

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

Online worship booklet

The First Sunday after the Epiphany—The Baptism of Our Lord

WELCOME!

Whether you are a regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor, we hope you will enjoy our fellowship! Come and check us out! Children are always welcome at worship in St. John's Church!

First time in our Church? Our worship here may seem very familiar, or it may seem bewildering! If the second is true for you, RELAX, there is nothing that you can do by accident that will cause offense! Ask an usher, watch your neighbors, go with the flow. Please fill out a card in the pew to let us know who you are.

Restrooms are at the far end of the building from our worship space on three levels. Exit the door opposite the organ and follow the signs.

Children of all ages are welcome in church. We want children and parents to enjoy church and we support you in doing what you need to do toward that goal. It's OK for children to sound like children; we won't be offended.

Access Needs: If you would find it easier to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please speak to an usher. We have gluten-free wafers available, let the priest know.

Covid Update: St. John's has taken steps to keep all worshipers safe from Covid. We have installed air purifiers and are keeping people spaced in the pews. We have suspended coffee hour for the near future. Please do your part to keep yourself and others healthy: Keep masked (over mouth and nose) and distanced while inside the building at all times. If you'd like to chat with others, do so in the sanctuary or outside before or following worship. If you should test positive for Covid in the days after attending church, please report this confidentially to Pastor Lise or the church office. Let us continue to be good neighbors and a supportive community.

To participate fully in our worship you will need this booklet and, for the hymns, *The Hymnal 1982* (blue and in the pew racks in front of you) and *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green paperbound at the pew ends).

1. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
2. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
3. Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?
4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever!**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Organ Glo-ry to God, in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord
 God, heaven-ly King. Al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of
 God, You take a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. You are seat-ed at the
 right hand of the Fa-ther, re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord. you a - lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God, the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray
**God, Creator of all life and all change,
 pry our fingers off of notions of stability and stasis,
 and open our hands and hearts
 to receive your baptism of water and fire,
 that in the midst of chaos and challenge,
 we would ourselves to be changed,
 and willingly follow Jesus into the wild new life ahead.
 Amen. (MLH)**

Please be seated for the readings and stand for the hymns and the Gospel.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

- Lectern:* 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory / thunders; *—*pause*—
the Lord is upon the \ mighty waters.
- Organ:* 4 The voice of the Lord is a pow-/ erful voice; *—*pause*—
the voice of the Lord is a \ voice of splendor.
- Lectern:* 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the / cedar trees; *—*pause*—
the Lord breaks the ced-\ ars of Lebanon;
- Organ:* 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf, *—*pause*—
and Mount Hermon \ like a young wild ox.
- Lectern:* 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness; *—*pause*—
the Lord shakes the wilder-\ ness of Kadesh.
- Organ:* 8 The voice of the Lord makes the / oak trees writhe *—*pause*—
and \ strips the forests bare.
- Lectern:* 9 And in the temple of the / Lord *—*pause*—
all are \ crying, "Glory!"
- Organ:* 10 The Lord sits enthroned a-/ bove the flood; *—*pause*—
the Lord sits enthroned as \ King for evermore.
- ALL:* 11 The Lord shall give strength to the chosen / people; *—*pause*—
the Lord shall give the people the \ blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

Music or Hymn before the Gospel

Listed in the Sunday News

Offertory Hymn

Was lebet

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)
 Music: Hymn 568; Choral-Buch vor Johann Heinrich Reinhardt, 1754

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Holy Gospel *Please turn and face the Book of the Gospels* Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Acclamation before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ***

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Acclamation after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon

The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest

Please stand for singing the Creed



We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for - sak - en, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:



earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.



We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ris - en, heav - en's king to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend,



vir - gin - born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

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Music: William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937) Welsh

Prayers of the People

Adapted from Ormande Plater

Presider

Clothed in the beauty of Christ, let us approach the Lord with prayers for all peoples.

Intercessor For the church of Jesus Christ in every place, and this gathered congregation.

Lord, have mercy.

For Alan and Gayle, our bishops, for priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for those who seek justice.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives,
and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying and the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

For Earth and its intricate web of creatures that supports all life.

Lord, have mercy.

