

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

Rich in history, a visible & living church welcoming everyone to the family of Christ.



Dear friends in Christ,

One of the author/artists I follow is Jan Richardson. I was reading some material about the Advent season and came across something she posted a few years ago and wanted to share it here.

“As Advent has approached once again, I have had vigils on my mind. Three years ago, as Advent began, we were nearing the end of the vigil we had kept for my husband following his fateful surgery. Gary died on the second day of Advent, forever altering the way I enter into this season of expectation.

When we have had an experience of waiting that ended in devastation instead of joy, when we have kept a vigil that drew us into grief instead of celebration, it can be difficult to know just how to navigate the call that lies at the heart of Advent: to wait, to watch, to wake.

This year, as Advent begins and I wonder about what it means to wait, I cannot shake the sense that there is a vigil being kept for me: that I am being waited for, that I am being watched over, that there is one who lingers at the edge of my awareness, breathing with me and blessing me as I move through these days.

Advent asks us to keep vigil for the Christ who comes to us anew in this season. It invites us to keep our face turned toward the horizon in hope. But Advent asks us also to open our hearts to the Christ who keeps vigil for us, the Christ who stands not on some distant horizon but, instead, is already with us, waiting for us to open our eyes to his presence that stays with us always.

As Advent begins, may you be blessed in your vigil: the one you keep, the one being kept for you. In that vigil, may you find your deepest welcome and know yourself at home. Peace.

Blessing the House of the Heart

If you could see
how this blessing
shimmers inside you,
you would never wonder
whether there will be
light enough,
time enough,
room enough for you.

If you could see
the way this blessing
has inscribed itself
on every wall
of your heart,
writing its shining line
across every doorway,
tracing the edge
of every window
and table
and hall—

if you could see this,
you would never question
where home is
or whether it has
a welcome for you.

This blessing wishes
to give you
a glimpse.
It will not tell you
it has been waiting.
It will not tell you
it has been keeping watch.

It would not
want you to know
just how long
it has been holding
this quiet vigil
for you.

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for you.

It simply wants you
to see what it sees,
wants you to know
what it knows—
how this blessing
already blazes in you,
illuminating every corner
of your broken
and beautiful heart.”

May you all find ways to prepare our hearts for new birth of love and life with Christ.

Rev Deb

Celebrating Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming." Advent begins the church year, starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation for Christmas since at least the last half of the 6th century. Advent is a time for self-examination and asking for forgiveness as the church is preparing for Christ's Second Coming even as it prepares for Christmas. This is why the color of the season is purple (or sometimes blue), which is used for marking Lent, the season of self-examination preceding Easter. The third week in Advent is set aside as more celebratory than the others. Rose is the color of this week rather than purple to mark the week, which is why a rose candle is used in Advent wreaths. Cedar—to remind us of eternal life available to all through Christ. Holly—to remind us of Jesus' crown of thorns. Bay—to remind us of victory over sin and death.

Each week, an additional candle is lit. As the light grows brighter, we are reminded that the Light of the World will soon arrive in glory. The central white candle is to be larger (often thicker) than the four in the wreath. This relatively recent addition to the Advent wreath signifies the Light of Christ and is first lit on Christmas Eve and relit burned on Christmas Day.

Mark you calendars for Advent Lessons and Carols



Join local choirs and the
Millington String Quartet
for an evening of
**ADVENT LESSONS
AND CAROLS**
December 14th at 7:00pm

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It's time to start the
Decorating the church
Our Saviour. Please
donation for poinsettias.
Please fill out one
poinsettias you would
We suggest a donation
put "Altar Guild" on
plate. Thank you very

The Altar Guild

The deadline for purchase

<http://www.oursaviourplacerville.org>



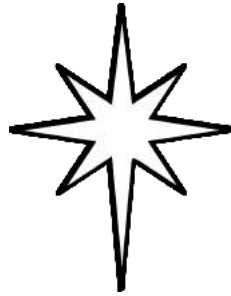
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Celebrate Christmas at Our Saviour

Please join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. We will have a service at 4 pm that is geared to young children and families.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4pm

Children are welcome at our services.

REPORT ON THE 2019 DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 109th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California began with a celebration of Holy Eucharist November 7th, 2019 with our Bishop Megan Traquair presiding and preaching.

The Convention officially opened Friday morning, November 8, following Morning Prayer. Sixty Five congregations from the Northern California Diocese were represented. From Our Saviour in Placerville, Rev. Debra Sabino, Rev. Dr. Christine Leigh Taylor and Deacon Steve Shortes were present for clergy. Leslyn Shortes, Randall Douglas and Leta Parks attended as lay delegates.

Bishop Traquair made formal appointments for the officers of the convention and set the house rules. Reports were given by the convention officers which are available on the Diocesan website. The Bishop further made appointments for Archdeacons, Ecumenical Religious Officer, Indigenous Missioner, ERD Coordinator, and the Commission on Ministry, The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California, and Regional Deans of Convocations. Reports were offered by all of these offices.

