










# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Eucharistic Lectionary Year C</i></p> <p><i>Office Lectionary Year 2</i></p>	<p><b><u>Sundays:</u></b> 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Rite II Masks required.</p>		<p><i>Church Office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 1 pm</i></p>			<p><i>1 The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i></p>
<p><b>2 The Second Sunday after Christmas Day</b> <i>11 am Lessons and Carols Service</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p><i>6:30 pm Gospel of Mark Study—ZOOM</i></p>	<p><b>6 The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <i>10 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</i></p>	<p>7</p>	<p><b>8 Amanda Swan Birthday</b></p>
<p><b>9 Epiphany 1: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b></p>	<p><b>10 Beverly in Tucson, Arizona for Continuing Education</b></p>	<p><b>11 Trent Parrish Birthday</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><i>6:30 pm Gospel of Mark Study—ZOOM</i></p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>10 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</i></p>	<p><b>14 Marla Small Birthday Russ &amp; Gale Martin Anniversary</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16 Epiphany 2</b></p>	<p><b>17 Fred Nichols, Beverly Patterson Birthdays</b></p>  <p><small>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</small></p>	<p><b>18 The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle</b> <i>Andrew Small, Bill Small Birthdays</i></p>	<p><b>19 Timothy O'Donnell Birthday</b></p> <p><i>6:30 pm Gospel of Mark Study—ZOOM</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>10 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</i></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> 	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23 ANNUAL Epiphany 3 Vestry Mtg. following the Annual Mtg.</b></p> 	<p>24</p>	<p><b>25 The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle</b></p> 	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><i>6:30 pm Gospel of Mark Study—ZOOM</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>10 am Pilgrim Series @ Rectory</i></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30 Epiphany 4 Susette Goodwin Birthday</b></p>	<p>31</p>					

My commitment to you in 2022 is to better utilize my strengths and empower you to better utilize yours. My request from you is that you be willing and open to share with this community your talents to the best of your ability in your current situation and if you are struggling, be it something big or small find a way to communicate that to me, your vestry, a ministry head, or a friend in the community that can help us help you. As we help one another, we strengthen the whole community

I have great hope for 2022. May you have a Happy New Year and blessings in the days to come.

Sincerely, Bev+

### January 2022 Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Ann Schwind, Liz Shifflett  
Counters: Gale Martin, Nelson Tucker

#### January 2 The Second Sunday after Christmas Day: Lessons and Carols Service

Readers: Pauline Vismer, Ben Armistead,  
 Millie Travis, and Penn Bowers

Usher: Millie Travis

#### January 9 The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Old Testament: Lorrie Pollard

New Testament: Millie Travis

Prayers of the People: Ben Armistead

Usher: Kevin Cordray

#### January 16 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament: Sandra Pelletier

New Testament: Pauline Vismer

Prayers of the People: Penn Bowers

Usher: Carolyn Smith

#### January 23 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament: Lorrie Pollard

New Testament: Millie Travis

Prayers of the People: Ben Armistead

Usher: Floyd Hill

#### January 30 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament: Sandra Pelletier

New Testament: Pauline Vismer

Prayers of the People: Penn Bowers

Usher: Nelson Tucker



# The Messenger

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### Pastoral Ponderings Dec 29 2021

"The unexamined life is not worth living" Socrates in Plato's *Apology*.

2021 has been a difficult year. I sense that it has been a difficult year for many of you. I know it has been a difficult year for me and the media has certainly reminded us it has been a difficult year for the world. We have two options for handling difficult years. We can hang our head and cry, or we can examine the ups and downs looking for hope in the good things, no matter how small and finding lessons in our fumbblings and failings seeking to grow wiser and stronger in the process.

The apostle Paul told the Romans "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:1-5)

As we have gotten to know each other this year, we have had a glimpse of one another's hopes and fears, passions and pains, strengths and weaknesses. My prayer for us as a community in 2022 is that we can focus on our hopes, passions and strengths to build a larger, stronger, and more committed community dedicated to the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

There is a growing sociological movement called Asset Based Community Development. At the core of the theory behind it is the belief that communities already have the assets they need to thrive, not just survive, but to truly be transformative. What is often lacking in communities is the sharing of those assets. Early Christian communities and our early pioneering communities understood this. When a barn needed to be built the whole community came together – some with materials, some with engineering and carpentry skills, and some with refreshment for the workers. Habit for Humanity is an example of barn raising today, but we don't need to limit this to construction. Everything we do can be improved when we acknowledge and joyfully participate in our interdependence and interconnectedness.

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