

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus
Christ in the Temple

February 2, 2020



*"Have you not known, have you not heard
those who wait for the Lord shall mount
up with wings like eagles."*

Isaiah 40:28,31

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Brice Johnston
J.R. Marshall
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VESTRY, STAFF, PARISH

At our Annual Parish Meeting on January 26, 7 people were elected to serve a 3 year term on the Vestry. From the outstanding slate of nominees, containing supremely qualified candidates, these 7 now join the Vestry:

Betsy Cannon
Cissy Johnson
Brice Johnston
J.R. Marshall
Scott Mitchell
Dudley Perry
Will Hill Tankersley Jr.

As we offer congratulations to them, we now also pray that God will equip each of our Vestry members to lead us as a parish that we might further live into our mission. All members of the Vestry are listed weekly on the cover of our newsletter so that you might keep them in your regular prayers. Jimmy McLemore will serve as our Senior Warden and Radney Ramsey as our Junior Warden in 2020.

The Rector and Vestry, in Episcopal Churches, form a complementary team. The Rector works for and reports to the Vestry and is entrusted with day-to-day decision making. The Rector also is charged with leading the Vestry and Parish, articulating a vision for our work together and listening to the counsel of the Vestry so that the vision might be ours together rather than that of only one individual. The Vestry and Rector consult with each other so that they may be in agreement about decisions made in the Parish's interest. Each time I meet with the Vestry, I am grateful for the wisdom of our Church which has given us this

order and the traditions of this parish which have held us together for so long. Our Vestry in particular has been blessed with a positive energy which enables them to address challenges as opportunities for growth. Their faith and expectations for success inspire me on a regular basis.

Each member of the Vestry serves on one or more committees and those committees report in at our regularly scheduled meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00. In between the meetings, the committees operate in their own ways with their own responsibilities. And to start each year, the entire Vestry goes apart for a two day retreat where we do dreaming for the future and planning for the year ahead. This year that Retreat will be held January 31 – February 2 at Camp McDowell.

In parishes as large as ours, the Staff plays a vital role in our common ministry and does the bulk of the work in our operations. Our Staff includes our Maintenance Staff which works hard to prepare our facility for the use it receives on a daily basis. Not only the daily set-up but also the repairs and general care of the building and grounds must be provided for. The Office Staff makes sure that the bookkeeping is in order, that records are properly maintained, and the many publications are taken care of. The Program Staff imagines, coordinates, and, in large measure, carries out the various events and offerings during the year. The entire staff meets weekly to insure good communication, then the Program Staff meets to make sure all our efforts mesh

THE LESSONS:

Malachi 3:1-4
 Hebrews 2:14-18
 Luke 2:22-40
 Psalm 84

THE COLLECT:

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**MINISTERS
 SERVING THIS
 SUNDAY**

ORGANIST AND

CHOIRMASTER: Joel Gregory

ACOLYTES: Anne Elaine Clark, Sofie Behr, Anne Frances Little, Anna Perry, Holt Spier, Jeb Clark, Molly Selman, Susannah Miller

VESTRY: 7:30 Dick Arrington 10:30 Georgia Holmes, Austin Huffaker, Alice Longshore, Jean Smyth

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Maria Pacheco-West, Tracey Campbell, Richard Anderson

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS: Mary Lil Owens, Bill Little, Arthur Mazyck

ALTAR GUILD: 7:30 Jean McDowell 10:30 Emmie Stroh, Anne King

PASTORAL CARE: Cindy Siebels, Florence Tyson, Margaret Ann Selman, Anne Hamner, Susan Harris

FLOWER DELIVERY: Jeanette Lynn, George Mathews, Mary Lil Owens

Flowers by the St. John's Flower Guild

together, then our Clergy Staff meets to discuss pastoral matters. Additionally the Program Staff meets each 6 months for a day-long planning session so that we might always be looking ahead and better prepared.

The parishioners themselves are not just the consumers of the products delivered by the Vestry and Staff. The parishioners are the ones doing the real ministry in the world and our hope is to insure that we are all fed and nourished in our various ministries. The ministry each member of the parish shares is to worship and grow in our common Christian faith and then to live out that faith in the various worlds assigned to each. Everywhere we go and every situation we are involved in is that place where we are invited to do acts of Christian ministry. Certainly lay ministry would include teaching classes, going on mission trips, volunteering at various functions at the church, and being involved in the programs. But lay ministry primarily is serving wherever we are planted on a given day, being faithful and obedient in our regular life duties. What the Staff and Vestry hope to offer is worship and Christian formation so that we may all enter our various ministries in healthier and more faithful ways.

St. John's is both remarkable and quite ordinary at the same time. We function as many large Episcopal Churches do around our country, raising up lay ministers who spread the hope of Christ in various ways. Yet our history, resources, and potential are all less ordinary. As we enter this new year with new Vestry members, a wonderful facility, and a professional staff, your prayers for all of us together are invited. May God make himself known among us and through us in 2020.

