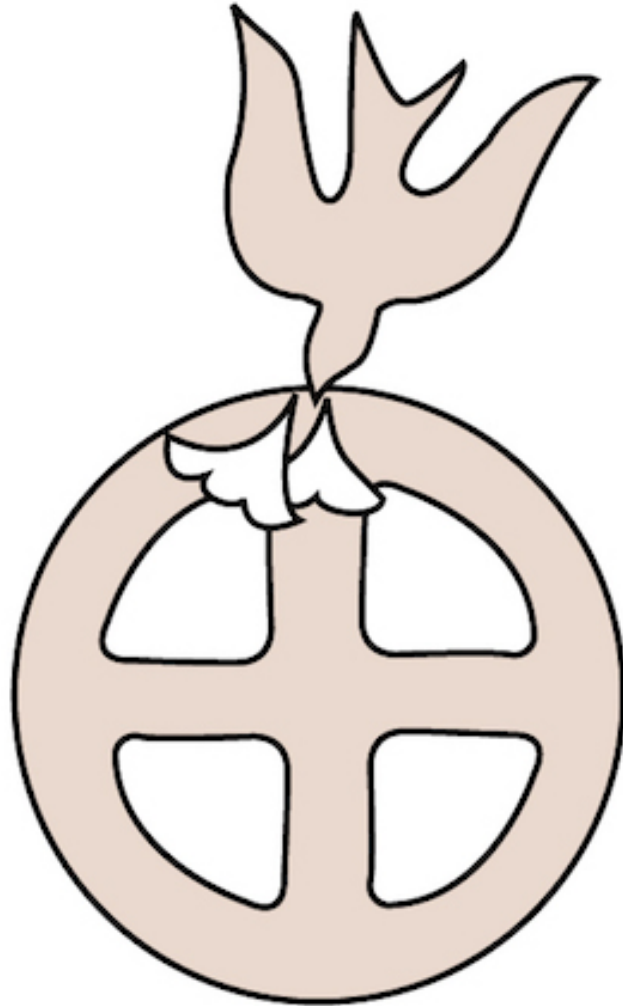


ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EPISCOPAL CHURCH



JANUARY 7, 2024
LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

10:30AM

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *

What happens when you are spiritually prepared and desire to receive communion, but can't?

Such a case is referenced by a paragraph in the 1979 Prayer Book:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.

A nation-wide shut down due to a pandemic fits, I'm sure we'll agree, with the words "by any other impediment" listed in the first Prayer Book. Our Lord will not cut us off from his grace. If we truly desire him, he will come to us, even if we cannot receive the Sacraments he has instituted so that we may receive his grace. This is not a new idea. St Thomas Aquinas, writing nearly 800 years ago, said:

before receiving a sacrament, the reality of the sacrament can be had through the very desire of receiving the sacrament. Accordingly, before actual reception of this sacrament, a man can obtain salvation through the desire of receiving it, just as he can before Baptism through the desire of Baptism, as stated above (Summa, III.73.iii)

Desiring to receive the spiritual grace of the Most Holy Eucharist (and being prevented from receiving it sacramentally) is known as Spiritual Communion. It is so very important to note that this gift is given to us when we cannot, for very good reason, be present at mass.

When you are watching a live-stream or recording of our liturgies, any of the following prayers may be said at the moment of communion when you would normally leave your pew and make your journey to the altar:

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from You. Let me live and die in Your love. Amen.

OR

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (from *Enriching Our Worship 2*)

OR

**"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already in my heart
and unite myself to you completely.
Please do not let me ever be separated from you." (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)**

**Except where otherwise indicated, the whole of this article (with only very little amendment) is taken from the website of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where it was posted on April 5, 2020. No author was specified.*

THE HOLY VIRTUAL EUCHARIST & BAPTISM
The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Jesus Christ

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

We Three Kings

John A. Dempsey

Opening Hymn 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

SALZBURG

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 299

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 29



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- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you / gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and / strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory / thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful / voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of / splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar / trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of / Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees / writhe *
and strips the forests / bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the / Lord *
all are crying, / "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the / flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-/more.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his / people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of / peace.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.


