



**ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
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 The 4th Sunday after Epiphany  
 Jan. 29, 2023



### 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 liturgy 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.

**St. Francis is currently** searching for a Rector. Until then, Fr. Rogers Meredith will celebrate Communion on most Sundays, and as the Interim Rector, will provide pastoral care as needed. Do not hesitate to contact him at [holyaustin1959@gmail.com](mailto:holyaustin1959@gmail.com) or call 970-629-8778. He has a stack of business cards on the table in the entry hall. Please include our search committee and this process in your prayers. We are looking for God's will to be accomplished.

### ST. FRANCIS EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Nursery for young children After each service, Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for youth, upstairs 10:00 a.m. - Choir practice, upstairs ~12:30 p.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Luncheon
<b>Jan. 31</b>	Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Bible study via Zoom only
<b>Feb. 1</b>	Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Catechism Class, via Zoom
<b>Feb. 2</b>	Thursday, 7 p.m., Evening Prayer, in-person and via Zoom
<b>Feb. 4</b>	Saturday, 10:00 a.m Prayers for the Nation.

For information, email [info@stfrancisaustin.org](mailto:info@stfrancisaustin.org)

### 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 located in the back of the church to submit your request. You may also email Becky Hunt at [PrayerList@stfrancisaustin.org](mailto:PrayerList@stfrancisaustin.org).

**Prayer Service for our Nation:** *Exalt the Lord who has established us!* You are welcome to join us on Saturday Feb. 4 in the Fellowship area at 10 a.m. The service will include hymns, prayers – both read and extemporaneous –on the seven centers of prayer.

**Mothers Prayer Group:** Meets on Feb 17 at noon for an hour of extemporaneous prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, confession, and supplication in the fellowship area. All mothers are welcome to join us.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Adult Catechism class Wednesdays, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.,** All are welcome to join us as we work through the questions list in the book: "To Be a Christian". If you are interested in attending, please email [info@stfrancisaustin.org](mailto:info@stfrancisaustin.org).

**Youth Christian Education:** the youth attend the first part of the 9:30 service and leave at the announcements to attend class upstairs. Missy Bernard leads the program and teaches the younger class, along with Adriane Kristo-Reinking as the occasional substitute. Doug Cooper leads the older class.

**Bible study for adults:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. and the 2nd and 4th Fridays (from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.) and Sundays (from 1 to 2 pm).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Last Sunday,** we reviewed a statistical report for 2022, discussed the budget for 2023, elected John Hatley to be the St. Francis delegate to the convention in November and Cliff Jones to be the alternate.

**Today** is the first 5th Sunday of 2023! This means a potluck luncheon after the 11:00 service. As always, bring something tasty to eat and share with everyone else.

**We welcome Fr. Andrew Brummett** to preach and celebrate Communion with us today.

**The Diocesan Annual Men's** Conference is February 10-11 at St. Peter & Paul, 3900 Morris Lane, Arlington, TX 76016. Dr. Ken Wilgus, a licensed psychologist who specializes in the treatment of adolescents and their families, couples therapy and individual therapy with adults. Registration is at [fwmensconference.com](http://fwmensconference.com).

**Are you or your child (age 13 or older) interested in being confirmed?** If so, please contact Fr. Rogers. Bishop Reed is scheduled to visit St. Francis on June 11, 2023.

**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 Senior Warden, Doug Cooper. If you wish to become a pledging member, complete a Pledge Card and drop it in the collection plate. It is that easy.

**Birthday this week:** (30th) Allison Merkel; (31<sup>st</sup>) Ben Ellis; (February 1st) Dan Harrison; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Bud Lockhart

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, SEPTUAGESIMA**

Habakkuk 3:1-6, 17-19

Psalm 27:1-7

1 Corinthians 2:1-11

Matthew 5:13-20

*Bishop:* The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Andrew Brummett

9:30 *Acolyte & Lector:* Arthur Woodgate; *Ushers:* Roy Jones / Dan Harrison

11:00: *Acolyte:* Gideon Hatley • *Lector:* Cliff Collins • *Ushers:* Mack Lindsey / Mike Ready

*Organist:* Jim Crandell

**PROPERS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand

upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**MICAH 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Be'or answered

him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." <sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**PSALM 37:1-6**

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly; \* neither be thou envious against the evil doers.

<sup>2</sup>For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, \* and be withered even as the green herb.

<sup>3</sup>Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good; \* dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

<sup>4</sup> Delight thou in the Lord, \* and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

<sup>5</sup> Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him, \* and he shall bring it to pass.

<sup>6</sup> He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light, \* and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart."<sup>20</sup>Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>

## **MATTHEW 5:1-12**

*Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord*

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you

For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; <sup>27</sup>but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; <sup>31</sup>therefore, as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord."

when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you. make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, in the boat with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

*Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

## STUTTGART

Adapted from a melody by  
C. F. WITT, Gotha, 1715*Majestically*

1 Earth has ma - ny a no - ble ci - ty; Beth-l'hem, thou dost all ex - cel:  
2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing Was the star that told his birth,  
3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle Make ob - la - tions rich and rare;

Out of thee the Lord from hea - ven Came to rule his Is - ra - el.  
To the world its God an - nounc - ing Seen in flesh - ly form on earth.  
See them give, in deep de - vo - tion, Gold, and frank - in - cense, and myrrh. A - men.

4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
Incense doth their God disclose,  
Gold the King of kings proclaimeth,  
Myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.

5 Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped  
At thy glad epiphany,  
Unto thee, with God the Father  
And the Spirit, glory be. Amen.

AURELIUS CLEMENS PRUDENTIUS, 348-413; *Tr.* EDWARD CASWALL, *alt.*

Choir Anthem at the 11:00 service

**I Will Sing of Thy Mercies**

*By Felix Mendelssohn, setting by Carlton Young*

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord of thy  
mercies, O Lord, my Savior  
I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord  
And of thy faithfulness evermore.  
I will sing, O Lord  
I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord  
and of thy faithfulness and of thy faithfulness

and of thy faithfulness evermore.  
I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord,  
and of thy faithfulness evermore.  
And of thy faithfulness evermore.

MOSCOW

FELICE DE GIARDINI, 1769

*With vigor*

1 Come, thou al - migh - ty King, Help us thy Name to sing,  
2 Come, thou In - car - nate Word, By heav'n and earth a - dored;

Help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known All things cre -  
Our prayer at - tend: Come, and thy peo - ple bless; Come, give thy

a - ted own, Build in our hearts thy throne, An-cient of Days.  
word suc-cess; Stab-lish thy right-eous-ness, Sa-viour and friend. A - men.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour:  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

4 To thee, great One in Three,  
The highest praises be,  
Hence evermore;  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore. Amen.

*Anonymous, c. 1757, alt.*

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DULCE CARMEN

An Essay on the Church Plain Chant, 1782

*With joyful dignity*

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad-ness, Voice of joy that can - not die;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound-est, True Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia we de - serve not Here to chant for ev - er - more;  
 4 There-fore in our hymns we pray thee, Grant us, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty,

Al - le - lu - ia is the an-them Ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, All thy chil - dren sing with thee;  
 Al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions Make us for a while give o'er;  
 At the last to keep thine Eas - ter In our home be - yond the sky;

In the house of God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 But by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
 For the ho - ly time is com - ing Bid - ding us our sins de - plore.  
 There to thee for ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly. A - men.

*Latin, 11th cent.; Tr. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1851, alt.*

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