



# ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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ANGLICAN CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

## GREETINGS

**Welcome to our** warm and friendly setting for true, Christ-centered worship. A traditional Anglican Church and a parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, under the oversight of Bishop Ryan Reed, St. Francis' liturgical standard is the 1928 Book of Common Prayer – a document that is orthodox in its expressions of the Christian faith, based on prayers that have been part of catholic worship for 2000 years. Please stay to visit in the fellowship area after the service. Also, sign the guestbook in the entry hall if you would like to receive more information about St. Francis.

## MISSION STATEMENT

**We are a community** of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.

**We are called** to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.

**We are determined** to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.

**St. Francis parish is dedicated** to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.

**As a community of believers, we intend** to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**Healing Prayers:** Each Sunday after the service concludes at the Altar Rail.

**Evening Prayer:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to worship with laity-led sung Evening Prayer at the church. You may attend virtually via Zoom. Email [info@stfrancisaustrin.org](mailto:info@stfrancisaustrin.org) if interested to receive the Zoom meeting link.

## PRAYER GROUPS

**St. Francis Prayer Group:** If you would like to place a name on the list distributed to our active prayer group members, please use the prayer intention box at the left side at back of the church to submit your request. You may also email Fr. Len at [rector@stfrancisaustrin.org](mailto:rector@stfrancisaustrin.org).

**Prayer Service for our Nation:** *Pray God's Glory Across the Earth.* You are welcome to join us on Saturday, February 6, in the Fellowship area at 9 a.m. and via Zoom. The service will include hymns, prayers – both read and extemporaneous – and Bible readings on the seven centers of prayer: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church, and Family. Contact Amy Crandell for more information and for the Zoom meeting link.

**Mothers' Prayer Group:** Meets monthly at noon with the next meeting on Friday, January 15. Join this group of mothers as they pray extemporaneous prayers in the ACTS form of adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication, which includes prayer for each other's families. Contact Charlotte Ready with any questions. Every mother is welcome to attend.

## **CALENDAR EVENTS**

**Vestry Meeting:** Tomorrow, January 11 at 6:00 via Zoom. Members of our vestry are Donna Hunt (Senior Warden), Jim Britt (Jr. Warden), David Kristo-Reinking, Doug Cooper, Jim Crandell (Secretary), Michael Ready, Bill Palmer, Christina Hatley, and Fr. Len.

**Annual Meeting:** Sunday, Jan. 24 after the 9:30 service. The Diocese has offered all the current vestry members be allowed to add an additional year to their term instead of holding elections. The current Vestry agreed to do this. We will hear reports from the Rector and the Senior Warden and discuss the budget for 2021.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Sunday School classes for children and youth.** Classes are ongoing. The youth attend the service up to the announcements and then go upstairs for class. Missy Bernard works with the younger group and Doug Cooper with the youth.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Texas March and Rally for Life:** Saturday, January 23. All are encouraged to participate in the March and Rally for Life. The March begins at 1 pm at 14th and San Jacinto and the Rally is at 2 pm on the south steps of the Capitol. Contact Charlotte Ready for more information. Attendance is going to be lower due to COVID-19 restrictions from the city.

**Please wear your face covering while in the building!** This is very helpful to keep you from spreading germs to other people in the room. Extra face coverings are on table in the fellowship area for you to have - no need to return them. Children are welcome to wear them, but not required.

**Copies of the Ordo Church Calendar** are available for sale on the table by the front door. Cost is \$5 each.

**The prayer shawl ministry** provides shawls to people who are in need of comfort and prayer. We welcome anyone who would like to participate either by knitting/crocheting these shawls or by helping with the purchase of yarn and supplies. Contact Charlotte Ready.

**St. Clare's Guild is a group of women** whose ministry is dedicated to serving our parish family in times of celebration, need, illness or loss. If you should find yourself and/or your family in one of these life situations, please contact Eileen Cole.

**If you are not a member** of St. Francis Anglican Church but would like to be, simply complete a registration form found on the table near the front door and give it to the Rector. If you wish to become a pledging member, complete a Pledge Card and drop it in the collection plate. It is that easy.

<b>Anniversary this week:</b> (11th) Grady and Michelle Collins
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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021, THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 6:11b-20

John 1:43-51

*Bishop:* The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed  
*Organist:* Betty Lin Gallardo

*Rector:* The Rev. Canon Len Giacolone  
*Acolyte:* Arthur Woodgate

**PROPERS FOR THE 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**PRAYER IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY**

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**ISAIAH 42:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to graven images. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM 89:21-30**

<sup>21</sup> I have found David my servant; \* with my holy oil have I anointed him.

<sup>22</sup> My hand shall hold him fast, \* and my arm shall strengthen him.

<sup>23</sup> The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; \* the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

<sup>24</sup> I will smite down his foes before his face, \* and plague them that hate him.

<sup>25</sup> My truth also and my mercy shall be with him; \* and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.

<sup>26</sup> I will set his dominion also in the sea, \* and his right hand in the floods.

<sup>27</sup> He shall call me, Thou art my Father, \* my God, and my strong salvation.

<sup>28</sup> And I will make him my firstborn, \* higher than the kings of the earth.

<sup>29</sup> My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, \* and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

<sup>30</sup> His seed also will I make to endure for ever, \* and his throne as the days of heaven.

## **ACTS 10:34-38**

<sup>34</sup> And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

## **MARK 1:7-11**

*Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

<sup>7</sup> Preaching in the wilderness, John proclaimed, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; <sup>11</sup>and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

*Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ*

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## Epiphany

L. M.

PUER NOBIS

Adapted by MICHAEL PRAETORIUS, 1609,

*Unison, in flowing style*

har. by GEORGE R. WOODWARD, 1904

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, More beau - teous  
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far Who told the  
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; With - in them  
 \*4 Their love can brook no dull de - lay, Though toil and

than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald forth the  
 rise of Ja - cob's star; And east - ern sa - ges with a -  
 shines a clear - er light, And leads them on with power be -  
 dan - ger block the way; Home, kin - dred, fa - ther - land, and

King, And Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
 maze Up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
 nign To seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
 all, They leave at their Cre - a - tor's call. A - men.

5 O Jesus, while the star of grace  
 Impels us on to seek thy face,  
 Let not our slothful hearts refuse  
 The guidance of thy light to use.

\*6 To God the Father, heav'nly Light,  
 To Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
 To God the Holy Ghost we raise  
 Our equal and unceasing praise. Amen.

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*Joyfully*

CONRAD KOCHER, 1838, alt.

1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly man-ger-bed;  
 3 As they of-fer'd gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be-fore Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,

So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to thee.  
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek the mer-cy-seat.  
 All our cost-liest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n-ly King. A-men.

4 Holy Jesus! every day  
 Keep us in the narrow way;  
 And, when earthly things are past,  
 Bring our ransomed souls at last  
 Where they need no star to guide,  
 Where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright,  
 Need they no created light;  
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
 Thou its sun which goes not down:  
 There for ever may we sing  
 Alleluias to our King. Amen.

WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX, 1860

Anthem: **Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar** by Peter Cornelius

Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travellers three,  
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.

Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,

As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou Child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

*Fr. Len says these prayers with those watching online.*

**Act of Reception**

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in thy servant in the fulness of thy strength, in the perfection of thy ways, and in the holiness of thy spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of thy Spirit, and to the glory of thy Father. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

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