

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Francis Episcopal Church is a diverse community accepting all.
We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship
We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!

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Annual Parish Meeting on Zoom: Today, January 24th, ~ 11:30 AM The Annual Meeting will begin on Zoom shortly after we finish worship, starting between 11:30 and 11:45. We will elect a Sr. Warden, Vestry Members, Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention, and Delegates to Watchung Convention; our 2021 budget will be presented and other reports will be made by parish leaders. We will gather in small groups for conversation on St. Francis' life and ministry (you will need to join on Zoom, not Facebook, to participate in these conversations). We want to hear your thoughts!

Safety Expectations for On-site Worship

Wear a Mask: You MUST wear a mask at all times while you are in the building. The mask must cover both nose and mouth and fit snugly to the sides of the face.

Watch your Distance: Maintain at least a 6 foot distance at all times from anyone not in your household, both inside and outside the building.

Wash (sanitize) your hands using the sanitizing stations located in the Narthex & Church.

Sit only on the unmarked portion of the plastic covered cushions in the designated pews. Please do not leave your seat during the course of the service.

Follow the directions of the Ushers at all times.

Christian Formation Opportunities

A Quiet Retreat for Renewal and Hope We've passed through a hard year, and 2021 will also be hard at least into spring. So on Saturday, February 13, at 1 pm, St. Francis will host a quiet retreat for anyone interested who wants to gather and join in a communal afternoon with friends and God. Kate Mason will offer a guided introduction to silent prayer. Marilyn Zimmerman, a certified labyrinth facilitator, will provide a Finger Labyrinth Walk. There will also be time for optional sharing as people feel moved. There is no cost, but we ask people to register in advance for planning and to ensure everyone has a Finger Labyrinth before we gather. If you'd like to join this quiet gathering, or if you want more information, email Kate at kate.mason.alchemy@gmail.com.

Intercessory Prayer Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM and the third Thursday at 6:00 PM on [St. Francis Zoom](#). The next gathering is this **Thursday, February 4th at 1:00 PM**. Please contact Fr. Frank Hubbard, therevfh50@hotmail.com for more info.

Contemplative Prayer Join us for Contemplative Prayer, and get to know the Divine in this special and transformative way. We have two offerings to accommodate different schedules. For more info, email Kate at kate.mason.alchemy@gmail.com.

- Every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 pm - 25-minute sit. Join via St. Francis [Zoom](#) .
- On the first and third Mondays at 7 pm - 10-minute sit.
Join via <http://www.stdavidscranbury.com/events.html>.

Diocesan Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Register [here](#).

Other Announcements

Book of Common Prayer available. If you would like to have a copy of the Prayer Book at home, we're happy to share those not being used in the church at present. Pam Maiolo has offered to deliver them if requested. Please contact her at 732-850-0370.

Scarves, gloves, hats & coats collection The Dunellen/Greenbrook Rotary Club is collecting these warm clothing to share with people in need from now till February 15th. The closest collection site to St. Francis is the Provident Bank on North Avenue in Dunellen. Click [here](#) for more information.

COVID Vaccine Registration The New Jersey Department of Health has set up an online portal to register to receive the coronavirus vaccine. The process includes gathering information on age, health conditions, and employment that determine which priority category you belong in. Once registered, you are in line, and will be contacted when vaccination is available for you. Click [here](#) for vaccine information and [here](#) to register.

Communion for those Worshiping On-Line If you would like to receive Communion in the consecrated Bread by home visit or at the Church by appointment, please contact Fr. Jack at 732-403-4188 or jzamboni@juno.com. For more detail, please see page 8 of the October *Communique*.

Celebrating birthdays this week: Kora Kokotajlo 01/24, Edith Peters 01/27

The Sanctuary candle is given this week by Audrey Johansen in loving memory of her husband, Richard Johansen.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 24th, 2021

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Toccata in D

Heinrich Scheidemann

Please stand with the Presider as you are able.

Presider

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

SING PRAISE TO GO WHO REIGNS ABOVE

Hymnal 408

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra-cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn-ing glow or eve-night shade his watch-ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro-claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal-ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur-mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

Silence for the People's prayers.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reader

A Reading from the Book of Jonah.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (62:6-14)

Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Reader

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

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

SOON AND VERY SOON

LEVAS 14

Please stand as you are able.



1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —



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4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,



THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Presider

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jack Zamboni

THE NICENE CREED*Please stand as you are able.***ALL**

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the Prayers of the People there are 3 opportunities for members of the congregation to add their own petitions: Thanksgiving and blessings; those who are ill or others in need; and the departed. On-line worshipers are encouraged to unmute themselves to add their prayers. On-site worshipers are encouraged to pray aloud. The response after each petition is:

People

Hear us, we pray.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN**Presider**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel as you are able. A period of silence is kept.

ALL

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.**

THE ABSOLUTION**THE PEACE** *Please stand as you are able.***Presider**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please remain in your place and pass the Peace by gesture.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

THEY CAST THEIR NETS

Blue Hymnal (1982) 661

Please stand as you are able.

1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just
 2 Con - tent - ed, peace ful fish - er - men, // be -
 3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -
 4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,
 fore they ev - er knew the peace of
 less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who
 strife closed in the sod. Yet let us

sim ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
 God that filled their hearts brim - ful, //and broke them too.
 hauled the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.
 pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider 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

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

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in your 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 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

ALL
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider 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 Francis, Clare 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Presider Behold what you are.
People May we become what we receive.

A PRAYER FOR SHARED COMMUNION

ALL Lord Jesus Christ, our constant companion,
you promised to be with us to the end of the age,
and you make us one with each other
in your Body, the Church.
We thank you for giving us yourself
in this Holy Sacrament,
the seal of your love that is stronger than death.
Grant, then, O Lord, that we all may receive you,
whether met at this table or dispersed in our homes;
and so strengthen the bonds of our common life
that with all your people in every place,
we may praise and serve you
until we come to the joys of your heavenly banquet.
We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us pray.
ALL 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

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is . heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Beecher*

