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The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

The Rev. David DeSalvo, Priest-in-Charge

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Morning Worship Online

9:00 am Morning Prayer

on Zoom

PC/Smartphone/tablet: **https://bit.ly/3LBSundayMorning**
Join by phone: 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099,
Meeting ID: 993 0976 0596, Password: 021389

Please plan to light an Advent calendar at the beginning of worship.

Worship will include "A Sacred Meal for a Dispersed Community" as part of the morning liturgy. Participants are asked to bring bread and wine for the Agape Meal. (See more below.)

(Immediately followed by a Zoom virtual coffee hour)

Note: the Bulletin will be provided on Saturday by email.

Sunday Lectionary Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Roman 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38
Canticle 3 or Canticle 15
or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Announcements

- **Morning Prayer**: Sunday, Dec. 20 at 9:00am on Zoom with Advent Candles and Agape Meal. Followed by Zoom Coffee Hour. *See more about these below.*
- **Bible Study**: Wednesday, Dec 23 at Noon on Zoom. Scripture: **John 5: 1-18**. Theme: **A Child Among Us**. Contact Fr. Dave to join the Zoom invite.
- **Christmas Eve Worship**: Thursday, Dec 24 at 4:00 pm on Zoom. Lessons and Carols; Inspiring Interviews with Angel, Shepherds, Innkeepers, Wise Persons, Mary and Joseph...highly appropriate for children.
- **Christmas Day Worship**: Friday Dec 25 at 9:00am on Zoom. A brief celebratory service of Morning Prayer on Zoom.
- **Save the date: Parish Annual Meeting** - Sunday, Jan 24.

More about our 9:00am Sunday Worship:

Advent Candle Lighting

Participants are asked to light an Advent Candle to begin each Sunday service in the season of Advent and us Christmas.

A Sacred Meal for a Dispersed Community

We will celebrate "A Sacred Meal for a Dispersed Community" as part of the morning liturgy*. Participants are asked to bring bread and wine for the **Agape Meal**.

Note: Acknowledging that we are not in the same physical space in the same way that Jesus gathered in the Upper Room with his disciples on the night before he suffered, we come together on each of the days of Christmas celebration to share a meal and share our spiritual yearning for closeness expressed by our Savior. Participants are invited to have ceremonial food of bread and wine for grape juice) prepared and laid out on a table.

*The Liturgy will be included in the Bulletin sent by email on Saturday.

Christmas Worship with the St. John's Community

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 pm on Zoom

Lessons and Carols
"plus" Inspiro Interviews of Angel, Shepherds, Inkeepers, Wise Persons, Mary and Joseph...highly appropriate for children

Christmas Day Worship

9:00 am on Zoom
Celebratory and brief Morning Prayer

Both services will be on Zoom at our regular worship Zoom link:

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Other Christmas Worship Opportunities Diocese of NH

The Diocese of NH will offer opportunities for Christmas worship. All will be streamed via the Diocese YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/c/NHEpiscopal

Christmas Eve

Bishop Rob will be presiding over three worship services on Christmas Eve with St. Andrew's in Hopkinton. The 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm services will be online on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/c/NHEpiscopal.

Christmas Day

Bishop Rob will provide a prerecorded sermon for the Christmas Day service with St. Paul's in Concord. Check the YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/c/NHEpiscopal.

Additional information and Bulletins can be found on the Diocese website Worship and Liturgy page https://www.nhepiscopal.org/worship-liturgy

Father Dave's Office Hours

Tuesday, Dec 22 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 23 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

On Zoom: https://bit.ly/3LBUfficeHours
or call Fr. Dave at 302.834.6272
Emergencies, please call Fr. Dave at 302.834.6272

The Church is not the building. The Church is the people.

2021 Pledge Form

EVERYONE AT JOHN

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21

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To see us continue to grow and serve the community, please *click on the form above or* click here to download a 2021 Pledge Form, print it, complete it and mail it in. Or if you prefer to pledge online, send an email with your pledge information to the church at stjohnbt@gmail.com.

Don't miss the video message about pledging from EpiscoBear....

Christmas Messages

Click here or on the image above for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas message.

Click here or on the image above for NH Bishop Rob Hirschfeld's Christmas message.

From Father Dave

In this world of online, email and video connections, Fr. Dave is busy! If you have not yet seen his messages...

Visit our website's "Church Online" page:
https://www.stjohnbt.org/church-online
for pastoral letters, videos and prayers.

Latest photos of our new building...
Kitchen Countertops!

Bo Keating, Dec 17
Garry Pike, Dec 20
Loretta Campbell, Dec 28
John Sullivan, Dec 30

Judy Gray and Linda Locicero, Dec 18
Rhonda & Dick Burke, Dec 23
Ann & Paul Elkins, Dec 23

Prayer List: Elijah, Jack, Claire, Joanne L., Tim, Sean, Jennifer and family, Paul, Joanne, Nathan, Fran, Maria, Dan, the Walker family, Jane and Carol, Sue A. & Jim, Anne, Barry, Margie, Harry, Thomas, Sedonia and Tyler, Dianne, Pat F., Hazel, John, Tess, Jeffrey, Michele, Peggy Sue, Martha, Deidre, Marshall and Victoria, Caroline, Julie, Harrison, Paula, Clara, John, Glenda, Tyler, Richard and family, Meg, Joanne, Martin and family, Tony S., Pamela, Earl, Michael, Galen, Dennis, Evan, Sharon, Ed, Anna and Jan, Steve, Martha C., Dick, Jerry, Brian, Kay, Ann, Tara, Sydney, Murphy, Kathy, Pete, Autumn, Ofin, Bobby's family, Julie, Mary's family, Jeanne and family, Ruth, Ann, Ruth, Ann, Ruth, Ann, Ruth, Ann, Ruth, Richard and Lisa, Connie, Meagan, Sal, Mickey, Dave T., Pam D., John, Rick and Nancy, Johnny, Stacey, the Syrian/Forrest family, Brian, the family of Margo Wallerden, especially Carol and John and Sharon, Joan, for Rhonda and the family of her cousin, for Susan's family, especially Martha and Jane, for Marshall's family, especially Victoria and Dale, Donna's family, Harry's family, Steve, Patty

Military Prayer List: Jeremy, Colton, Kevin, David, Maxwell, Martin, Tyler, Alex.

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