*Yours faithfully,
 Robert C. Wisnewski, Jr.*

JOY AND CONCERN

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Glenn Price, Christopher Marshall, Sarah Stone, Jim Thomas, Karen Jarrell, Eddie McDowell, Shirley Price, Florence Jordan, Joe McGough, Cynthia Hill, George Wakefield, Frances Condit, Johnny Smith, Carol Pierce, Delia Cerpa, Marilyn Pickett, Linda Hutchinson, Sandy Marks.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Rob Ludington, Barry Green-Burns, Gloria Hudgeon, John Robertson, Mary Linger, George West, Randy Rushton, Phil Dotts, Doris Thornton, Tommy Oliver, Ruth Jones, Karen & Angelo Pacheco, Acra Hackney Samuels, Margaret (Marty) Hackney, Ed Sellers, Tom Broadhurst, Ricky Hatfield, Willie Fred Gamble, Monica Powell, Chase Pickett, Al Perkins, Debbie Steindorff, Pam Litel, Aaron Hines, Daphne Oliver, Dawn Damato, Dottie Campbell, Scott Bradford, Mary Steindorff, Jack Mitchell, Margaret Carlson, Paula Hamm Roberts, Kim Barnhart, Lavada Spears Persons, Charles Colvin, Cookie Zibilich, Charlie Smith, Clemmon Barlow, Chuck Holley, Sandy Lynn Stevens, Masha Kloberg, Andy Silverman, William Hardwick Ray, Meredith McLemore, Elizabeth McLemore Baker, Ernie Reddick, Vaughan Dozier.

We praying for the firefighters battling the Australian brush fires.

Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.

St. John's Cursillo Upcoming Dates:

DIOCESAN ULTREYA, FEBRUARY 21-23

· a relaxing and fun weekend at Camp McDowell with Cursillistas from around the Diocese. J.R. is planning this event- it will be FUN!!! ask J.R. Marshall for more information

LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES - MARCH 11, 2020

-We will be serving dinner to the parish.

HONDURAS 2020

Planning for Honduras 2020 is underway and we are seeking applications from those who would like to participate as team members. Depending on interest, we are planning a multigenerational Bible school & work project week from July 10th—July 17th, and the medical trip is definitely set for July 17th – 25th. As a layperson you *do not* have to have medical skills to participate in the medical week—we have several important roles fulfilled by laypersons. Please give this serious thought and if interested, send an email to Kat Dailey at kat-dailey@mac.com. Interested youth may contact Joleen.

Inquirers' Classes for Adults During Lent

On the Sundays in Lent, March 1 – April 5, Jamie Osborne will lead an Inquirers' Class at 9:15 in the Library. Bishop Sloan will be here to confirm adults and young people on May 3 at 10:30, and all adults who wish to be confirmed should attend these classes. The classes are also appropriate for all new to the parish who have questions and as a refresher in the faith for those who are already confirmed members.

Spiritual Direction

St John's offers Spiritual Direction to anyone who wishes to deepen their experience and understanding of God, themselves, and others. The directee works with a trained Spiritual Director to deepen their spirituality and to open their hearts and ears to guidance from the Holy Spirit. If you are interested in entering into Spiritual Direction contact Betty Beale, a certified Spiritual Director, at ebeale@aum.edu or call 334-328-0748

The Flowers on the Altar this Sunday are to the glory of God and in memory of:

William Arthur Cannon
Mildred Lucille Hanna Coapstick
Mary Rita Cannon Unger
Thomas Eugene Cannon
Patricia Jean Cannon Hoefling
Vernon Charles Dahlstrom

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
8:15 am Breakfast
in the Parish House
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
4:20 pm Children's Choir
9:00 pm Compline on FB Live

MONDAY

12:00 pm Clergy Lead Bible Study

TUESDAY,

7:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:10 am Morning Prayer
on FB live
8:30 am Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY,

11:00 am Centering Prayer
5:30 pm Eucharist

THURSDAY,

12:05 pm Holy Unction
and Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

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selling soups to
benefit Carver
High School!! All
orders must be
placed by
February 9th and
pick up is
February 23rd**

Lenten Preaching/Teaching Series

Again this year we have some gifted and talented people coming to us on Wednesdays during Lent to Preach and Teach. At 12:05 pm on Wednesdays we have a liturgy for noonday and a sermon by our guest, followed by a luncheon. At 5:30 pm we have Eucharist, followed by supper at 6:00, and a Teaching in the Parish Hall at 6:30. There will be programs in the evening for children as well. Our lineup for 2020 is:

March 4 – The Rev. Dr. Victor Austin, Theologian in Residence of the Diocese of Dallas
March 11 – The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville
March 18 – The Rev. Daniel Strandlund, Vicar of St. Elizabeth's in Buda, Texas
March 25 – The Very Rev. Richard Lawson, Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Denver
April 1 – The Rev. Allison Liles, Priest-in-Charge of St. Stephen's in Hurst, Texas