



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, December 1, 2024

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

To increase our congregation's size in number and families;

To provide inspirational Eucharistic worship services every Sunday, and Eucharist with healing and anointing service during the mid-week;

To participate in ecumenical Blessing of the Palms and Blessing of the Animals services in our garden. To co-host an ecumenical "Honor our Seniors" day;

To offer some form of adult study class once a week, and to provide Sunday school for the youth of the parish so that our faith journey continues to grow;

To open up our building more during the week to groups, organizations, and individuals for the needs of the community;

To keep growing our focus outward on our neighbors and walking in love with all in need in our community so that we are better able to accomplish our Mission Statement.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

To know God, Love God, and serve God; by welcoming all, loving all, and serving all.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CORE VALUES

Celebrating God's love in the beauty of Anglican worship

Growing in our faith through study and spiritual disciplines

Serving the world in Jesus' name with our time, treasure & talent

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

Worship: December 1, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30, at St. John's, with **Rev. Rob Leacock**

Readings: The First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

St. John's Christmas Project -- St. John's Pivot Committee invites all parishioners to participate in our **2024 Christmas Gift Giving Project** to help the poor and the widows. [See details below](#)

The St. John's **Pivot Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, December 12, at 2:00 at the church.**

All are invited to join Teresa for a brief online **service of Compline** every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. during the season of Advent. Teresa will be emailing information about how to join on Zoom. The first one will be on December 4.

Compline is found on page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer. Compline is the last of four services in the Daily Office. It is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic

round of daily prayer. Compline is a simple office and includes a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle Nunc dimittis. A hymn for evening may follow the short reading from scripture. The collects may be followed by a time of silence, along with free intercessions and thanksgivings.

We hope you will be able to join us for this intentional time of prayer as we make our way through the season of Advent. Those who want to will have time to visit with each other after Compline is concluded. If you are not familiar with Zoom and have questions, please email Teresa at revteresacantrell@gmail.com and she will reach out to help you. If you do not have a prayer book at home, you can download the service for free here:

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/Compline&DailyDev.pdf>

PASTORAL NEWS:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Courtney Turner, Cole Jefferies, Jo Liddy, Sylvia Ross, Susan Taylor, Abigail Grace Fox, Camden Riley, Patricia Gibson, Brad Storey, Brycial Williams, Jean McCollum, Vivian Wright, Vic Juengel, Prudence O. McGehee, Donna Watson, Neville Jones, Dusty Trail, Steve Adams, Mandy Chaney, Royce Brown, Gene Parker, Vic Masters (Julie's brother-in-law), Stephen Barker, and Jill King Lawrence.

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1–2, **December 10, 2024**, Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations.

Grace Food Pantry – plastic bags go in the labeled container in the narthex. **Thank you.**

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December 1 - Holy Eucharist at 10:30 at St. John's with **Rev. Rob Leacock**

Lay Eucharist Minister & Acolyte: Gina Miles

Ushers: Tait Owens & Dana Kurts

Altar Guild: Julie Pittman & Andrea Clark

Video: Facebook Live: Melody Rogers

Flowers: Frances Howe

The St. John's Pivot Committee will meet on **Wednesday, December 11, at 2:00** at the church.

Vestry will meet **Tuesday, December 17, at 5:30** in the undercroft.

Temperature checks, hand sanitizer and masks are always available as you enter **if needed.**

For those that cannot attend in person on Sunday, there will be live streaming on Facebook.

The link for Sunday service is:

Facebook Group: **St. John's Episcopal Church-Helena, AR**

CDC COVID-19 guidelines (Vestry approved) Complete list is on table in the back of church   

St. John's Christmas project

St. John's Pivot Committee invites all parishioners to participate in our 2024 Christmas Gift giving project to help the poor and the widows. We have members of our church family that need help in making Christmas a joyous and loving celebration of our Lord's birth. We will try to provide this for two of our church families. There will be a list on the back table beginning November 24th with names of three children, their ages, sizes and their Christmas wish. Please sign your name beside the item or items you wish to provide and bring it wrapped and labeled to the church anytime between now and December 15th. (We will hold all gifts in the priest's office until the 16th.)

Also, you may give a check payable to St John's church and memo Pivot Christmas fund that will be used to buy food for the two families. All food and gifts will be delivered on the 16th of December by the Pivot committee.

It has been a long time since St. John's has done anything together as the body of Christ to help others experience the love and joy of Christmas. I hope everyone will join in as we share our bounteous blessings with others.

The Pivot Committee

Amir Akin (boy) age 12

Khaki Pants 30X30 slim men's _____

Shirt men's small _____

Tennis shoes adult 9 _____

Xmas wish Nintendo gift cards _____

Mason Walker (boy) age 6

Pants slim child's 6 _____

Shirt child's 6 _____

Tennis shoes child's 4 _____

Xmas wish child's scooter _____

Brittany Walker (girl) age 12

Dress girls 16-18 _____

Pants girls 16-18 _____

Shirt girls 16-18 _____

Tennis Shoes 6 adult _____

Xmas wish pink polaroid camera _____

Check for food _____

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**POINSETTIA
DONATIONS**

Please return this form along with payment, no later than Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024,
to be acknowledged in the program.

Name: _____

1.) I/We wish to order _____ Poinsettias at \$20.00 each.

2.) I/We wish to order _____ wreaths at \$24.00 each.

Given in Memory of:

Given in Honor/Thanksgiving of:

Given for **MUSIC** in Honor/Thanksgiving of:

