

St. John's Episcopal Church

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"



October 20, 2024
Worship time - 10:00am

Dear People of St. John's,

I announced last week that we would be starting a three-week series on Stewardship. This past Sunday, I took us through what the Old Testament has to say, and this Sunday I will do the same with the New Testament.

If you were here last Sunday, you heard a testimony from Charlene Boggins about what St. John's means to her. (If you weren't here, it would be well worth your while to hear it; it is available [here](#).) Charlene had grown up here, and St. John's was a part of her family's life. But then, like many of us, she drifted away. When her father died this past January, she asked us to help with his service. We, of course, did provide help, care, and support for a service at the Masonic Lodge (my first) and the very next Sunday she was here with us. Grace had found her; she had found grace. Grace is changing her life. May God be praised. And because grace is changing her life, she is inviting us to join the mission of Jesus in and from this great church.

After I give some reflections from the New Testament this week, our friend Robert Ford will be sharing his own testimony about what this community means to him. I am sure you will want to hear what he has to say.

This week I was talking with two friends that I went to seminary with more than forty years ago. They are retired and they question my sanity to still be on the "Mission Field," but I am because I believe that I have something more to give. When I told them that I had announced a series on stewardship, they questioned, again, my sanity and my good sense. "Don't tell the people that you are doing stewardship, for no one will come," said one. The other said, "Give all the stewardship effort to the lay folks. That is their job."

To the first person I said, "You don't know these good people at St. John's. Of course, they will come to hear about stewardship because they are grateful to God for all of their blessings. They also know that stewardship is the fuel which drives our mission and ministry." To the second person I said, "If you never did any preaching or teaching on stewardship, then you were ignoring all that Jesus said about it."

So, my friends, prove me true. I am sure you will. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. I trust you all to join us, if not in person, then on YouTube. And I also trust you all to join us with your Stewardship Commitment on Covenant Sunday, October 27th.

May Christ's blessings and love be with you all.

Fr. Nutter+

Great Wednesdays

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

6:00 pm Dinner

- Dinner is hosted by the St. Andrew's Guild. The suggested donation for dinner is \$5.00 per person. This week's dinner will include Cottage Pie, Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie, Roasted Cauliflower & Broccoli, Rolls and Dessert.

7:00 pm Classes

- An in depth class on the Gospel of Mark, led by Fr. Nutter (also available on [Zoom](#))
 - Introduction to Christian Worship, led by Pat Sprague

Serving on October 20th:

Lectors – Jacqueline C. and Jacquie W.
Acolytes – Edward D. and Kiera, Kristin W., Leah M., Molly M. and Scott B.
Chalice Bearers – Edward D. and Kiera and Jacquie W.
Ushers – Katherine F. and Phil U.

Serving on October 27th:

Lectors – Ann H. and Alan B.
Acolytes – Grant P., Kristin W., Edmund H., Obi O. and Isaac P.
Chalice Bearers – Pat S.
Ushers – Andy P. and Patty H.

Thank you to all who volunteer as Lectors, Acolytes, Chalice Bearers and Ushers. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let us know.



Baptisms

On Sunday, November 3rd, we'll be celebrating All Saints' Day; this is also when we will next be having baptisms. If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please contact the office so an appointment can be set up for you to meet with Fr. Nutter prior to the day of the service.

Mini Pumpkin Breads Needed!

St. Patrick's, Brewer, has once again asked us at St. John's to participate in the Solidarity Harvest by making mini pumpkin breads which will be included in meal baskets delivered prior to Thanksgiving. Last year Solidarity Harvest delivered meal baskets to feed over 1600 individuals!

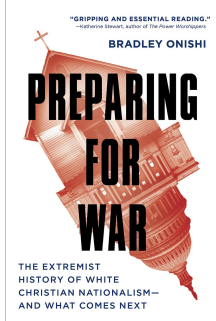


The due date for the pumpkin breads is Sunday, November 10, but you can start baking now as the organizers want the pumpkin breads to be frozen. The pumpkin breads can be dropped off in the church kitchen on Sunday mornings and someone will put them in the freezer-or feel free to put them in the freezer yourself. Either way, please be sure to label your breads, so we make sure they are included in the meal baskets.

Please bake them in mini pans—about one pound each, as that size is easier to pack. You can use your own recipe, find one online or in a cookbook, or go to allrecipes.com for “Downeast Maine Pumpkin Bread”. If you have any questions, ask Lorna Whedon.

