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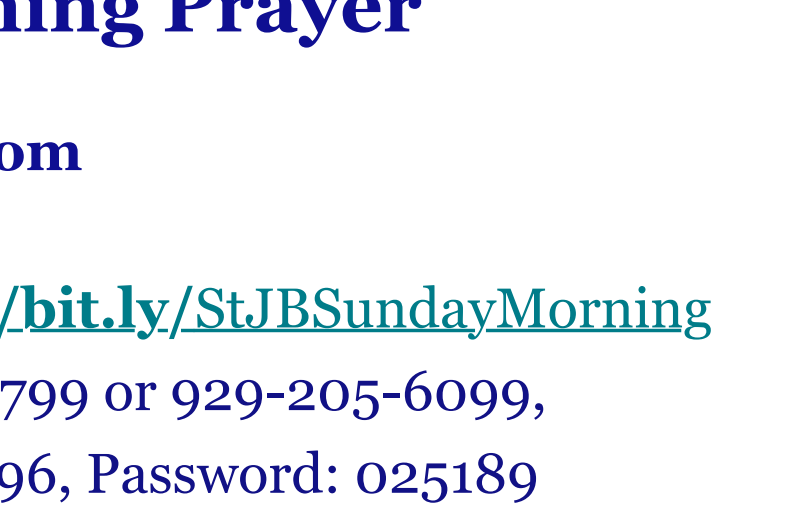
The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

The Rev. David DeSalvo, Priest-in-Charge



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Morning Worship Online



9:00 am Morning Prayer

on Zoom

PC/Smartphone/tablet: <https://bit.ly/StJBSundayMorning>
Join by phone: 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099,
Meeting ID: 993 0976 0596, Password: 025189

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

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)
[2 Peter 3:6-15a](#)
[Mark 1:1-8](#)
[Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#)

Announcements

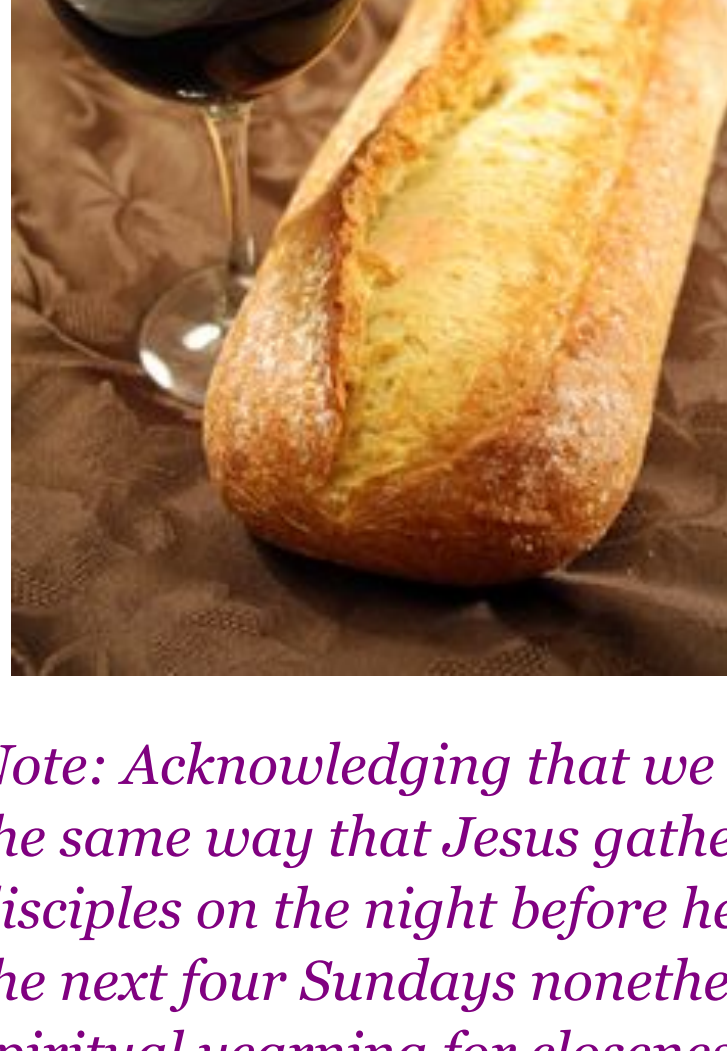
- **Morning Prayer:** Sunday, Dec 6 at 9:00am on Zoom with Advent Candles and Agape Meal. Followed by Zoom Coffee Hour. *See more about these below.*
- **Building Committee Meeting (IF needed):** Tuesday, Dec 8 at 4:30 pm on Zoom. *Please pray for the health of BC Chair Kirt Gillum.*
- **Book Group: Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times** by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Tuesday Dec 8 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Contact Fr. Dave to join the Zoom invite.
- **Bible Study:** Wednesday, Dec 9 at Noon on Zoom. Scripture: [John 1:6-8, 19-28](#). Theme: Who Are You? Contact Fr. Dave to join the Zoom invite.
- **Vestry Meeting:** Wednesday, Dec 9 at 4:00 pm on Zoom