Elections were held for the Board of Trustees and Standing Committee. DonnaJo Woolen and Miles Clark were elected to the Board of Trustees and The Rev. Seth Kellerman and Leta Parks were elected to Standing Committee.

Five resolutions were proposed. Four of them were passed by the voting delegates, one requesting the Bishop to appoint a Commission on the Environment in January 2020 to offer resources, expertise and support to congregations in the diocese for care of God's creation. A second resolution that called for each church within the Diocese to develop a plan to address climate change and make substantial efforts toward becoming carbon neutral by 2030 failed.

A third resolution, proposed by our Associate Priest, Rev. Dr. Christine Leigh Taylor, calling for the Diocese to support California State Parks in its intention to restore Emmanuel Church in Coloma passed by voice vote.

Two resolutions that required changes to the Canons of the Church also passed. One of these granted voting privileges at convention to clergy who serve in the Diocese but who may not live in the Diocese. The other canonical resolution exempts creative staff salaries paid by congregations from the apportioned share to be paid to the Diocese.

The keynote speaker at convention was Mary Parmer, Director of INVITE, WELCOME, CONNECT at the University of the South. Ms. Parmer talked about how we as Episcopalians can grow our church by overcoming our natural shyness to reach out to newcomers and invite them into our community. She also conducted a workshop demonstrating methods of accomplishing this goal.

Bishop Traquair gave her convention address "Deep Roots, New Fruit" with the theme of New Beginnings. She reviewed her visits to congregations in the Diocese and invited us to explore together how we can live out our Baptismal Covenant.

Resolutions of Memorial and Courtesy were presented.

After six ballots, four lay and four clergy deputies and four lay and four clergy alternates were elected to attend the 2021 General Convention in Baltimore.

The language of all resolutions and results of elections are available on the Diocesan website.

The Convention closed at 10:50 am on November 9, 2019

Vestry News

Vestry members oversee parish financial issues and approve the annual budget. They also serve as liaisons for communication between the Vestry and Ministry Teams. We will have two seats up for election in 2020. Both are 3 year seat positions. Vestry members should represent the breadth and diversity of the parish membership and the slate of nominees should be drawn from a broad spectrum of parish life. To be eligible to serve on the Vestry, a person shall be a communicant whose name is duly enrolled in the Register of the Parish, be sixteen years of age or older, regular in attendance at services and other church activities, and a steward of their time, talent and treasure for its support.

Vestry members are expected to:

- 1) Be actively involved in the programs, activities, and spiritual life of the parish;
- 2) Regularly attend worship services, monthly Vestry meetings, retreats, and conferences;
- 3) Model stewardship of time, talent and treasure.
- 4) Be willing to serve as a liaison to the Ministry Team
- 5) Work with the clergy, staff, and other members of the parish to foster an environment of mutual trust and prayerful support.
- 6) Attend major gatherings of the congregation (e.g., Annual Meeting,) and as many other events (e.g., Adult Formation opportunities, fundraising and community-building activities, etc.) as possible.
- 7) Serve the entire parish and not a constituency.
- 8) Be committed to careful listening and open and respectful dialogue, considering a wide range of points of view.
- 9) Take seriously personal growth in the faith through community or private study and practice. If you wish to nominate a candidate for the Vestry, please discuss it with him or her and convey the eligibility requirements and these expectations to each person you wish to nominate to ensure that each nominee is eligible and willing to serve. Vestry Nominations are due by December 13th.

Delegates to Convention

Lay delegates and alternate delegates are elected either at the congregation's annual meeting. All congregations have at least one delegate. We send three delegates and two alternatives which are certified as such to the Secretary of the Convention and then listed on the official voting and mailing lists.

A lay delegate should be someone who can represent the congregation and vote on its behalf on a variety of subjects. A member of the vestry or a retiring warden often makes a good delegate because of intimate knowledge of the workings of that congregation.

All congregational clergy also serve as delegates and should be considered as part of the congregation's delegation. Delegates represent their congregation at the annual Diocesan Convention and any specially convened conventions. Delegates advise their vestry/mission committee and congregation of issues pending before the region or the Diocese, seek their opinions, and report back to them when actions are taken. All delegates and alternate delegates should reserve the date of the Diocesan Convention which is November 6-7, 2020.

NOMINEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT - Must be submitted no later than December 13, 2019

I _____, agree that my name may be placed in nomination for election to the Vestry of The Church of Our Saviour. I understand that in order to serve on the Vestry I must be 16 years of age or older, a communicant in good standing for a continuous period of at least 12 months prior to my election, and baptized/received into the Episcopal Church, or will be baptized, confirmed, or received as soon after election to the Vestry as practicable.

I understand that as a member of the Vestry, I am expected to act in a manner that expresses my position of faithful leadership in the parish. These expectations include:

- 1) Be actively involved in the programs, activities, and spiritual life of the parish;
- 2) Regularly attend worship services, monthly Vestry meetings, retreats, and conferences;
- 3) Practice proportionate giving with an awareness of the tithe as the Biblical standard of giving;
- 4) Be willing to serve as a liaison to a committee in the church.
- 5) Work with the clergy, staff, and other members of the parish to foster an environment of mutual trust and prayerful support.
- 6) Attend major gatherings of the congregation (e.g., Annual Meeting) and as many other events as possible.
- 7) Serve the entire parish and not a constituency.
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- 9) Take seriously personal growth in the faith through community or private study and practice.

