

Episcopal 101 — for Everyone

6 Sundays, February 16 & 23 and March 1, 8, 15 & 29 at 11:45 am in the Bloom Room

This six-week class is specifically designed for those who are relatively new to this tradition and those who are considering officially being Received into the church. However, many folks at GSP and beyond take this class for various reasons. Some take it as a refresher, some want to increase their knowledge in specific areas, some come to hear the Rector's own take on the history, liturgy, sacramental tradition and theology of the church, and many come to take part in the theological discussions that have become such an important part of the learning in this class.

The first class will be on the history of the church from Jesus to the Protestant Reformation. The second class will be history, part II, a look at the church as it developed in America. Class three will be everything you always wanted to know about the Book of Common Prayer and our liturgy, but were afraid to ask. Class four will be a discussion of Sacramental theology, and what we mean by Sacrament. Class five will be on Episcopal church polity, how we get things done and how we govern ourselves. The last class will be a comparison of the Episcopal tradition with other Christian denominations, a discussion of the issues facing the church today, our Presiding Bishop, and a discussion of being Episcopalian in what may be a post-religious age.

Food will be provided. We will finish the week before Holy Week and each session will be video recorded in case you cannot make a class.

*Presented by **The Rev Steve Keplinger**, rector of Grace St Paul's.*