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 on 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 next four Sundays nonetheless via online technology to share our spiritual yearning for closeness expressed by our Savior. Participants are invited to have ceremonial food of bread and wine (or grape juice) prepared and laid out on a table.

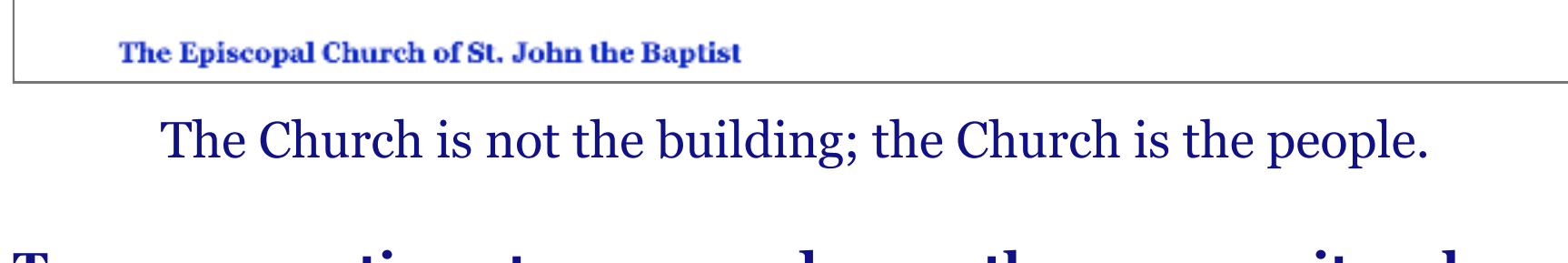
*The Liturgy will be included in the Bulletin sent by email on Saturday.



