










CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
<p><i>Sundays:</i> 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Holy Eucharist—Rite II Masks optional</p>		<p>Eucharistic Lectionary Year A Office Lectionary Year 1</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2 <i>The Presentation of Our Lord</i> Groundhog Day Floyd Hill, Heather Comer Birthdays Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p> 	3	4						
5	<p>Epiphany 5</p>	6	7	<p>7 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	8	<p>9 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	11					
12	<p>Epiphany 6 Thomas & Florence Wilson Anniversary</p>	13	14	<p>14 Valentine's Day Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p> 	15	<p>15 Katie Comer Birthdays</p>	16	<p>16 Kaleb Boisvert Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	17	<p>17 Fran Powers Birthday</p>	18	<p>18 Sandra Will Birthday Trip & Lorrie Pollard Anniversary</p>
19	<p>19 Last Epiphany Bill Small Birthday</p>	20	<p>20</p> 	21	<p>21 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	22	<p>22</p> 	23	<p>23 James Comer Birthday Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>	24	<p>24 Saint Matthias The Apostle</p> 	25
26	<p>26</p> <p>1 Lent</p> 	27	<p>27 Shepherd Parrish, Sharon Chapman Birthdays</p>	28	<p>28 Church Office is open 9 am to 1 pm</p>							

February 2023 Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Lorrie Pollard
Counters: Susette Goodwin, Penn Bowers

February 5 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

LEM/Lector 1: Bill Carr
Lector 2: Lorrie Pollard
Usher: Kevin Cordray
Coffee Host: Margaret Hill

February 12 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

LEM/Lector 1: Penn Bowers
Lector 2: Millie Travis
Usher: Carolyn Smith
Coffee Host: Anita Cordray

February 19 The Last after the Epiphany

LEM/Lector 1: Pauline Vismer
Lector 2: Ben Armistead
Usher: Michael Silberman
Coffee Host:

February 26 The First Sunday in Lent

LEM/Lector 1: Bill Carr
Lector 2: Sandra Pelletier
Usher: Floyd Hill
Coffee Host:

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

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Finally in the words of Paul to his congregation in Corinth -

“I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you...And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work...Finally brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” (2 Cor 7:16, 9:8, 13:11, 13)

Blessings,

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The Messenger

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Farewells

Farewells are always difficult. We wish to be profound in case it is the last memory people have of us, yet we find ourselves at a loss for words. We want to express our thanks, our gratitude, and our affection, but fear sounding mushy or trite. So please accept these words in all their inadequacy as a token of my love and affection for each of you.

For a number of reasons, I did not stay as long as I had intended, but I have no regrets about coming. We are all changed by the journey, by the experiences we have and the people we meet. You will forever remain a part of my journey, a part of who I have become and I you. I would encourage you to open your hearts to the next priest that sojourns with you. Their passions, knowledge, and experiences will be different than mine and they may open up new doors for your spiritual growth that you have yet to discover. For that reason, while you will remain in my thoughts and prayers, I will not return for weddings, funerals, baptisms etc. nor will I discuss vestry matters or your clergy's preferences once I leave. Kids, pets, vacations, etc. I am still delighted to hear about and hope God blesses you in the years to come. I am on Facebook and Instagram and if you happen to be in south Texas, I would love to have the chance to catch-up and visit.

I have stopped posting my sermons on the website and will be closing it down before the end of January. It is expensive to maintain and I don't expect to be writing sermons on a regular basis going forward. If you want a copy of one before I leave, let me know and I can send it to you.

I know these are difficult and frightening times, but you have a lot of wonderful gifts of God's Spirit which will sustain you. I would encourage you hold close the vows you made at your baptism: to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking bread, and in the prayers", to "persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord", to "proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ", to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself", to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." (BCP 304-305)

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