

Sunday, January 25, 2026 (8 & 10 am)

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry, Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

Prelude

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations* – Edward Elgar

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn No. 381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness – *Ton-y-Botel*

Opening Acclamation

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

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says 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 No. S280 Glory to God in the Highest setting: Robert Powell

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

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

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (*sung by the choir*)

Remain seated.

- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- ⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- ⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁸Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- ¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- ¹²Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- ¹³You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn No. WLP812 (*Green Book*) I, the Lord of sea and sky – *Here I am, Lord*

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

**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 for Epiphany

~written by Rick Pryce and posted on Rick Pryce. <http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/>

Celebrant: Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, *Lord, in your mercy*, and responding, ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader: God of light and darkness, through water and Word you shine your light into the darkness of our lives. We give thanks for this incredible gift.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of love and hate, your love comes in spite of our animosity; you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. Strengthen us to be peacemakers.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence and set us free from despair.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, and bring your reign into being. Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place. Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice.
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your promise to the dying, your encouragement to the discouraged, especially those we name before you now; Al Novak, Marge Louff, Deacon Peggy Davis, Gloria Duran, Janet Gladd, Virginia, and Raymond Takach, Leslie Gaskell, Jean Pinti, Eric Tracey, and Roger Carnahan. Are there others?
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise and serve this hurting world. We pray especially for all the departed souls. Are there those you wish to name?
Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. Especially Gloria Duran, and Zoey Tomko. Are there others? We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King; ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Celebrant: God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light,
Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and 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.***

The Priest stands and says

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 keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem: Be Thou My Vision – arr. Gordon Young

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow – *Old Hundred*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The People remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

setting: Richard Proulx

**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.

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

**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 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 (BCP p. 363)

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, forever and ever. *Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

No. S155 Christ our Passover

(*setting:* Gerald Near)

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

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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

Distribution

*All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. **Please note:** real wine is used, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

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.**

Recessional Hymn No. 539

O Zion, haste - *Tidings*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major – David Johnson

Assisting with Worship Today:

Mike Maggiano 8 am & Kevin Knowlton 10 am – Lector

Joe Gladd 8 am & Sally Mazey 10 am – Lector/Chalice

Sally Mazey – Prayers of the People

Steve Watts & Diane Orr – Ushers

Beth Landers 8am - Altar Guild

Tess Crofford & Deb Clary, 10am – Altar
Guild

Therese & Gris Hurlbert - Greeters

Annual Meeting – Coffee Hour

Deb Murphy, Aaron Woodberry – AV/Video

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Church Theme:

Rooted in Christ. Renewed Together. Sent in Hope.

Wednesday Growing Deeper Study & Healing Service: Please come join Mother Robin and others for this great opportunity to explore God's word and share in the Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Church Chapel. Hope to see you!!

Annual Parish Meeting: TODAY!!!!

Today, we will meet immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. We'll share a light meal together as we review the past year, look ahead to the future, and conduct essential parish business.

January Birthdays

3rd-Marjorie Louff

16th-Jacob Dickens

20th-Gail Andrus

7th-Steve Watts

17th-Laurie Jones

25th-Gloria Duran

13th -Sandy Schlecht

17th-Carol Ann Jones

30th-Zoey Tomko

Lincoln School Happy Bags Ministry

Christ Episcopal Church packs 100 “Happy Bags” each week to support students at Lincoln School—simple meals children can eat right away or prepare easily when they’re hungry. We are excited to move the packing of these bags to **Sundays after the 10 a.m. service**, beginning **February 1**, so more people can participate.

Packing takes about **45 minutes** and can be done standing or sitting. We are forming small Sunday packing teams and invite adults and youth to help. **Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after the 10 a.m. service each month.**

“See, I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:19) Come be part of this growing outreach ministry. *From: Lynn Peteritis*

SCOUT SUNDAY: The February 1st Service is Scout Sunday at Christ Church. The Scouts will be in attendance on this day. Make it a point to attend the service and help celebrate Pack 11 and all scouts. A Pancake breakfast will be provided by the scouts following the 10:00 a.m. service to show their appreciation to the Church for its support.



PLEDGE ENVELOPES: If you did not get pledge envelopes and need them, please call the office at 330-372-4998 and speak to Carole Lewis, treasurer.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR CHILDREN is held each week during 10 am worship service. We use the Montessori-based curriculum, Godly Play. Interested children (K-5) are welcomed to join in the procession. Children return to the Sanctuary during The Peace so they may join their families for Holy Eucharist.

Black History Month Concert—Organ Music of African-American Composers

Ralph Holtzhauser—Organ

Friday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.



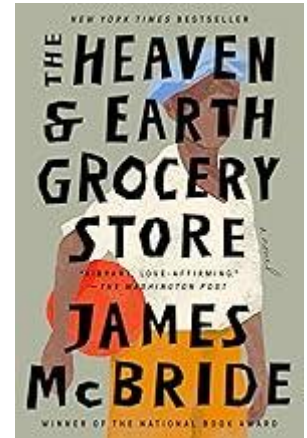
Ralph Holtzhauser is a distinguished organist and educator, renowned for his versatile performances, dynamic collaborations, and dedication to engaging new audiences. He serves as Diocesan Music Director for the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown and Music Director of the Cathedral of St. Columba. In 2023, he was appointed Professor of Organ in the Sacred Music Program at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he leads a thriving organ studio.

BOOK CLUB

February Discussion

The meeting will be Saturday, February 7th at 11:00am in Rooms 8 & 10.

