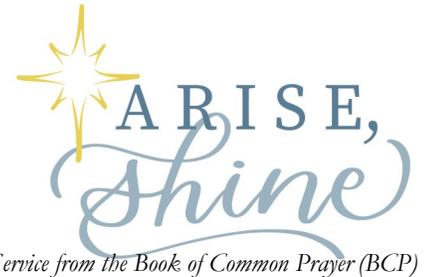


THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 10, 2021 | 8:45AM & 11:00AM



HOLY BAPTISM

Congregational participation in bold

Service from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

OPENING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank

Hymn 76 v. 1, 4, 5

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 299

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

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: *One God and Father of all.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 212

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 LESSON: A READING FROM GENESIS 1:1-5

Reader: Larry Shumway (8:45am) and Bob Blagg (11am)

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 29 (in unison)

BCP p. 620

- 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 evermore.*
- 11 *The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL HYMN

We Three Kings

HYMN 128 v. 1

*We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.*

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 1:4-11

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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

GOSPEL HYMN

We Three Kings

HYMN 128 v. 5

*Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings
alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. (Refrain)*

THE SERMON

Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

THE PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life. On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call.' (*Acts 2:38-39*)

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP p. 301

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: *I present Madison Jane Stewart to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. (8:45am)*
I present Aaren Grey Turpin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. (11am)

Celebrant: (Madison)(Aaren) Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates: *I do.*

Parents/Godparents: *I present Robert Judge McGehee to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents/Godparents: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents/Godparents: *I will, with God's help.*

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates: *I renounce them.*

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidates: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidates: *I do.*

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: *We will.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in the God the Holy Spirit?

People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP p. 306

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying,

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

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Each candidate is presented to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon the candidates, saying,
(Madison)(Aaren and Judge), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,
(Madison)(Aaren and Judge), you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

People: ***And also with you.***

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The Call

by R.V. Williams

Valerie Smith, Soloist

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380 v. 3

***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. Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B; BCP p. 367

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 God 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

(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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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 St. John and 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. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ACT OF RECEPTION PRAYER

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

BCP p. 365

COMMUNION MUSIC

Sinking Deep

Standing here in Your presence

In a grace so relentless

I am won by perfect love

Wrapped within the arms of heaven

In a peace that lasts forever

Sinking deep in mercy's sea

(Chorus)

I'm wide awake, drawing close, stirred by grace

And all my heart is Yours

All fear removed, I breathe you in, I lean into

Your love, oh, Your love

When I'm lost You pursue me

Lift my head to see Your glory

Lord of all, so beautiful

Here in You I find shelter

Captivated by the splendor

Of Your face, my secret place

(Chorus)

Your love so deep is washing over me

Your face is all I seek, You are my everything

Jesus Christ, You are my one desire

Lord, hear my only cry, to know You all my life

(Chorus)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

As With Gladness Men Of Old

HYMN 119 vs 1,3,5

*As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.*

*As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.*

*In the heavenly country bright,
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our King.*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

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

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

THE REV. RIPP HARDAWAY, RECTOR AND THE REV. LUCY STRANGLUND, CURATE
ST. JOHN'S 2021 VESTRY: Ann Amoroso, Sr. Warden; Don Greer, Jr. Warden; Jim Whitcomb, Treasurer;
David Drichta, Janet Guillen, Bruce Howard, Alice Jewell, Carol Lenker, and Adrian Quintanilla.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich or dirt poor. And to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or who could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you can sing like Beyoncé or Adele or you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been to church since little Joey's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food eaters. We offer a special welcome to those who think the world is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because Grandma is in town and she wanted to go to church today. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts... and **YOU!** -*borrowed from Coventry Cathedral, England & adapted for St. John's*

Announcements January 10, 2021

Welcome to all, especially if you are a guest. Please go to our website, www.stjohnsnb.com. Email us at office@stjohnsnb.com and either Rev. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will contact you.

The altar flowers are offered to the glory of God.

SIGN UP FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP!

Sign up via the link in the eNews each week. Come as often as you wish!

The deadline to sign up for in-person worship each Sunday is the preceding Tuesday at midnight.

The link in this week's e-news will take you to a menu to sign up for in-person worship. See the tabs or drop down menu at the top of the page to choose your desired date. For Sundays, you can sign up to attend either the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. Sign-ups enable us to maximize limited seating and to maintain records of where people sit should contact tracing be necessary. Please contact office@stjohnsnb.com if you need assistance. Unfortunately we will **not** be able to accommodate anyone who walks up on a Sunday morning without pre-registering. **Please arrive and be seated at least 10 minutes before the start of the service.**

PROCEDURES IN WORSHIP

- All attendees are required to wear a face **mask** covering the nose and mouth. Face shields alone do not meet this requirement.
- An Usher will guide you to Communion. We are not using the altar rail at this time, so Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will stand at the front to distribute Communion.
- You may drop your offering in the plate then or after worship.
- Exit the sanctuary by guidance from the Usher, starting from the back.
- Please observe a 6-foot space between you and anyone not in your household.
- After worship, in the courtyard, please observe distance.
- If you discover that you have been infected with COVID-19 in the week after worship service, please let us know by calling the church office as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Birthday and Anniversaries for Week of January 10-16