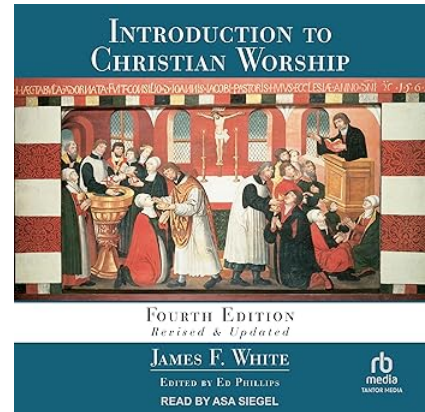
Christian Nationalism

What is it and what does it portend? We hear a lot about Christian Nationalism these days but we aren't quite sure what it is or how we might respond to it. We will make use of books, videos, webinars and other material as available. This course will be offered Mondays, in the month of October, by Zoom, starting at 7:00pm to 8:30pm and will run 4-5 weeks. For more information please contact Barbara Clarke+.



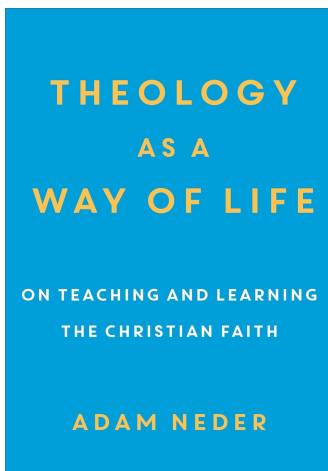
Introduction to Christian Worship

In this class we will trace the “*what & why*” of the major forms of Christian worship. Topics will include the relation between church architecture and theology, the role of music in the worship services, the significance of church calendars, and the differences found within Christian denominations regarding the celebration and meaning of Communion. Wednesdays, 7:00pm, as part of Great Wednesdays. Contact Pat S. for more information.



We Are All Teachers of Christianity

Have you ever met a Christian who radiates joy and inclusiveness toward all he or she meets, making you wish that you too could have a similar effect on the world? Conversely, have you met Christians who are so closed, angry, and judgmental that all you wanted to do is escape their company? If so, in each of these very different encounters, how did that make you feel about the God (or god) he or she really believes in? In the first five weeks we will be discussing *Theology as a Way of Life*, by Adam Neder. This book should generate lively discussion about how our ability to attract others to the Christian faith is driven by what we actually believe about Jesus. In the second part, we will be examining several tenets of the Christian faith in an effort to discover how they matter in our every day lives. . Online: Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. Contact Pat S. for more information.



Fever presents Candlelight Concerts at St. John's Episcopal Church

Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Bangor.

November 7th at 6:00pm - Candlelight: Featuring Vivaldi's Four Seasons and More

Discover the music of Vivaldi's Four Seasons and More at St. John's Episcopal Church under the gentle glow of candlelight.

November 7th at 8:30pm - Candlelight : A Tribute to Taylor Swift

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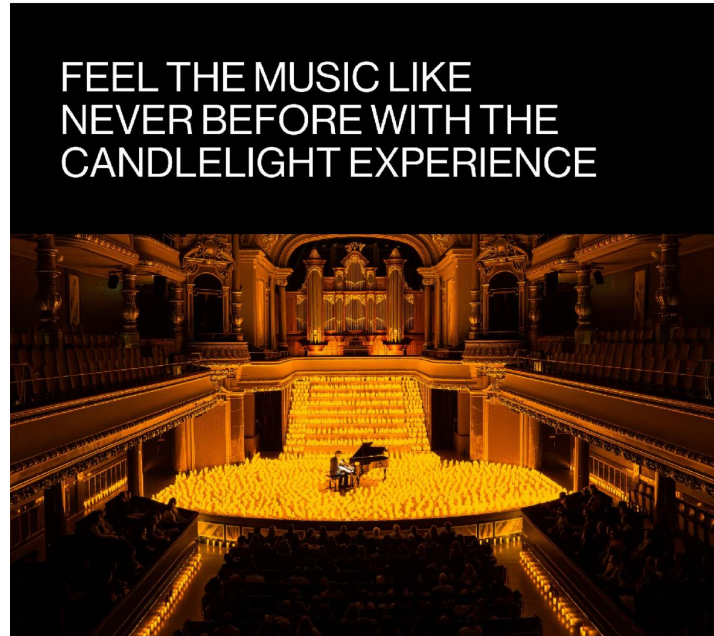
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For more information on either of these concerts, or to purchase tickets, go to <https://feverup.com>.

(Tickets are not available through the St. John's office.)