Vestry group norms:

Meetings begin & end on time

Be prepared for the meeting Be open, honest, direct -- transparent

Respect one another

Assume good intentions

No side conversations

Everyone participates

Keep appropriate confidentiality

Embrace consensus that does not require full agreement Once a decision is made, the group respects it.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Please return the Nomination Form, with a short biographical sketch to Ree Wyly, Senior Warden. The biographical sketch should not exceed 300 words in length.

Forums

Dec 1 Convention info -Leta Parks will review the 2019 Diocesan Convention.

Dec 8 Life Planning Guide - Rev Deb will lead a discussion on the Life Planning Guide that she wrote and is now being used Episcopal Foundation of Northern California (EFNC). It is an invaluable resource to have. Everyone will receive a copy of the guide to fill out.

Dec 15 Hospitality Leslyn Shortes will lead a discussion with the hospitality team and those who would like to be part of this core ministry of our church.



The Next Bunco Night is Dec 3rd from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Don't forget to bring \$5.00, a canned good to donate, some food to share and your good luck!

Be prepared to laugh!



December Birthdays:

Joanne McCormack	Dec 2nd
Mona Baker	Dec 12th
Gary Ames	Dec 21st
Elise Piazza	Dec 21st
Dorothy Nisbet	Dec 25th
Chelsea McCormack	Dec 26th
Elsie Cannon	Dec 27th
Coralie Persse	Dec 29th

2020 Pledge Campaign

The 2020 pledge campaign is in full swing. If you have not received your 2020 pledge packet or if you have not yet returned your pledge card please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule 8 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
1	T. Weikert	L. Weikert	C.Griffin/S. Bert
8	C. Griffin	C.Persse	J. Schoener/T. Weikert
15	D.Zelinsky	S. Bert	S. Bert/N.Lawson
22	T. Weikert	J. Griffin	C. Griffin/J. Schoener
29	D.Zelinsky	L. Perpall	L. Perpall/S. Bert

Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
1	M. Muetz	L. Parks	R. Douglass/ D. Lightfoot
8	L. Parks	C. McLaughlin	T. Berkery/ M. Berkery
15	T. Weikert	B. Leighton	D.Decker
22	Y.Giordano	B. Roberts	B. Roberts/ D. Lightfoot
29	G. Nordquist	M.Muetz	T. Berkery/ M. Berkery

Ministry Schedule Dec 24th 4 pm

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
24	T. Weikert	C. Persse	T. Berkery/ M. Berkery

Contact list

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Treasurer	Deacon Stephen Shortes	stephenshortes@gmail.com	

Jan 2020 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Our Saviour, Holidays in United States

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8 a m - Holy Eucharist 10 : 30 a m - Family Service with Music	11 : 30 a m - Harp lessons 3 p m - New Morning @ Anam Cara	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	10 a m - Arts Council 10 a m - DOK 3 p m - New morning @ Anam Cara	10 a m - New Morning @ library 6 : 30 p m - Welcome Home Group NA	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8 a m - Holy Eucharist 10 : 30 a m - Family Service with Music	3 p m - New Morning @ Anam Cara	11 : 30 a m - Harp lessons 4 p m - New Morning @ anam cara 5 p m - New Morning @ library 6 p m - Bunco @ Parish Hall	10 a m - Qi Gong 11 a m - Women's Bible Study 4 p m - New Morning @ library 6 : 30 p m - Contemplative worship	10 a m - Arts Council 3 p m - New morning @ Anam Cara	6 : 30 p m - Welcome Home Group NA	9 a m - Prayer Blanket Group (Parish Hall) @ Parish Hall
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8 a m - Holy Eucharist 10 : 30 a m - Family Service with Music	3 p m - New Morning @ Anam Cara	11 : 30 a m - Harp lessons 4 p m - New Morning @ anam cara 5 p m - New Morning @ library 6 p m - All	10 a m - Qi Gong 11 a m - Women's Bible Study 4 p m - New Morning @ library 6 : 30 p m - Contemplative worship	10 a m - Arts Council 3 p m - New morning @ Anam Cara	10 a m - Altar Guild meeting 10 a m - New Morning @ library 6 : 30 p m - Welcome Home Group NA	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8 a m - Holy Eucharist 10 : 30 a m - Family Service with Music 12 : 15 p m - Vestry Meeting	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 3 p m - New Morning @ Anam Cara	11 : 30 a m - Harp lessons 4 p m - New Morning @ anam cara 5 p m - New Morning @ library	10 a m - Qi Gong 11 a m - Women's Bible Study 4 p m - New Morning @ library 6 : 30 p m - Contemplative worship	10 a m - Arts Council 12 p m - Upper Room 3 p m - New morning @ Anam Cara	6 : 30 p m - Welcome Home Group NA	8 a m - Men's Breakfast
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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TIME DATE MATERIAL. PLEASE EXPEDITE