



St. John's Episcopal Church
225 French St.
Bangor, ME 04401

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Dear Members and Friends of St. John's

It is with great pleasure that I announce the addition of The Rev. James W. Nutter, as our new Priest-in-Charge. The Rev. Nutter brings decades of experience and a positive energy that will help to steer St. John's Episcopal Church to a bright future. Please take a moment this Lent and Easter to introduce yourself personally to Fr. Nutter. If you haven't been attending, now's a great time to come back and see what all the excitement is about.

Jeff Perry, Sr. Warden

Dear People of St. John's:

On Christmas Eve, at the four o'clock service, the wardens and I signed a covenant on the altar, naming me as the next priest of this great church!

I am tremendously grateful to serve and lead this community. Both my wife Lucy and I feel called to be here, and we are grateful for the very warm reception you have extended to us.

Months ago, we made plans to spend a month with children and grandchildren in Dallas. We leave this Saturday and we will return on the Last Sunday of Epiphany, February 19th. I will be in touch with leaders of the community in the meantime, and if there are any dire pastoral needs, I will respond from a distance.

For nearly forty years I have had a carved plaque on my wall over my desk that reads, "Sursum Corda." This phrase means, "Lift up your hearts," and it is embedded in the opening words of the eucharistic prayer.

By grace, I would like to place this message—Lift Up Your Hearts—upon every member of this church. The Lord Jesus is in our midst, calling us to be a sanctuary for all of God's children. May we trust and proclaim these words from St. Paul: "Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever." (BCP, p.102)

In Christ's love,

The Rev. James W. Nutter

"Make God's Love Known."