Father Dave's Office Hours

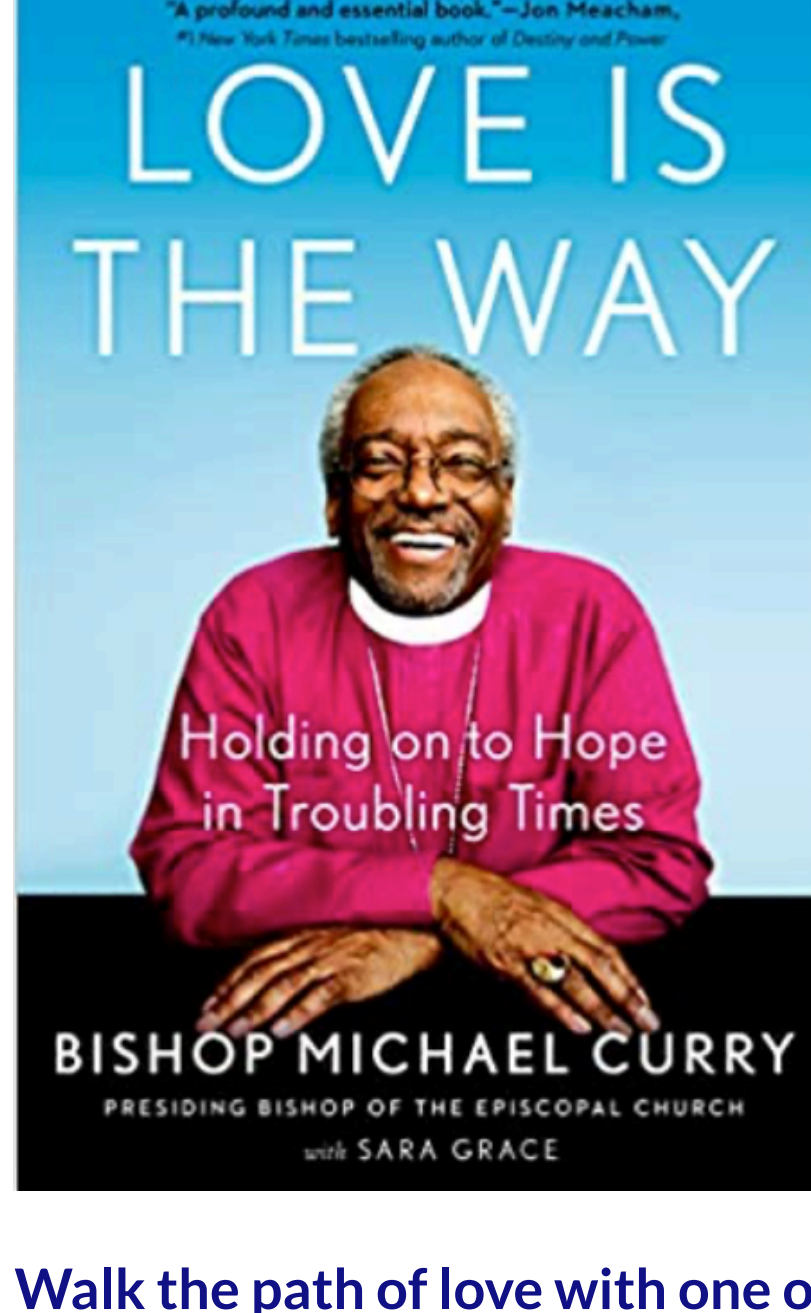
Tuesday, Dec 8 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 9 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

On Zoom: <https://bit.ly/StJBOfficeHours>
or call Fr. Dave at 302.824.6272
Emergencies, please call Fr. Dave at 302.824.6272



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

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 stjohnnb@gmail.com.



Book Group:

Tuesday Dec 8 &
Tues Dec 22
7:00 pm

Join us!
All are welcome!
Please let Fr. Dave (david.desalvo@gmail.com) know if you'd like to be on the list for the Zoom invitation!

Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action.