For all on our hearts, whom we name silently or aloud: *(open space is kept)*

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, John, and all the saints,
let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider O God, who sent Jesus among us, hear the prayers of your people, and make us into new wine for the glory of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

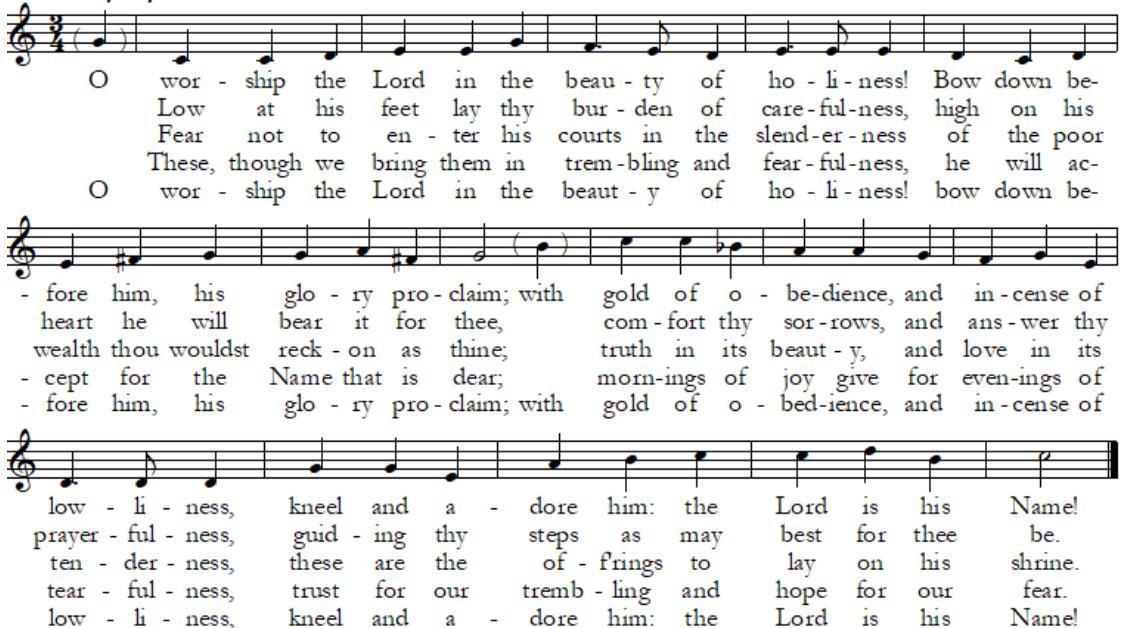
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Hymn

Listed in the Sunday News

Offertory Hymn

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O wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness! Bow down be -
Low at his feet lay thy bur - den of care - ful - ness, high on his
Fear not to en - ter his courts in the slend - er - ness of the poor
These, though we bring them in trem - bling and fear - ful - ness, he will ac -
O wor - ship the Lord in the beaut - y of ho - li - ness! bow down be -
- fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim; with gold of o - be - dience, and in - cense of
heart he will bear it for thee, com - fort thy sor - rows, and ans - wer thy
wealth thou wouldst reck - on as thine; truth in its beaut - y, and love in its
- cept for the Name that is dear; morn - ings of joy give for even - ings of
- fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim; with gold of o - bed - ience, and in - cense of
low - li - ness, kneel and a - dore him: the Lord is his Name!
prayer - ful - ness, guid - ing thy steps as may best for thee be.
ten - der - ness, these are the of - frings to lay on his shrine.
tear - ful - ness, trust for our tremb - ling and hope for our fear.
low - li - ness, kneel and a - dore him: the Lord is his Name!

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Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give thanks and praise to you, O God the One in three: One in wisdom as you created all that is, one in goodness as you spoke the word of life to your creatures, one in blessing as you saved us from sin, evil and death; that we have failed to love you as we ought, we acknowledge; Good Judge, pardon us; that we have not served your people, we confess; Good Shepherd, have mercy on us; that we do not resist evil, we repent; Good Savior, deliver us.

We bless you for strengthening us by the witness of our ancestors: by the blood of martyrs, the constancy of exiles, the fortitude of prophets, the holiness of life of those who have gone before us; We bless you for giving Blessed Mary and John and all the saints as our companions at work and at table; We bless you for armoring us with light for the work of justice and for encircling us with your constant love;

And so we raise our voices in the endless hymn of praise we share with all the saints and with angels and archangels as we say:

S129 Sanctus

Robert Powell b. 1932

(Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy One, bless to us all our actions and desires, all our learnings, and the yearnings of our hearts.

