



## Welcome to St. David's Episcopal Church

90 S. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Ouverture from Paulus, op. 36  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Brian Katona

Processional Hymn

Lord Make us Servants of Your Peace

1982 Hymnal 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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

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

Celebrant: 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.**

## Gloria

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And also with you.**  
Celebrant      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Lesson                      Micah 6:1-8

A reading from the Book of Micah.

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader            The Word of the Lord.  
**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15 *(read in unison by half verse)*

BCP. p. 599

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**
  
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**
  
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
  
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the LORD.**
  
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**
  
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
  
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

What Does the Lord Require

1989 Hymnal 605



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?  
2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?  
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.  
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?  
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?  
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.  
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

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## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                 according to Matthew.  
People        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Allen Wakabayashi

## The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

Reader            Merciful God.  
All                Receive our prayer.

### Confession of Sin *(the people may stand or kneel)*

Deacon           Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People            **Most merciful God,**  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant        Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life.  
Amen.

### Exchange of Peace

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People            And also with you.

### Children's Talk

### Offertory Sentence

Celebrant        Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

### Offertory Music

**Wachet Auf from Paulus, op. 36**  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

St. David's Choir

*Eucharistic Prayer A (the people may stand or kneel)*

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.**

Celebrant 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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died.  
 Christ is risen.  
 Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

**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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Fraction Hymn

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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.

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Celebrant        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.

## The Communion of God's People

### Communion Music

### Eat This Bread

### Taizé Chant

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to Christ and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in Christ, and you will not thirst.

### Post Communion Prayer *(the people may stand or kneel)*

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Celebrant        Let us pray.

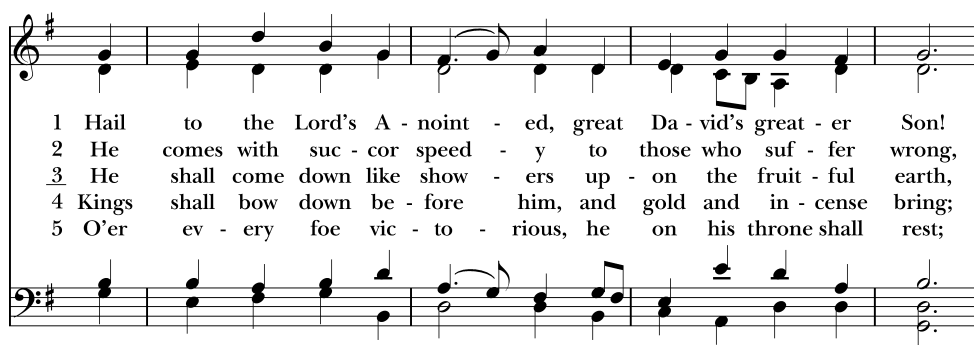
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Vestry and Search Committee Prayer *(in unison)*

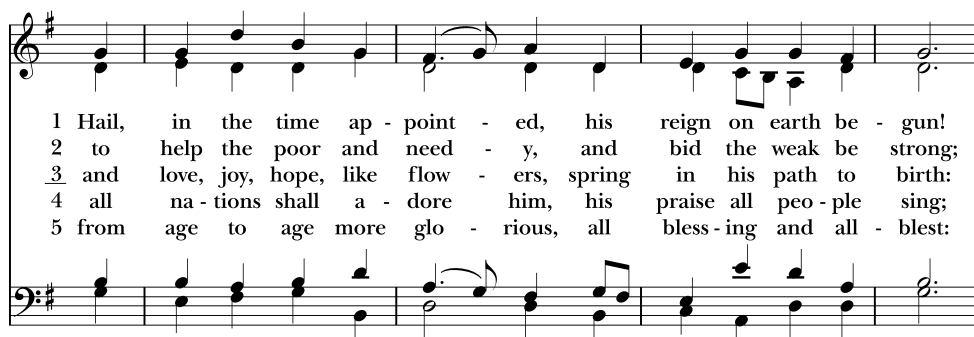
Lord, we ask you to guide the members of our Vestry and Search Committee so that they may hear Your voice leading St. David's Church into the future to which you are calling us. Give them wisdom and insight into the qualities of leadership needed to best serve our precious church. Inspire also the person You intend to be our spiritual leader and priest. Give us all a sense of happy anticipation as we wait the one we know will be the right one according to Your plan for us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Announcements

### Blessing



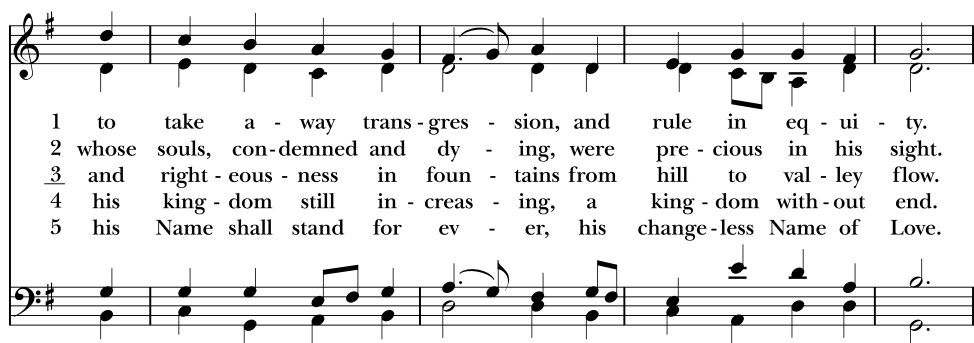
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery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

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

## Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Selection from Paulus, op. 36  
 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Brian Katona

Participants in the Services

8 am

10 am

Celebrant

The Rev. Allen Wakabayashi

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Deacon

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Welcome, Visitors! If you are a visitor or newcomer to our worship this morning, please print your name, address and phone number in the guest book in the Narthex. To learn more about the Episcopal Church or St. David's, please take a copy of our current newsletter located on the table by the guest book.