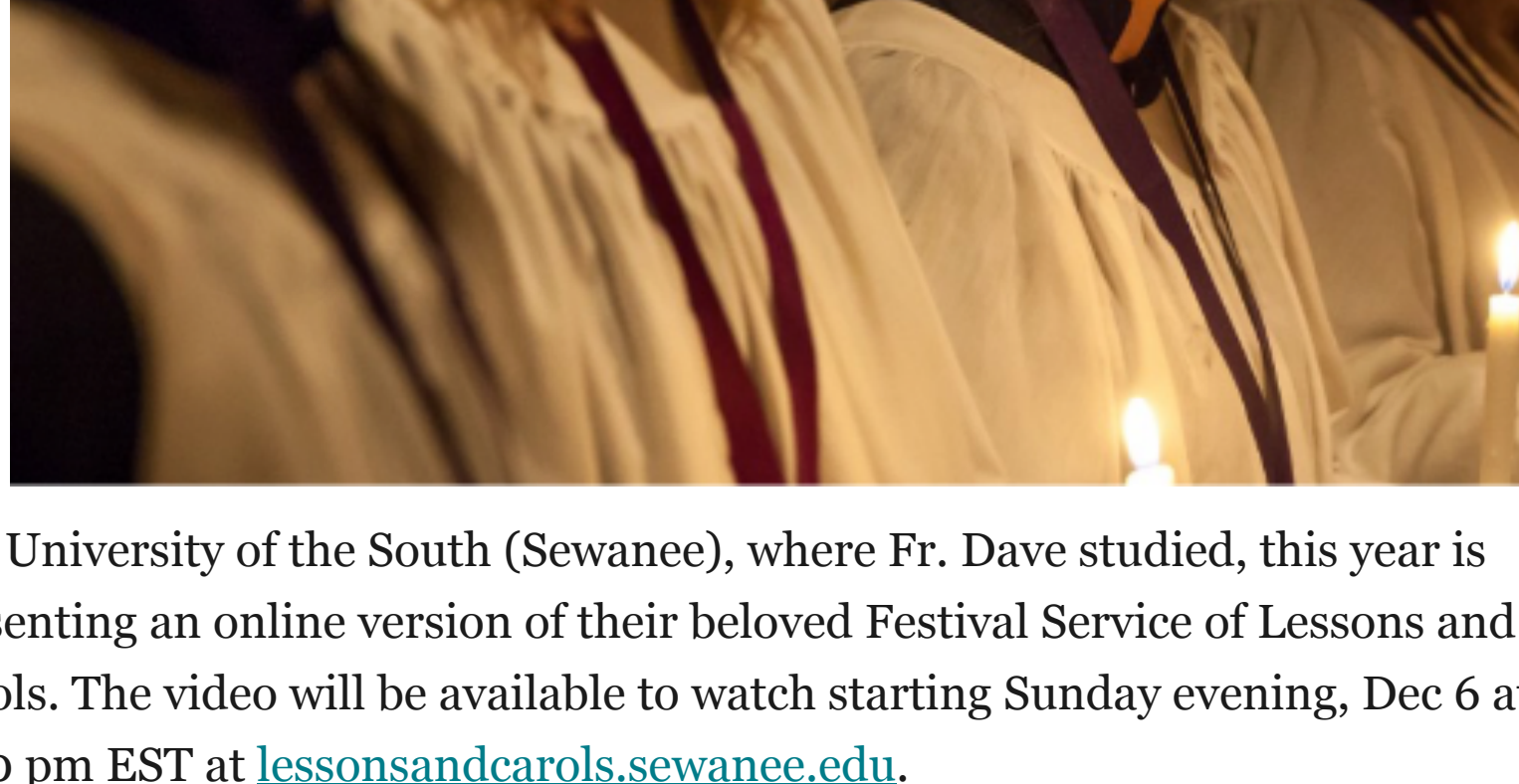
As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, Love Is the Way shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further.

The way of love is essential for addressing the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.

The book is available on Amazon and from other vendors.

Advent Worship Opportunity

Lessons and Carols from Sewanee



The University of the South (Sewanee), where Fr. Dave studied, this year is presenting an online version of their beloved Festival Service of Lessons and Carols. The video will be available to watch starting Sunday evening, Dec 6 at 6:00 pm EST at [lessonsandcarols.sewanee.edu](https://www.sewanee.edu/lessonsandcarols).

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.stjohnnb.org/church-online> for pastoral letters, videos and prayers.

The storage shed is now sporting nifty shutters!



