

**Church of the Ascension**  
**Proposed Agenda for the Vestry Meeting of**  
**Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. [via Zoom](#)**  
*Complete Zoom instructions separately provided*

**Devotions: "... the armor of light ..."**

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.* Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

I count myself among Episcopalians who, partly due to the language, particularly appreciate the Collects for the four Sundays of Advent. Their familiarity can cause us to gloss over the substance of them, however. On the First Sunday of Advent this year, I became aware that I've always relished praying '... put on the armor of light ...' but never paused to contemplate or apply it. I'm hoping you may share some imaginative and faithful responses to this phrase or other features of the Collect that arise from your own or our common faith and circumstances.      - *Fr. Raymond* +

**Thanksgivings & Intercessions**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Review and approval of agenda, with changes if any.**

**III. Review and approval of minutes from the November 14 meeting, with changes if any.**

*The minutes were separately sent by Clerk Reeves.*

**IV. Financial Report**

**A. Review and acceptance of the November 2020 Financial Report**

*The report was separately sent by Treasurer Schlough.*

**B. Review of 2021 parish operating budget and approval (subject to discussion/questions)**

**C. 2021 Stewardship report and follow-up**

*Subject to direction from the Wardens, members may be asked to follow up with members from whom we've not heard.*

**D. Rector request for \$1500 year-end bonus for one staff member.**

**E. Vestry consideration of 2020 Outreach allocations and seminary support.**

**V. Ministry Reports, if any**

**VI. Report on Tech Systems Installation**

**VII. Annual Meeting Planning**

**A. January Vestry meeting date/time – Proposed: Sat. Jan. 16, 11:30 a.m.**

**B. Annual Meeting Date/Time – Proposed: Sunday, Jan. 31, 11:30 a.m.**

**C. Format: Assume Zoom. *Gary to report on technology needs/options***

**D. Nominations Report – Ken Kelling et al**

**E. Ministry Reports – What reports do we wish to have included in the annual report?**

**F. Other**

**VIII. New and Old Business**

**IX. Prayer and Adjournment**