

Future Offerings

Living the Questions

This course is an alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers to their questions about Christianity and the Bible. In a format that includes 20 minutes of video segments of conversation by some of the leading progressive voices of Christianity, questions are raised and discussed within the group.

Those Episkopals

The Episcopal Church is known as the "thinking person's religion." It is a Church solidly grounded in scripture, tradition, and reason, that will not accept simplistic answers to complex questions. With humor and insight the author answers questions such as: Why do Episcopalians read their prayers? Does God like all that ritual? Can you believe anything you want and be an Episcopalian? Why does our church reject Biblical Fundamentalism? The student will finish the course with a better understanding of The Episcopal Church.

Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth

The spiritual disciplines are God's means of grace by which we are enabled to bring our bodies and place them before God as a "living sacrifice." God then steps into our small offering and produces in us graces and virtues we could hardly imagine, building an inner person that is characterized by peace and joy and freedom. Discover a richer spiritual life infused with joy, peace, and a deeper understanding of God.

All Are Welcome!

We hope that you will join us for these courses that take us deeper in the faith and helps us to grow into the likeness of Christ. They have been chosen to be engaging and transformative.

These classes are also wonderful ways to introduce friends and family who may be interested in exploring Christianity, reconnecting to their faith, or learning more about the Episcopal Church. Please don't hesitate to invite them.

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Christian Education



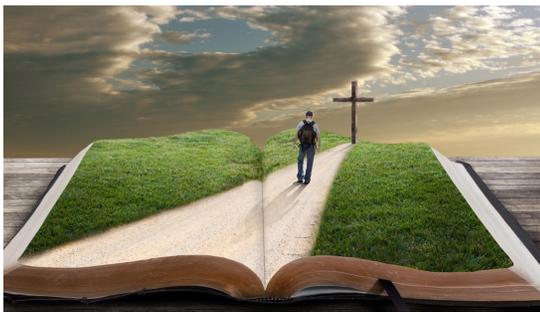
Course Offerings 2022-23

Grow Deeper

Christians are *followers* and *disciples* of the Master Teacher: our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As such, we have a responsibility to learn and implement His teachings in our daily lives. To help you with that we are excited to offer a line-up of Christian education courses for 2022-23 which will take you deeper into the faith and allow you to better understand the story of God and His relationship with His people. We hope that you will choose to participate in these offerings as part of your Baptismal Covenant promise to “continue in the apostle’s teaching” (BCP pg 304) and grow deeper in the faith..

It is our belief that these courses will help you build a foundation that will facilitate spiritual growth.

In addition to the foundational courses we will offer other spiritually enriching courses, this year and in subsequent years, that will develop your Godly character and help you journey farther along the path to spiritual maturity and wholeness.



Core Courses

The Path: A Journey Through the Bible

If you don't know much about the Bible, this course is for you! Here's an opportunity to walk through the entire canon of the Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, in an easy and accessible format. *The Path* uses excerpts from the Bible and weaves them together, presenting an overarching story of our faith in twenty-six sessions. You will gain a better understanding of our relationship with God, and be prepared to go deeper in your study of the Bible.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Fall, Winter, Spring 2022-23

Embracing Evangelism

A six-part course exploring our call to seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people, and then invite everyone to more. Each session features teachings on evangelism, group discussion, and exercises to help Episcopalians understand the call to evangelism.

Wednesday Evenings, 6 p.m., Fall 2022

Lectionary and Book-Based Study

On Sundays, in-between other scheduled courses, come discuss the lectionary readings you'll hear in church that morning, or join us in a clergy recommended book study. Open your heart and mind to receive God's Word with new perspective and understanding.

**Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Year-round
Forgive and Get Your Life Back.**



DEEPENING
DISCIPLESHIP

Further Enrichment

Forgiveness is a process that is often misunderstood. There is a distinction between forgiving, reconciling, and restoring a person that has hurt us to their former position in our lives. This study explores the steps in the forgiveness process.

Wednesday Evenings, 6 p.m. Lent 2022

Discovering Your Gifts

In this five-session course, you will learn what spiritual gifts are, why God has gifted them to us, and how they are to be used. You'll also discover your particular spiritual gifts, including those God is still working on in you to develop. This course is intended to help you and other believers use your gifts to the glory of God.

**Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Summer 2022
Saturday workshop, Advent 2022,
Easter 2023**

Transforming Questions

This is a ten-session course designed to help participants engage the basic question of the Christian faith through a combination of teaching and conversation. Scripture tells us that Christ becomes known to us in the breaking of bread. Participants gather in small groups to **share a meal** and hear a presentation about a central question of the Christian faith. All are invited into deeper reflection and engagement with such questions as: Who is Jesus? Does God answer prayer? Why do bad things happen?...and more.

**Wednesday Evenings, 6 p.m.
Epiphany & Lent 2023**