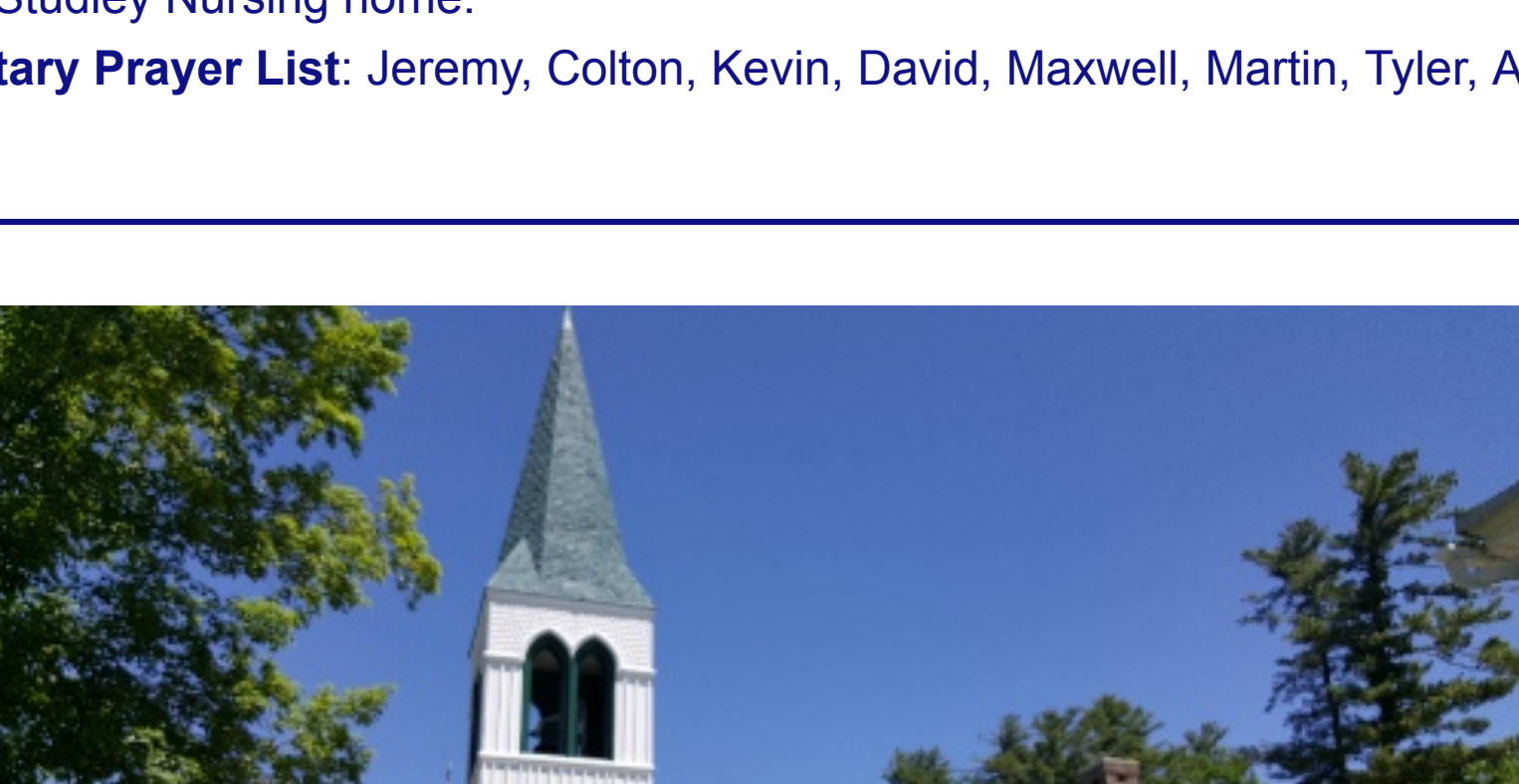
- Hattie Leslie Currier, Dec 3
- Rich Cotter, Dec 3
- Kathleen Twombly, Dec 9
- Mary DeSalvo, Dec 12
- Pat Fraser, Dec 16
- Sandy Thomas, Dec 17
- BO Keating, Dec 19
- Gerry Pike, Dec 20
- Loretta Campbell, Dec 28
- John Sullivan, Dec 30

- David & Vivian Moberg, Dec 8
- Kathy & Al Poulin, Dec 14
- Judy Gray and Linda Loucony, Dec 18
- Rhonda & Dick Burke, Dec 23
- Ann & Paul Elkins, Dec 25



Prayer List: Elijah, Jack, Claire, Joanne L., Tim, Sean, Jenifer and family, Paul, Joanna, Nathan, Fran, Maria, Dan, the Walker family, Joe and Carol, Sue A. & Jim, Anne, Barry, Marge, Harry, Thomas, Sebrina and Tyler, Diane, Pat F., Hazel, John, Tess, Jeffrey, Michele, Peggy Sue, Martha, Deidre, Marshall and Victoria, Caroline, Julie, Harrison, Paula, Olara, John, Gienda, Tyler, Roberto and family, Meg, Joanne, Martin and family, Tony S., Pamela, Earl, Michael, Galen, Dennis, Evan, Sharon, Ed, Amos and Jan, Steve, Martha C., Dick, Jerry, Brian, Hap, Ken, Tara, Sydney, Murphy, Kathy, Alex, Autumn, O'tin, Bobby's family, Julie, Mary's friends who had to evacuate in Oregon, Kirt and his family, the Froehling family, Ruth, Richard and Nancy, Lisa, Connie, Meagan, Sal, Mickey, Dave T., Pam D., John, Rick and Nancy, Stacey, the Synan/Daniell family, Brian, The family of Marge Walkden, especially Carol and John and Sharon, for Susan's family, especially Martha and Jane, For Marshall's family, especially Victoria and Dale, Barry and the Studley Nursing home.

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



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