First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.



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Welcome to St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church!

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!





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Holy Communion with Holy Baptism January 12, 2025 10:30AM The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Rite Two

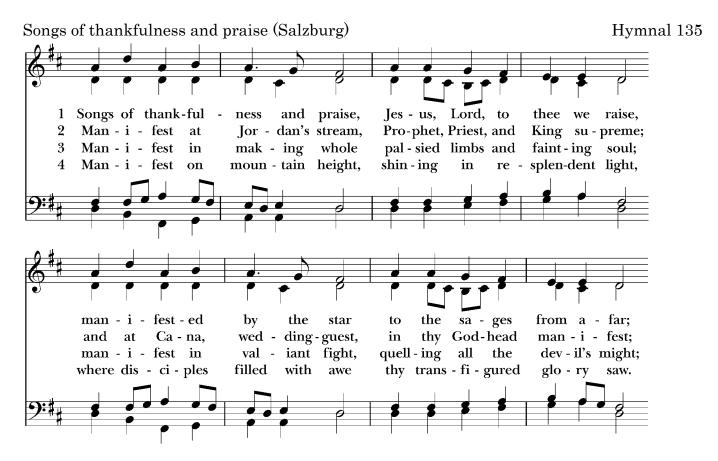
Prelude: "Morning Star" by Michael Burkhardt Greg Schreiner, Organ

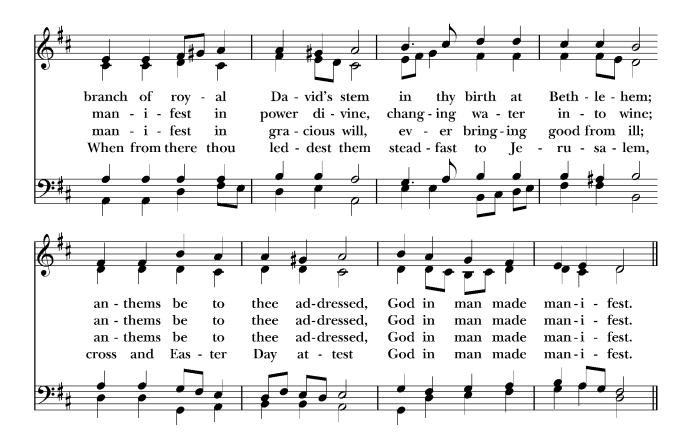
Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

(at the sound of the bells, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)

ENTRANCE HYMN





OPENING ACCLAMATION

(the Celebrant says)

Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM

Celebrant	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

(silence may follow)

PSALM: Psalm 29 (led by cantor, with congregation singing alternate verses)

Tone III.4



- 1 Ascribe—to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD / glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty / of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the migh/ty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice / of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD bréaks the cédär trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars / of Lébanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like ä calf, * and Mount Hermon like / a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness / of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips / the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are cry/ing, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King / for evermore.

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11 The LORD shall give stréngth to his péople; * the LORD shall give his people the bless/ing of peace. [Ant.]

SECOND READING

Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People	Thanks be to God.

(silence may follow)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung three times before and after the Gospel)

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

 $THE \ SERMON-The \ Rev. \ Katie \ Cadigan$

(a moment of silence is observed)

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

(the Celebrant says)

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

(the candidate who is unable to answer for himself is presented by his parents and Godparents)

Parents and Godparents

We present Winston Michael Cato-Fox to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

(when all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents)

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

(then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents on behalf of the infant and younger children)

Question	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question Answer	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? I do .
Question Answer	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? I do .
Question Answer	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do.

(after all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying)

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?People We will.

(the Celebrant then says)

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- CelebrantDo you believe in God the Father?PeopleI believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.CelebrantDo you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

	He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
<i>Celebrant</i> <i>People</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Celebrant People	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant People	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant People	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant People	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant People	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

(the Celebrant says to the congregation)

Let us now pray for Winston who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

(a person appointed leads the following petitions)

Leader People	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

(the Celebrant says)

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

(the Celebrant blesses the water, first saying)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

(the Celebrant says)

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was

anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(at the following words, the Celebrant touches the water)

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

(the candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying)

Winston, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

(then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying)

Winston, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

(when this action has been completed for the candidate, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

(the Celebrant says)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



Offerings in thanksgiving for God's gifts to us are invited through:

- Offering plate
- Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625
- Using the QR Code

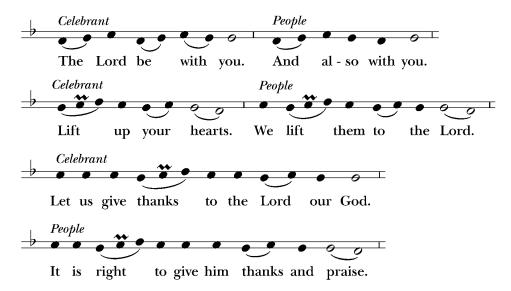
OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Ovid Young sung by St. A's Choir

(the people stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

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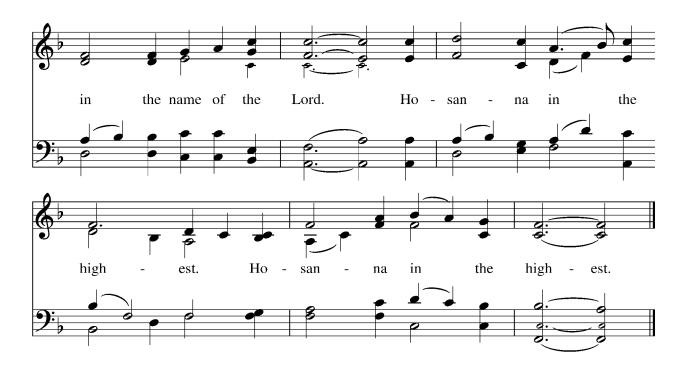
(the Celebrant proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





(the Celebrant continues)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

(the Celebrant continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.