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Outreach Ministries at St. John's

FRESH START SOBER LIVING OF MAINE

St. John's continues to support Fresh Start and its residents. Fresh Start needs furniture and household appliances for their many homes. They are also in need of blankets (they have many full size beds and some twin beds), pillow cases, sheets, towels, wash clothes, pot holders, dish towels, 3-1 soap (shampoo, conditioner, bodywash), combs, brushes, deodorant, Q-tips, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, shave cream, disposable razors, bandaids, and feminine hygiene products. Items may be dropped off at the back of the church in the box labeled "Fresh Start". For more information about Fresh Start, click [here](#).

BANGOR AREA HOMELESS SHELTER

St. John's continues to support the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Items needed for the shelter pantry are: peanut butter, pasta & sauce, baked beans, canned meat/fish, rice, cereal, and any other ready to eat meals. There is a box at the back of the church labeled "Bangor Area Homeless Shelter" for these donations. As the box gets filled the Blanchettes will make sure the donations get delivered. For more information about the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, click [here](#).

What's Happening This Week

Readings

1 Corinthians
4:1-3

Corinthians
6:19-20

Matthew 6:19-
21

*Sunday
Worship
Sunday:*

Sunday, October 20th, 10:00am: Holy Eucharist, in person and on [YouTube](#). Nursery and Sunday School are available. Join us for food and fellowship at Coffee Hour in the Undercroft immediately following the service.

Sunday, October 20th, 11:30pm: Vestry Meeting

Sunday, October 20th, 7:00pm: AA meeting in the Undercroft.

Monday, October 21st, 7:00pm: Christian Nationalism course on [Zoom](#).

Tuesday, October 22nd, 9:30am: Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen at the Salvation Army in Bangor. Contact [Claudia and Jim B.](#) for more information. New

volunteers are always welcome!

Tuesday, October 22nd, 6:30pm: EfM meets on Zoom. Contact Scott or Signa for more information.

Wednesday, October 23rd: Great Wednesdays - 5:30pm Holy Eucharist, 6:00pm dinner and 7:00pm classes.

Thursday, October 24th, 5:30pm: Choir rehearsal. For more information on how to join the choir, please contact our Choir Director, Colin.

Thursday, October 24th, 6:30pm: "We are All Teachers of Christianity" class on Zoom. See the above announcement for details or contact Pat S. for more information.

Sunday, October 27th, 10:00am: Holy Eucharist, in person and on YouTube. Nursery and Sunday School are available. Join us for food and fellowship at Coffee Hour in the Undercroft immediately following the service.

Sunday, October 27th, 7:00pm: AA meeting in the Undercroft.

For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out www.stjohnsbangor.org.

Nursery Care and Children's Chapel

Children should arrive between 9:45 and 10:00 am in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings for Nursery care, ages 0-3, and for Children's Chapel, ages 4-10.

In **Children's Chapel**, we celebrate the boundless curiosity and wonder of our young ones as we delve into the stories and lessons of the Bible. We aim to cultivate a nurturing and engaging environment that teaches our youngest members the stories of their faith and promotes spiritual growth and a strong sense of community. For inquiries or to register, please contact Mary-Frances Beesorchard at children@stjohnsbangor.org.

Opportunities to pray together:

Sunday Morning Eucharist, at 10:00am in person and on YouTube
Morning Prayer, Mon-Fri, 9:00am on Zoom and Facebook
Evening Prayer, Mon-Fri, 5:30pm on Zoom

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give. Looking for the right Ministry Opportunity for you? Just click the link below for more information.

[OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY](#)

Parish Prayer List:

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers@stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Bill M., Katie and Kimmie, Phyllis, Claire, Bill V, McKenzie, Michael S., Jerry L., Kent, Mike R., Patti B., McKenzie M., Paul, Bob H., Joe, Monsignor MacCarther, Dee Dee, Frank, Father Ken, Regina B., David L., Claire W., Bill M., and Patricia C. **Continued prayers for** –Heather B. and her family, Ava, Bill M., Ciro O., Delores L., Ross M., Dustin S., Harvey O., Hunt S., Susan W., Pang T., Corky P., Kathy C., Jenny H., Jasmine S., MarLynne M.,

Patricia T., Kelly M., and William B.

For our Homebound Members: Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray especially for the people in Ukraine and the Holy Land. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters, particularly for those suffering the effects of the recent hurricanes in the south. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Joseph Biden Jr., President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Cara Pelletier our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., Joshua M., and Timothy W.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week.

For the Departed: Tom Bailey

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Orlando Frati by Charlene Boggins



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