Birthdays | Carol M. (1/10); Madison F. (1/11); John C., Matthew E., Betsy P., Nick R. (1/15)

The office will be closed on Monday, Jan 18 for the MLK Holiday and reopen Tuesday the 19th.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Vestry Meeting | Tuesday, January 12 | Starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Vestry meetings are always open to anyone in the Parish.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81163223943?pwd=NXJNRG8wMUVIcUc2Z0zOFRkL05Xdz09>

Meeting ID: 811 6322 3943 | Passcode: 372316 |

Call in (audio only): (346) 248-7799 | Meeting ID: 811 6322 3943 | Passcode: 372316

New to Zoom? Please contact pam@stjohnsnb.com by noon on Tuesday, January 12.

St. John's Annual Parish Meeting | Sunday, January 17 | Starts at 10am via Zoom.

We will elect Diocesan Council Delegates and Alternates for Diocesan Council which is February 26-27.

If you would like to be considered, please contact Father Ripp.

WORSHIP *Loving God*

Holy Eucharist Rite II Service | In-person 8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. | Livestream 8:45 a.m.

Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live, Monday-Friday | 12:00 p.m.

Services held at St. John's will now be live-streamed directly to YouTube instead of Facebook. Noonday Prayer will remain on Facebook. You will be able to find the service on our [YouTube channel](#) or by clicking the link that will be shared to Facebook before each service. While you're on YouTube, be sure to click "subscribe", as this will help expand our digital reach and offerings.

Interested in leading Noonday Prayer?

Leaders can now choose between pre-recording Noonday Prayer via Zoom or live-streaming on Facebook. Beginning in January, Noonday Prayer will be Monday through Friday. You can sign up for one day or several days—whatever fits your schedule— via eNews.! If you have any questions, contact Larry Shumway at shumway.larry@gmail.com or Rev. Lucy at lucy@stjohnsnb.com.

Volunteers needed as ushers and greeters on Sundays. If you would like to participate as a usher, please contact Janet Moody at 830-708-3673 or janmoody@sat.rr.com. To volunteer as a greeter, please contact Sing Yue at 661-747-5686 (or text), and or email at syue@mindspring.com.

NURTURE *Making Disciples*

In your prayer time, we give thanks for St. Christopher's, Bandera; and Grace, San Antonio.

Adult Christian Education

Newcomers St. John's 101 Class starting Jan 24

Join Zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83733863714>

Meeting ID: 837 3386 3714 | No passcode | Call in (audio only): (346) 248 7799

St. John's 101 is a series of ten classes that can be joined at any time throughout the semester. This class is designed to help those new to this church become familiar with St. John's Episcopal Church and The Episcopal Faith. This is also the class needed if you are seeking to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed into the Episcopal Faith. For more info, contact Rev. Ripp Hardaway at (361) 633-9225, or email ripp@stjohnsnb.com.

New: Adult Formation class “Sacred Ground” will start January 18, 7:00-8:15 pm via zoom.

This is a 10 session class using materials developed by the Episcopal Church on race, grounded in faith. Our group will walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Facilitated by Renee Wendel and Heidi Forgione, the class will meet Monday evenings via zoom. The purpose of meeting every other week is to allow participants time to read, watch, and digest the materials we will discuss in our meetings. *Sacred Ground* is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, The Episcopal Church’s long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people learn how to talk about their own work of identifying and undoing racism. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love. For more information, contact Heidi Forgione at heidiforgione@gmail.com. To register, please sign up via eNews.

Weekly Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays on Zoom from 10-11 a.m.

Each week we will study the readings for the upcoming Sunday, so feel free to attend week to week as able. We will study the texts and their background and discuss what they mean for us today. Classes will resume this Wednesday, January 6th.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82969503160?pwd=eUhSRkJUdVRISXhGOFhNQUI5eTF5UT09>

Meeting ID: 829 6950 3160 | Passcode: 207974 | Call in (audio only): (346) 248-7799

Financial Peace University: Online Class will start Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30pm

Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Join the virtual *Financial Peace University class*, led by Chris and Tori Smith, and learn to make a budget you’ll actually stick to. We meet online, so you won’t even have to leave home. Visit fpu.com/1129915 to sign up for the class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace!

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, and YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children’s Chapel | Sunday, January 17 | Facebook Live at 4:00 pm (request to join group)

Children’s Sunday School | January 24 | More details coming

Hello Children and Families,

I hope you have received my Epiphany card and are thinking about what gift you have for Jesus. Just as the wise men searched for baby Jesus, we too continue to seek him as we pray, love others, and study the word. Wishing you hope, joy, peace and love as 2020 comes to an end and good news as we begin 2021!

Uganda Mission and Pen Pals NEEDS YOU!

We have 20 children in Uganda anxiously waiting for pen pals. If you and your family would like to participate, please let me know ASAP. This outreach commitment is one letter a month (or more) and families can all write together so the process is easier for younger children. What a great opportunity to make a friend across the world!

Youth Update

Youth group is back starting **this Sunday** at **6pm**, zoom details in weekly email. Questions, contact: Emma Kypuros emma@stjohnsnb.com.