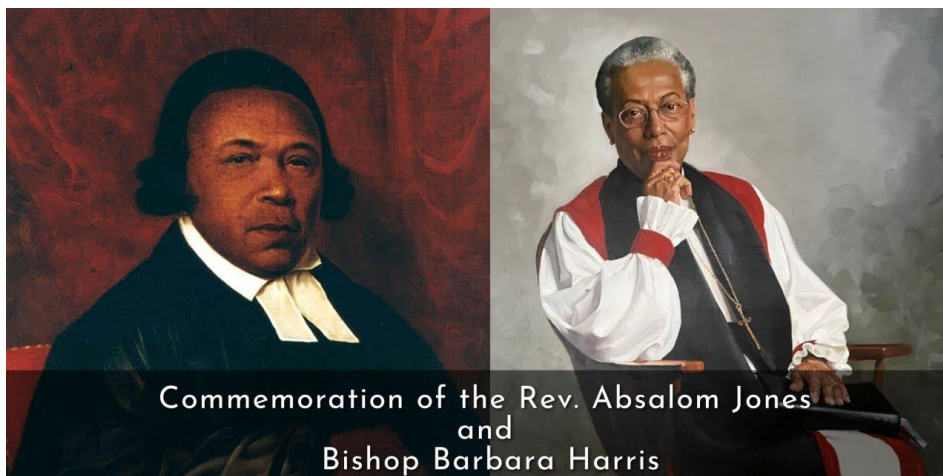
We will discuss the book, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Don't stop reading!!



The Rev. Absalom Jones/Bishop Barbara Harris Holy Eucharist

On February 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church, Shaker Heights, the Wilma Ruth Combs Northeast Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, in collaboration with the Diocese of Ohio and Christ Church, will host the annual Festal Eucharist celebrating the Rev. Absalom Jones and the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris. Jones was the first African American ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, and Harris the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Anglican Communion.

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly will be the celebrant, and the Rev. Megan Allen-Miller will be the preacher. For those interested in participating in the choir, please contact [Mickey D. McGroarty](#), Director of Music for this year's celebration by January 17. All are welcome to join in the celebration of these inspirational clergy, whose lives and ministries have left a profound impact on the church's communal life and ministry.





The next Coffee and Conversations will be held on
Sunday, February 22nd.

Topic: Understanding the Old Testament: Themes & Timelines

• **Theological Infusion:** Seeing the OT as the “soil” of our faith.

Open to all levels of biblical experience.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

AFTER 8A & 10A SERVICE

JANUARY 11TH- INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE: HOW TO READ AND NAVIGATE THE WORD

FEBRUARY 22ND- UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT: THEMES AND TIMELINES

MARCH 15TH- THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS (THE GOSPELS)

APRIL 12TH- THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH (ACTS AND EPISTLES)

MAY 17TH- THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION & THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

JUNE 14TH- LIVING OUT OUR FAITH: INTEGRATION INTO DAILY LIFE

JULY 19TH- PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES (CENTERING PRAYER, LECTIO DIVINA)

AUGUST 16TH- SOCIAL JUSTICE AND FAITH

SEPTEMBER 13TH- THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH

OCTOBER 11TH- STEWARDSHIP AND INNER STRENGTH

NOVEMBER 15TH- ADVENT AND THE SURPASSING LOVE

DECEMBER 13TH- YEARLY REFLECTION AND FULLNESS

PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WARREN

LENT 2026

“I invite you...to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.”

- *Book of Common Prayer Ash Wednesday Service, page 265*

SHROVE TUESDAY: The Brotherhood will host our Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, from 5-7pm. All are welcome...Invite a friend. There will be a free-will offering.



ASH WEDNESDAY liturgies will be held on Wednesday, February 18, at 10:00 am and 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Please join us as we begin observing this holy season of Lent

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

5:30pm Light Supper in the Narthex

6:00pm THE CHOSEN Episode w/ Table Talk:

February 25

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25



Lenten Saturday Instructed Eucharist: Understanding the Mystery

Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 AM ~ The Chapel

As part of our Lenten journey, you are invited to a Saturday morning of reflection and learning. We will begin with a light breakfast at **10:00 a.m.** in the Library, followed by a teaching session on the **Episcopal Eucharist in the Chapel**. This *Instructed Eucharist* will explore how our ancient traditions continue to shape and nourish our faith today.

Have you ever wondered why we bow, stand, or cross ourselves—or what the priest is doing at the altar during the “quiet parts” of the prayer? This relaxed, walk-through experience will gently pull back the curtain on our liturgy, as Mother Robin explains the history, meaning, and *why* behind the way we worship.

Whether you usually attend the 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. service, come join the whole parish family as we explore **“The Way We Worship”** together. All are welcome—from lifelong Episcopalians to those who are brand new or simply curious.

Interested in Baptism or Confirmation?

If you or your child is considering **Baptism** or **Confirmation** in the Episcopal Church, we invite you to take part in our upcoming preparation classes. These classes are an important time to explore the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation, learn more about the Episcopal Church, and reflect on the promises we make in our life of faith. They also offer space for questions, conversation, and discernment in a supportive setting.

Preparation Classes will be held at 11:30a on:

- March 1
- March 8
- March 15
- March 22

Baptism will take place on **Easter Sunday, April 5**, during the **10:00 a.m. service**, as we celebrate new life in Christ.

Confirmation will be celebrated at the **Regional Gathering on Saturday, May 30**, at **Christ Episcopal Church, Hudson, Ohio**.

If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Mother Robin, Paul Keriotis, or contact the church office. All are welcome—whether you are new to the church or returning after time away.

