



Weekly Announcements February 3, 2021

*The magi did not come to study Jesus.
They came to worship a newborn king by following a special star.
Sacrificing time and comfort, they brought gifts to a baby who demonstrated
no outward signs of prophetic confirmation. They beheld the substance of things hoped for and
humbled themselves to worship the gift of God...the wise went home by another way.*

Shelley D.B. Copeland



Dear friends,

As we turn the calendar to February you may notice that Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Lent are on top of us. Believe me, I feel it as a clergyperson, in part because I am always planning for future worship services, and in part because I don't always pause and "soak in" all the prayer and worship that is meant for this time, for this season, for this day. Quite often, I am looking ahead. I don't think I am alone.

For some, Ash Wednesday and Lent are their favorite days of the church year. For others, not so much, because darkness and forboding may come to mind.

No matter your welcome or dread of Lent, we are still squarely living in Epiphany, when we are reminded that God came and dwelled among us in a person named Jesus. This Jesus was the light that so many have been trying to find, from the magi so long ago, down to us, and so many in between.

Before we stampede to Ash Wednesday let us linger a bit longer in this season that is to be light.

George H.W. Bush called the country to a thousand points of light in his 1988 convention speech in New Orleans, calling Americans to service. In his words:

*All the world's woes cannot be solved by voluntary service.
Our society can't survive without an efficient, compassionate government that
can preserve people's liberties, that can establish a rule of law vital for civilized life
and that can do its part to help those in need in many, many ways.*

*We also know the importance of a vibrant economy and the jobs
and opportunities it creates. Legislative remedies
and commerce cannot provide the soul that society needs.*

*Real people also must be prepared to respond to real problems around them.
And they must extend the hand of friendship to neighbors,
offer their time and concern to those who have fallen upon bad times.*

In his call for us to be lights, the future president was mocked by his detractors, by Democrats, to be sure, but even lately by a high-ranking Republican who jeered the former president by asking a crowd "What is a point of light?"

To be sure, a thousand points of light was not original to President Bush, as C.S. Lewis used the phrase in *The Magician's Nephew* to describe creation from darkness. Yet, President Bush was a faithful Episcopalian and maybe, just maybe, he was thinking of the Collect for the Second Sunday in Epiphany:

*Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light
of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word
and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's
glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the
ends of the earth ...*

Let's resist the sprint to Lent, and dwell a bit longer in Epiphany. And let's resist the anger and cynicism of politicians. God knows our world needs more points of light. In the words of President H.W. Bush and even Jesus to his disciples...

You are the light of the world.

Tim+
Rector

February 3rd & 10th Wednesday Night Formation @ 6:30 PM

The Temptations of Christ

As we live in Epiphany and prepare for Lent, we invite you to this two-part conversation about the temptations of Jesus - based on the gospel accounts.

Join Fr. Tim via this ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85218338648?pwd=VUF5Ny9kbGZUTW11WTZMYVZkZDhPZz09>

Or call:

1.312.626.6799

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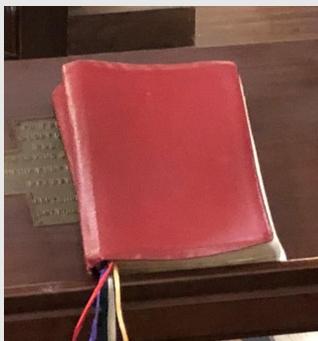
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February 7th 5th Sunday of Epiphany In-person Eucharist @ 10:30AM

Nursery is provided!



Readings for the Eucharist
can be found [by clicking here](#).



February 7th 5th Sunday of Epiphany Online Evening Prayer @ 5:00 PM

The order of service & readings
can be found [by clicking here on our church website](#).

Led by Fr. Tim & Fred Alexius via this ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86348984077?pwd=Zmg5RjVMVUt6Q3dhaU0zbUxMZ1p0Zz09>

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Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, February 17th

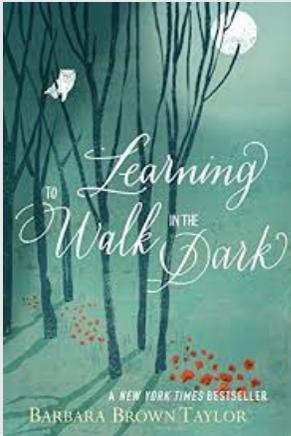
In-person
7:00 AM in the Nave

In-person
12:15 PM in the Nave

Online
6:30 via ZOOM
Join us by clicking here:

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Lent Online
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
February 24 and March 03, 10, & 17

Learning to Walk in the Dark
Barbara Brown Taylor

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

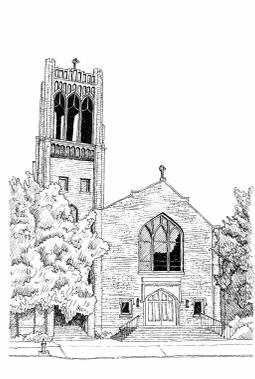
James Sinclair, Charlie Charrier, Janelle Hart, Alice Malone, Teddy Malone, Johnnie Hart, Jerry Neal, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Jess Cook, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet Ahrens, Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Edna Schoolcraft, Karen Donahue, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Karen Holt, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Bill and Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Charlie, Emily, Betty Anne Close, Janet Fuqua, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Henry Wells, Sarah, Amy Banks, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Dr. Jack Jackson, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Timothy Futrell, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Laura Waring, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Steven Rougeau, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Captain Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays this month (day):

Carl Close (01), Sara Fuhrer (01), Brik Hazel (02), Morgan Brewer, (04), Emerson Milliner (05), Bruce Jordan (06), Chad Norton (06), Brooks Anderson (07), Pat Carter (10), Lawrence Searcy (12), Emma McCartney (15), Rita Clancey (19), Tommy Brasher (22), Henry Blake (23), Zoran Allen (24), Brady Brown (24), Bernard Parker (25), Lee Couvillon (26), Melanie Jurgensen (26), and Kyle McCall (28).



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