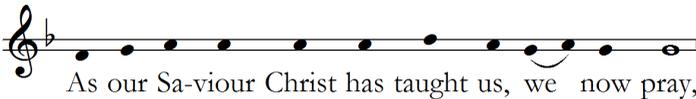
Above all, we bless you for blessing us through your Child Jesus, born of Mary our sister, and the Holy Spirit; for sanctifying our bodies and our lives through Jesus Christ, who sat at supper with his friends and took bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them all saying, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine and said, "Drink this all of you: This is the Blood of the New Covenant poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!

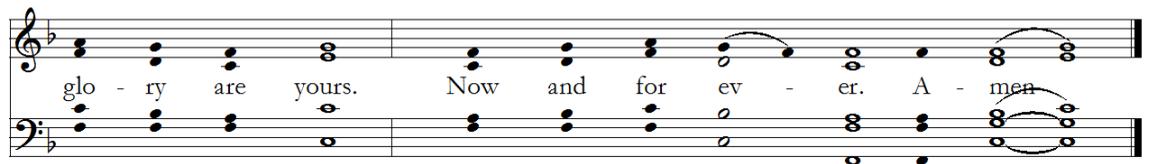
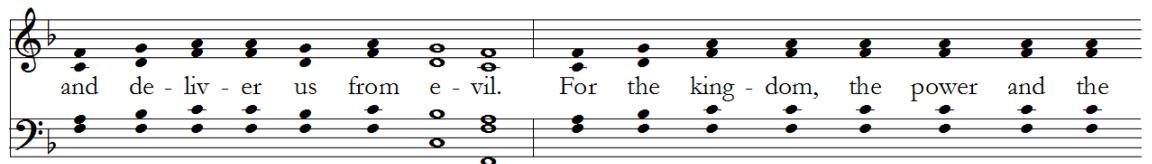
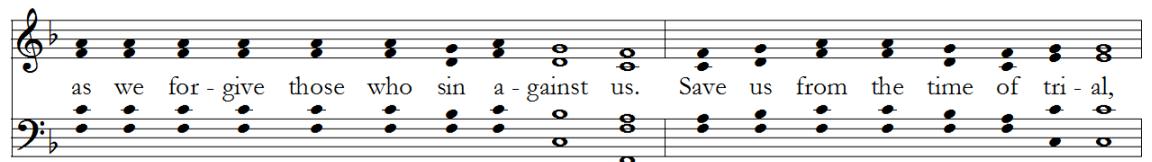
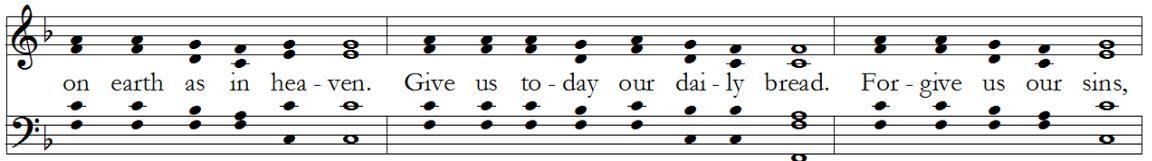
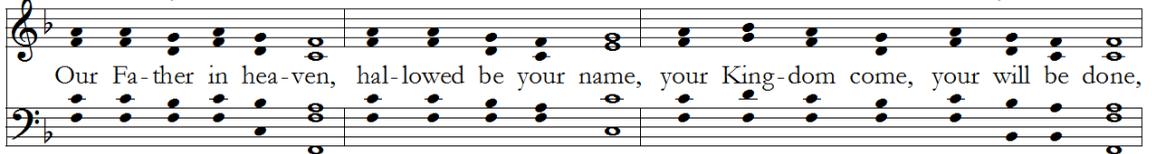
And we lift up to you, along with all our lives, these gifts of bread and wine. Send the fire of your Spirit upon them that they may be for us the very Body and Blood of Christ; enkindle us also with the light of your Spirit that we may show you forth to all the world, that every corner of creation may be filled with the radiance of your delight and design.

Send us forth, in the name of the Three, in the company of the saints, in the enfolding of the One, to serve your people and offer you praise, by, with, and in Jesus Christ our Savior, today and always. **AMEN.**



The Lord's Prayer S148

Ambrosian Chant, harmonized by Mark Howe



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The bread is broken.