**Free Wifi: Withopenarms**

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**Birthdays this week:** Arlis Astudillo, Bill Guardino, Thomas Reynolds, Devin Emerson, and Madeline Clissold.

**Wedding Anniversaries this week:** Ernie & JoAnne Cornell.

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**Sanctuary Flowers** have been donated today in loving memory of Mary Solomidis O'Connor in thanksgiving for being Chaplain Kate's mother.

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**St. David's Church Annual Meeting – Today at 11:30 am** - St. David's Annual Meeting will take place today following the service. At the Annual Meeting, we will elect a Sr. Warden, three Vestry members and three Delegates and two Alternate Delegates to represent us at our Diocesan Convention and Convocation. Parishioners who are 16 years of age or older, attend worship regularly, and are givers of record for six months prior to the elections are eligible to vote. Please stay and attend this important meeting; it's a wonderful way to find out more about life here at St. David's!

**The 2026 Offering Envelopes** are ready for pick up in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick up your box. If you are new and would like offering envelopes, please write your name and the number on the form provided by the unassigned envelopes.

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## **VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES FOR 2026**

St. David's will once again ship Valentine's care packages to our college students. We will be preparing packages for 10 students. Please support this ministry--let the students who grew up at St. David's know we still think about them even though they are away!

The big collection box will appear on January 4th to receive your donations of **Stationery supplies** (sticky notes, notepads, memo notebooks, envelopes, highlighters, sharpies, dry-erase markers, tape, fasteners, etc), **Valentine novelty items**, and **snacks** (individually-wrapped packages of chips, pretzels, microwave popcorn, dried fruit, cocoa, sugarless gum, and candy). These items may be donated until **Feb. 1st**.

**Monetary donations** for gift cards and postage will be collected until **Feb. 1st**. You can make your check out to St. David's Church with "Valentine Project" on the memo line or place cash in an envelope labeled the same way and place it in the offering plate. **Home-baked treats, such as cookies and brownies** are especially desired. Please sign-up on the list on the bulletin board and bring them wrapped in groups of 4-6 on **Sun., Feb. 8th**. Indicate on the packaging if they contain nuts. Questions? Contact Tara Dailey ([tdailey474@gmail.com](mailto:tdailey474@gmail.com) or 908-461-0160).

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**The Happy Hookers Knitting Group** is starting up again on Saturday, February 7th at 1:00 p.m., and everyone is welcome! Whether you're new or experienced, Shirley Kasper will be happy to teach and help. The group meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month. For more information, please see Renee Christiansen.

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## **J2A Souper Bowl Sunday**

On February 8th, our J2A will be having their Annual Souper Bowl! Soup will be available after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. Come early, as we often sell out!

Soup donations are welcome and can be brought to the kitchen on Sunday morning. Thank you for your generosity!

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**Game Day** will begin in February and will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the library. Questions, please see Renee Christiansen.

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**Please remember in your prayers those suffering with short-term illness:** JoAnn, Eve C., Diane & Valla Family.

**Please remember in your prayers those suffering with long-term illness:** Erik, Fiona, Spencer, Ilona, Larry, Joyce, Tom, Judy, Skip, Kemi, Susan, Jim, Bob, Renee V., Henry, Ethan, Jordan, Beau, Helena, Devon, Lily, Gabriel, Nora, Ed, Marnie.

**Pray for those in the Armed Forces who are serving at home and abroad:** Gabriel, Luke, Stephen.

## This Week's Calendar

- Sunday, 2/1:** 8 am Holy Eucharist II  
10 am Holy Eucharist II, Church School, Choir  
11:30 am Annual Meeting
- Monday, 2/2:** 9:30 am / 10:30 am / 5:30 pm Jazzercise
- Tuesday, 2/3:** 1 pm Game Day  
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
- Wednesday, 2/4:** 9:00 am / 10:30 am / 5:30 pm Jazzercise  
9:30 am Morning Prayer  
7 pm Pentecostal Service
- Thursday, 2/5:** 8:30 am / 5:30 pm Jazzercise  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, 2/6:** 9:00 am / 10:30 am Jazzercise  
Office Closed
- Saturday, 2/7 :** 9 am Jazzercise  
9 am – 5 pm New Life Fellowship  
11 am – 6 pm NA  
7 pm Pentecostal Service
- Sunday, 2/8:** J2A Souper Bowl  
8 am Holy Eucharist II  
10 am Holy Eucharist II, Church School, Choir

## Looking Ahead

- Tuesday, 2/17:** 5 pm Pancake Dinner
- Wednesday, 2/18:** 9:30 am Ash Wednesday Service w/ Imposition of Ashes  
7 pm Choral Eucharist w/Imposition of Ashes

**Please note:** Self-help Meetings are held at various times during the week in Meirs Hall.  
Please contact the office if you need any assistance locating a meeting.

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