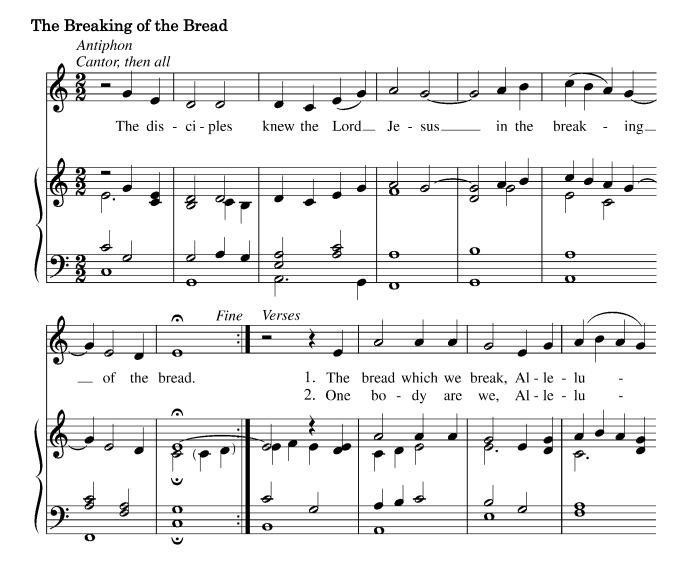
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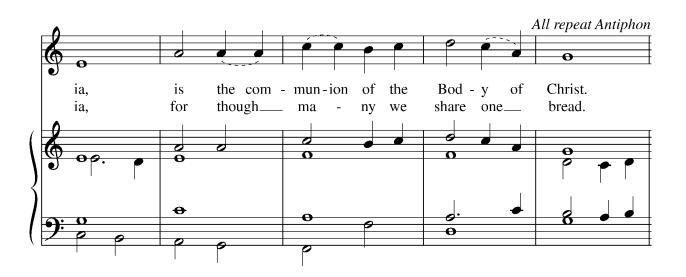
THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.





Invitation to Holy Communion

(Celebrant)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)

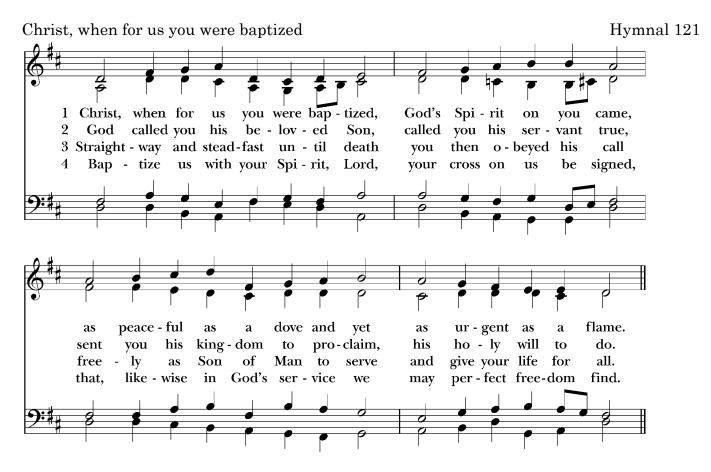
Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM – *I Open My Mouth To The Lord*, Traditional Spiritual sung by Pia Glenn

COMMUNION HYMN



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(please stand as we pray together)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

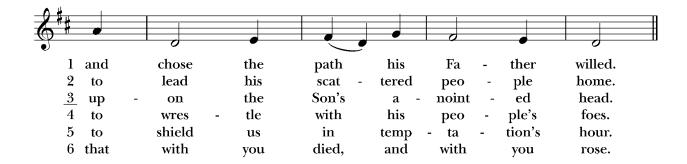
BLESSING

(the Priest blesses the people, saying)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: "My Heart Rejoices" by David Paxton Greg Schreiner, Organ

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gospel of Luke Sunday Forums Between services, 9:20 - 10:10am

Come discover – or re-discover – the riches of Luke which include the birth narrative and unique parables like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. We will read through the Gospel, exploring its stories and theological themes which include social justice, prayer and salvation for all. Topic today: Introduction to the Gospel. *Next Sunday: Chapters 1-3, Infancy through Baptism.* Meet on the 2nd floor of the church office building.

Fire Response: How You Can Help Funds for Diocesan Relief

If you would like to financially support Episcopal parishes and people devastated by the fires, Bishop Taylor invites your contributions to the One Body & One Spirit Appeal Fund. As of now, <u>all donations</u> to the Appeal will be directed the churches and people in the Diocese of Los Angeles most affected by the fires. No gift is too small! Give online: https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/

St. A's Annual Meeting - with lunch! Sun Jan 26, after the 10:30am service

Everyone is invited to a yummy lunch while we reflect on St. A's journey and ministries through 2024 and look at what is on the horizon for 2025. And we will elect new Vestry members! Bring your appetites and any questions for St. A's leadership. We will gather in Pierson Hall, under the church.

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