



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, February 2, 2025

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

SEARCH PRAYER

Gracious God, grant us your grace as we search for our next rector and spiritual leader. Give us openness and curiosity, a willingness to embrace change, and a hope for new possibilities for our congregation and our community of Helena. Give the Search Committee wisdom and discernment as they do their work in your name, and give us all the faith to put ourselves in your hands, knowing that you are doing more for us than we can desire, imagine, or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

Worship: February 2, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30, at St. John's, with **Rev. Teresa Cantrell**

Readings: The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

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

PASTORAL NEWS:

Royce Brown's funeral will be on Wednesday, February 12, 10:30 am, at Christ Episcopal Church in Little Rock.

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, Steve Adams, Mandy Chaney, Gene Parker, Vic Masters, Jill King Lawrence, Jeff Taylor, Floy C. Hurt, Pat Pankey, and the family of Royce Brown.

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1–2, **February 11, 2025**, Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 2: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am Sunday with Rev. Teresa Cantrell.

LEM: Allison Biederman

Acolyte: Jack Pillow

USHERS: Ben Pittman & Ward Phillips

Altar Guild: Bennett Sellers & Lindalu Hargraves

Video: Facebook Live: Jessica Pillow

Flowers: Betty & Jim Bush

Search Survey for St. John's : [If you have not completed your survey and returned it to Allison, there are some on the table in the church. We have extended the time since we could not have church last week. The Bishop has requested this be done to help in our search for a Rector. \(You don't even have to answer every question or even sign the form. The information we receive will be greatly appreciated.\). Thank You!](#)

The Search Committee will meet Wednesday, **February 5, 5:30 pm at the church.**

St. John's Episcopal Church new fliers are on the table

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**

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

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

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