*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.*




1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*The Gospel of the Lord.****Praise to you, O Christ.****The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON: The Rev. Nikki Mathis

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

BCP 305

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, Where bright an-gel feet have trod; ___
 2. On the mar-gin of the riv-er, Wash-ing up its sil-ver spray, ___
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, Lay we ev-'ry bur-den down; ___
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, Soon our pil-grim-age will cease, ___

1. With its crys-tal tide for-ev-er Flow-ing by the throne of God? ___
 2. We will walk and wor-ship ev-er, All the hap-py gold-en day. ___
 3. Grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, And pro-vide a robe and crown. ___
 4. Soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er With the mel-o-dy of peace. ___

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, The beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er; ___

Gath-er with the saints at the riv-er That flows by the throne of God. ___

*We rejoice with Carolyn Marie Ingle
and welcome her into the Body of Christ.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

A Scottish Blessing

David Blackwell

Be a light before to lead me; Be a guiding star above;
 Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.
 There is no bird that soars the mountain, there is no deer upon the hill,
 there is no creature of the forest, but shall sing thy praises still.
 Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe thru' all my days;
 Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always sing thy praise.
 There is no life that swims the ocean; there is no creature of the sea;
 there is no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for thee.
 As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars,
 at the ending of life's journey may thy heav'nly peace be ours.
 Let ev'ry creature in God's kingdom, let ev'ry life upon the shore
 sing praise to God, the world's creator,
 sing praises now and evermore.

Jhonnivan da Cruz Campos, violin

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a Proper Preface is said*)

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 S-125**

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People: 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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

* Fraction Anthem S-161

Lamb of God

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Solo

The Water is Wide

James Michael Stevens

Communion Hymn 295

Sing praise to our Creator

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad - am's race -
 2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;
 3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;
 God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.
 as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.
 who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
 2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right-eous-ness," he said.
 3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
 4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
 5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
 2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.
 3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
 4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right-eous - ness.
 5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship 2

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude



Special thanks to Jhonnivan da Cruz Campos for his music this morning!

The altar flowers are dedicated by Julie Dingus to the honor and glory of God and in memory of her mother, Sybil Lott, on the occasion of her birthday.

The lectern flowers are dedicated by Anthony & Deborah Garner to the honor and glory of God and in thanksgiving for their 35th wedding anniversary.

About today's music...

On this first Sunday after the Epiphany we sing the hymn "Songs of thankfulness and praise" (#135) by Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) that looks to reflect on this new season. Beginning with this Sunday's baptism of Christ through his transfiguration, Wordsworth's text is a broad summation of Epiphany. He wished also to anticipate, as he put it, "that future great and glorious Epiphany, at which Christ will be manifested to all, when He will appear to judge the world."

Wordsworth, nephew of the poet William Wordsworth, became Bishop of Lincoln after serving as headmaster at Harrow and canon at Westminster Abbey. He was a published author in a variety of subjects, and he was considered to be most noted Greek scholar of his day. Eight of his texts appear in our present 1982 hymnal and this text first appeared in the 1892 hymnal.

The melody "Salzburg" was composed by Jacob Hintze (1622-1702), a court musician to the Elector of Brandenburg at Berlin. It was subsequently harmonized by J.S. Bach (1685-1750), and it is in this form that we sing it still today.

Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Billy Hale, Kyra Madden, Eddie Bennett, Jim Klippel, Jackie Dorsey, Denise Glynn, Mike Fowler, Cecil Hudson, Jean Estes, Elmer Clark, Nancy Carter, Randy Harrelson, Teri Bouknecht, Kara Russe, Ellen Kappel, David Kirshenblatt, Cayden Mitchell, Bill Alworth, Stephen Morris, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Susan Williams, Pat MacKinnon, Don Downie, Angie Defalco, Ken Packer, Donna, Michael, Rachel, Christy, Rosina, Eliot, Patricia, Ben, Scott, and Lynn.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Danielle Vogt, Catherine Holton, Parker Evans, Melinda Jones, Anthony Barkdoll, Thomas Peck, Kevin Greene, and Martha Beach; **for those celebrating anniversaries:** Anthony & Deborah Garner.

The people listed here are prayed for by name at each Sunday service. To request prayer for yourself or someone else, please call the office (706-546-7553). If at the beginning of the next month the person needs to remain on the list, please call and give the office an update.

TODAY

EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS | 4PM

Episcopal Church of the Advent in Madison invites you to participate in their annual Epiphany Lessons and Carols on Sunday, January 7th at 4PM. Music will be provided by the Athens Chamber Singers. All are invited to the festive reception in the Parish House following the service.

THIS WEEK/NEXT SUNDAY

COMMUNITY YOGA | BEGINS MONDAY, JAN. 8

Community Yoga will start back on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 at 5:30pm. ALL are welcome! Donations are accepted, a portion of which will go to Saint Gregory for use of the space. We do have a small supply of props but please bring a yoga mat. Contact Anna Hiers with questions. (706) 340-9799

EYC HIKING DAY | SAT., JAN. 13

On January 13th all youth members (6th-12th grades) are invited to go on a hike at Raven's Cliff Falls! Meet up at St. Gregory's will be at 10AM and pick up at the end of the day should be no later than 6PM. We will be having a picnic lunch on the trail so please contact Wade if you or your child have any dietary restrictions. We will need chaperones and drivers so please reach out to Wade if you are available. Email Wade, wwmcglamery@gmail.com, if you have any questions. If you or your child have not already joined the Youth Group Discord server, please let Wade know. Messages will be sent through there on the day of the event. Participants should consider: Bug spray * Dressing in layers * Closed toed, walking/hiking appropriate footwear * Water

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING | SUNDAY, JAN 14

The Library Committee (reforming & kickstarting!) will meet in the library after the 10:30AM service on January 14. Please join us if you're interested in serving on this committee!

BLINDSPOT GROUP | SUNDAY, JAN. 14

The Blindspot Group (20s and 30s group) has decided that meeting once a month is not enough! Starting Sunday, January 14, we will also meet at 6PM on the 2nd Sunday of each month for dinner and small group study. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Wade McGlamery, 770-624-4837 for more information.

COMING UP...

MEMORIAL SERICE for SUSANNE BURTON | SAT., JAN 20

A Memorial Service for Susanne Burton will be held in St. Gregory's sanctuary on Saturday, January 20 @ 2PM.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING | SUNDAY, JAN. 21

Join us for a celebration of the mission and ministries of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church and elections of new vestry members on Sunday, January 21 right after the 10:30AM service. The meeting will also include reports from the vestry and a presentation of the 2024 budget. Nursery and childcare will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for SANDRA HOUSE | SAT., JAN 27

A Memorial Service for Sandra House will be held in St. Gregory's sanctuary on Saturday, January 27 @ 2PM followed by a reception in Parish Hall. The family will receive friends Friday, January 26, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Bernstein Funeral Home, 3195 Atlanta Highway, Athens, GA 30606.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Buildings Committee | SUN., JAN 28

There will be an organizational meeting of the Buildings Committee following the 10:30 service on January 28. If you are interested in helping to maintain and improve our buildings this year, or if you have concerns you would like to see addressed, please join us. The meeting will be held in the Christian Education Building.

ONGOING

HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING SERVICE | WEDNESDAYS

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the sanctuary for eucharist and prayers for healing.

BLINDSPOT GROUP | LAST THURSDAYS & 2ND SUNDAYS

Our 20s and 30s group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30PM for dinner and a small group study (usually off-site of the church). We will also begin meeting at 6PM on the 2nd Sunday of every month for dinner and small group study. We also

meet at least once a month for game nights, dinner and drinks, movie nights, and more. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Wade McGlamery, 770-624-4837 for more information.

NOTES

2023 GIVING STATEMENTS

Please keep an eye out in your email inbox (and junk/promotion folders!) in the next couple of weeks for your end-of-2023 Contribution Statements!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

2024 contribution envelopes are available on the dresser in the Parish Hall entrance way. If you wish to use these next year, please write your name next to the # of box that you take. Please note people last year already have boxes spoken for. Leave those boxes for them. If you had a box of envelopes last year and do not want/need them this year, please cross off your name so we know that box is available.

THE LITTLE RED WAGON

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank needs snacks (sweet & salty), cold cereals, and dried pasta! Please help us fill the Little Red Wagon!

Those Who Serve

Vestry: Lane Norton
Readers: George Krause (8AM)
Roger Schwenke (10:30AM)
EMs: Roger Schwenke & Lin Kromhout
Crucifers: Grayson Krause
Torches:

Flowers: Lane Norton
Altar Guild: David Lowe, Barbara Dean
Ushers: Anthony & Deb Garner
Counters: Jane Hudson & Michael Castengera
Livestream: Anthony Barkdoll

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