

The stream

January 24, 2021



The next Book Club gathering will be on Saturday February 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Barb Poth. We will be reading "The Return" by Nicolas Sparks. Hope you can join us. Happy Reading!!!

Annual Meeting update

Thank you to all who took part in last week's annual meeting and online survey. We will be sharing updates from Fr Nathan on upcoming Christian Education opportunities in the coming weeks.

We would like to welcome our incoming vestry members: **Phil Beck, Judy Herrero, Amy Miller and Al Wisuri.** 2021 is sure to be a very exciting time in our church! Thank you for prayerfully considering and serving our church!

We want to especially thank the departing vestry members who served our congregation with integrity and love for Christ and one another. Special thanks to **Kathleen Dorman, Paula Kiss, Lynette Stime, and Katherine Wright.**

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God's Footprints by James Banks

How many are your works, Lord! Psalm 104:24

"I know where God lives," our four-year-old grandson told my wife, Cari. "Where is that?" she asked, her curiosity piqued. "He lives in the woods beside your house," he answered.

When Cari told me about their conversation, she wondered what prompted his thinking. "I know," I responded. "When we went for a walk in the woods during his last visit, I told him that even though we can't see God, we can see the things He's done." "Do you see the footprints I'm making?" I had asked my grandson as we stepped through a sandy place by a river. "The animals and the trees and the river are like God's footprints. We know that He's been here because we can see the things He's made."

The writer of Psalm 104 also pointed to the evidence for God in creation, exclaiming "How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures" (v. 24). The Hebrew word for wisdom found here is often used in the Bible to describe skillful craftsmanship. God's handiwork in nature proclaims His presence and makes us want to praise Him.

Psalm 104 begins and ends with the words: "Praise the Lord" (vv. 1, 35). From a baby's hand to an eagle's eye, our Creator's artistry all around us speaks of His consummate skill. May we take it all in with wonder today—and praise Him for it!

Reflect & Pray

Where do you see God's handiwork in creation? How might you point someone to it—and to Him—today?

I praise You for all You've made, God! Help me to live in wonder at Your wisdom and goodness today.



Please Pray

For the church, the clergy, especially **Fr Nathan, Fr Michael, Fr Tom, Fr Mark,** and **Bishop Ken.**

That we may each recognize God's presence in our lives and overflow with grace, patience and love for ourselves and for those we encounter each day.

For the people of Wellspring and the mission of the church, that we may witness the love of Christ to the world, and especially for Fr. Shane and his wife Kris and the leaders of St George's Anglican Church in Phoenix, Arizona.

For our nation and our state and all those in authority, that they may act with wisdom and fairness, as they work through information and communicate to the public during this season.

For the people of this world, especially for those working hard to understand and combat the COVID-19 virus, for small business owners and churches that are now trying to keep their businesses operating, for medical professionals and hospital staff, as well as police and fire staff, during this busy and stressful time, and for workers who are considered essential, pray for their health and safety. Pray for those working hard to administer and also those receiving the COVID vaccine.

For those who suffer, are in need, or any sort of trouble, especially for our church family members experiencing physical troubles.

For **Jan Wysong**, pray for relief from pain and a quick diagnosis.

For **John Bree**, and the Bree family, as they mourn the loss of Debbie.

For **Nancy Petterson** and her daughter, pray for continued healing as she recuperates from her fall and surgery.

For **Tom and Katherine Wright**, pray for strength and wisdom as they meet with doctors and navigate treatment plans. Please pray for wisdom for Tom's medical team, safety for he and Katherine as they travel, and complete healing.

For **Alita Roberts**, for strength, peace, and relief from all pain.

For **Jane Mills**, and her family, as her health is declining. Pray for peace for her children.

For **Paula Kiss**, as she prepares for medical tests on the 29th. Pray for peace of mind and safe travel as well as wisdom for her medical team.

For our **parishioners** living in care facilities as they are under quarantine and not receiving visitors.

For healing and relief for members of our church family including **George Bishop, Donna Hoegh, Rebe Holmes, Cora MacDonald, Bev McKinney, Jane Mills, Alice Ngunjiri, Sally Kennedy, Gail Sanders, Sandy Sanders, Jo and LaMonte Thornburg,** and **Mary Lou York.**

For other family members and friends who are suffering from illness and stress of any kind, including **Terry Beck, Alexis, Bob, Elijah, Emily, Steve John, Kathy, Caroline Kramer, Laura Marie, Lupe, Marcie, Elaine McClenaghan, Piper Sousa, Vern,** and **Ryan Owens.**

For the friends and family who grieve the loss of their loved ones, especially for **The Bree family on the loss of Debbie.**

In Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of **Rose Torres**, baby girl born to **Amber McLenson.** Congratulations to Amber and the Poth family.

In Thanksgiving for **Mark Gilkey** and his wife **Marina** as they are expecting their first child, a boy due in March, **Ian and Jennifer Poth** who are expecting baby #4, and **Matt and Deborah Heinrich** who are expecting a baby girl.

*Please call the office and let the clergy know if you are having health challenges. For prayer chain requests, please contact **Teddy Ellison** at 248-7926 or teddy-ellison@comcast.net*

The Wellspring Family Calendar

January

- 24 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 26 Vestry meeting, 3pm via Zoom
- 31 LiveStream service, 10:15am

February

- 1-2 Diocesan Synod in Colorado Springs
- 1-2 Office closed, staff at Synod
- 7 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 14 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 17 Ash Wednesday
- 20 Book Club
- 21 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 28 LiveStream service, 10:15am

Send calendar items to admin@wellspringmodesto.com
or drop a note in the office.



January 24, the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Jeremiah 3:19-4:4

Psalms 130

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Mark 1:14-20

January 31, the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

All scripture readings are NIV We use the 2019 BCP Lectionary.

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All the links in one place!

- ◇ We have an online giving option! If you would like to check it out, click [here](#)
- ◇ Our website is staying up to date, check it out [here](#)
- ◇ Sermons are loaded on the website, and will be available immediately following our live service on Sundays, click [here](#)
- ◇ We are now offering a LiveStream of our Sunday services on our Facebook page. Click [here](#) to view the service as it happens. You can also check out our YouTube channel later in the day for the service on that platform.
- ◇ Though we aren't using very many volunteers on Sunday mornings just yet, the master calendar can be found [here](#)