Like Chant, but with real silences at the rests.

♩ = 80
Sops first, then All: Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing.

This system shows the beginning of the piece. It features a piano accompaniment in the left hand and a vocal line in the right hand. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The key signature has two flats. The lyrics are: "Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing." There are repeat signs at the beginning and end of the system.

Choir: Wis - dom has built her a house, she has set her ta - ble.

This system continues the piano accompaniment and includes the choir's entry. The lyrics are: "Wis - dom has built her a house, she has set her ta - ble." The piano part continues with a steady accompaniment.

All: Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing.

This system features the "All" vocal entry. The lyrics are: "Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing." The piano accompaniment continues.

Choir: She calls, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed."

This system features the choir's response. The lyrics are: "She calls, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.'" The piano accompaniment continues.

All: Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing. Live.

ritard *(breath)*

This system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing. Live." The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. The tempo is marked as *ritard* and *(breath)*.

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The gifts of God for you, the people of God.

**Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing: Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you now and for evermore. **Amen**

Hymn 121

Caithness

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame.

2 God called you, his beloved Son;
called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve,
and give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

The Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Let us go forth in the power of Christ's love.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

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Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: January 9, 2022

Worship Options: For the month of January, we are holding **one service at 9:30 am**. While we believe that most people will choose to watch the Facebook livestream or later YouTube video, the church will be open for those who prefer to worship in person. We encourage all who are anxious about being around people, who are ill, potentially exposed to COVID, or living with high-risk people to stay home and worship online.

If you are worshipping virtually: You can request for blessed communion wafers to be mailed or to pick them up at the office. Email or call the office.

If you are worshipping in person: We ask that you wear a mask at all times in the building (we strongly recommend N95, KN95 or surgical masks) and keep your distance from others. Air purifiers will be running during the service. There is no coffee hour following worship.

Join us for Zoom Coffee Hour at 12:30:

Meeting ID: 873 3272 1412 Passcode: 01930 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

Thrift Shop Closed for a Few Weeks: The Thrift Shop will remain closed at least through January 15 to minimize Covid exposure to the staff and volunteers there. An opening date will be assessed at that time.

Stay Safe! Please stay masked whenever you are around people outside your household. Cloth masks are not very effective; at the minimum, use a surgical mask. KN95 and N95 masks are best! If you or household members develop cold-like symptoms (sore throat, runny nose, tiredness or loss of taste or smell), isolate and get tested. Avoid larger gatherings or eating situations with others. Getting vaccinated or boosted is a good defense against serious illness.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 30th after our 9:30 service at 11:00 am. Please submit reports to Elizabeth, the Parish Administrator by Friday, January 14. Thanks!

Creation Care Justice Network Annual Retreat Feb. 5th: The Creation Care Justice Network (for both dioceses in MA) will hold its annual retreat from 9-12 on Saturday February 5th via Zoom. The theme is "Embodying Change" and it will introduce an embodied spiritual practice and also a framework for congregations to get involved in climate work at a level that works for them. To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ccjn-mass>.

The 1st Sunday after Epiphany—The Baptism of Our Lord—January 9, 2021

Participating in the Liturgy	<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>
Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest
Reader	Gwen Kopka
Acolyte/LEM	Karen Kasper
Usher	Marge Bishop
Musician	Mark Nelson, Music Director & Organist
Singer	Carol McKenzie
Altar Guild	Karen Kasper & Melanie Murray-Brown
Flower Guild	Mark Nelson

St. John's Intercession List: Charlie Bishop, Rosemary Sullivan, Cecily Merrill, Ernie Runnells, Barker family, Baxter family, Marjorie Fergusson, Sarah Hackett, Jack Ketchopoulos, Jacqueline Vannah, Laurie Brown, the Featherstone family, Audrey Gordon Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. LS St. Cloud, DeeDee Bedford, Katie Perry, Pat Earle, Michael Rocha, Liana and Joe Webb, Lynn Runnells, Laura, Becki Pedersen, Gene Cadman, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Sheila Jones, Sereda Feener, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Mary McIntyre, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, John Fleming. Contact prayer list manager: Joan Gorga 978-283-5926 or jmgorga@yahoo.com

2022 sign-ups for Lamp/Flowers are in the parish hall.

Food Bank: donations of any items are welcome as long as they have not expired.

Coffee Hour *Please sign up for future dates.*



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