



EPISTLE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, Ohio

Helping all people find a connection to God's community.

January, 2022

WHAT'S NEXT?

A Statement of Mission



As Episcopalians in the
Diocese of Southern Ohio,
we commit to:

† Know the common story

Deut. 11:18-21

† Proclaim our common
faith

Matt. 28:19-20

† Pray our common prayer

1 Thess. 5:16-19

† Drink the common cup

Mark 10:38

† Serve the common good

Matt. 25:37-40

In the name of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is our common
ministry.

Dear Friends,

A new year is upon us, and like every new year, we make plans, we have expectations, we celebrate having gotten through the previous one, and we often hope that this new beginning will not bring too many unexpected changes. So, how's that working for you?

We've just celebrated the Nativity of Jesus. During Advent, which was the beginning of our new church year, we heard from prophets, including John the Baptist, of God's coming to be among us. What we usually don't hear during this time is the warning that God's coming is going to be far different from what we're used to. God's coming usually comes after a time of distress, or after we've neglected our relationship with God.

In ancient Israel and Judah, that neglect became known in the worshiping of idols and the failure to observe the commandments and traditions handed down by Moses. In a nutshell, the people and their leaders failed to be to each other who God had promised to be for them—one who shows compassion and mercy, who provides what is needed, and who defends in time of trouble.

We're pretty much okay with God doing all that for us. But we fall short on sharing compassion and mercy and hospitality to others, especially to the strangers among us. And that makes us strangers to God.

The new year is often represented in cartoons as a baby. We've just celebrated the birth of the baby Jesus. Anyone who's had up close and personal interaction with a baby knows that it doesn't take long until that baby starts requiring something from us.

We don't know what this new year will require from us. A continually mutating virus keeps spreading, as do the lies and deceptions about it and the means we have to try to stop it. Those "misinformation" tactics have become only one of the idols of our time. Except when Israel worshiped Baal, unless a large idol fell on someone, no one died. Until God had had enough, that is.

There's really only one plan we need to make for this new year. We need to plan, no matter what comes, to be people through whom God's promise of covenant relationship is made known. We'll remind ourselves of that on the First Sunday after Epiphany when we remember the Baptism of Jesus.

Let's make that plan, and see how it works for us.

--Wayne+

January 2022

Monthly Planner

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <i>2</i> 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> Bulletin Information Due | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <i>16</i> 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Vestry | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> 7:00 PM Bible Study Bulletin Information Due | <i>19</i> Epistle Information Due | <i>20</i> | <i>21</i> | <i>22</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>23</i> 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist ANNUAL MEETING | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i> 7:00 PM Bible Study Bulletin Information Due | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>28</i> | <i>29</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>30</i> 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist | <i>31</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Date/Proper | Readings | Assistants | Flowers* |
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| January 2 Second Sunday after Christmas | Lessons and Carols | | Kim Bohler |
| January 9 First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of our Lord | Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 | Karen Burkett, Lector Peter Hemer, LEM/Prayers Richard Mote, Usher | Nancy & Peter Hemer |
| January 16 Second Sunday after Epiphany | Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11 | Kim Bohler, Lector Jan Dunwoody, LEM/ Prayers Chris Nelson, Usher | Nancy Brumbaugh |
| January 23 Third Sunday after Epiphany | Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21 | Marlene Harvey, Lector Marty Davis, LEM/Prayers Peter Hemer, Usher | Open |
| January 30 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30 | Duane Johnson, Lector Gary Benesh, LEM/Prayers Richard Mote, Usher | Open |

*Please notify the office of flower dedication by noon on the Tuesday before the Sunday listed.

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