



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Year B – A Celebration of Holy Communion (Rite II)

This service is being livestreamed on [Youtube](#).

Assisting our worship:	Today	Next Week (TBC)
Usher(s)	N. Stefanick	B. Walter
Crucifer	I. Stefanick	C. Sutton
Torch-bearer(s)	U. Stefanick & E. Sutton	C. Eckart & P. Randall
Reader	M. Steele	C. Walter
Prayer-leader	R. Randall	P. Randall
Chalice-bearer	B. Myers	N. Stefanick
Altar Guild	J. Turner	K. McLendon
Refreshments	None.	None.
Tellers	J. Soehner & N. Stefanick	G. Tindall & B. Walter
Livestreamer	E. Wingate	R. Randall
Flowers	C. Walter	C. Walter
Musician(s)	E. Jones	E. Jones

Face-masks are required in the building. Ask the usher if you need one.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: 7th - Jane Soehner; 9th - WALTER, Alex Bragg

 has resumed with a series on *1* and *2 Corinthians*. Join us! Everyone will learn something – that’s my guarantee. This week, for example, we explored evangelism and the “seeker-friendly” church movement. Next week, we’ll be discussing Satan and spiritual “blindness.” Doesn’t that sound great?

We need your help with the livestream. For too long we’ve relied on one person. And it’s easy! Training will be provided.

Grab a Church Directory for 2021 today. (In the narthex.)

Did you know: there’s a new website! (It still needs some work, but it looks great.)

The bishop’s visit is Feb. 14th. Please speak to me about confirmation, etc.

The Worship Assistant Schedule can be edited online here:



'Doing What Love Requires'. Grab a blank form today to make your pledge.

For Youth - **THE TRUTH PROJECT on Tuesdays**: please speak to Emily Stefanick.

Seeing the graphic below “re-set” at the beginning of the year can be disheartening, so I want to say “*Well done!*” for your generosity in 2020: with help from the bishop, our income exceeded our expenses by approx. \$20,000!

Finances-at-a-glance:

Where we need to be

(\$15,131.38)



Where we are today

(\$6,838.10)

Our **Bible** readings this morning: *Isaiah* 40:21-31; *Psalms* 147;1-7,11-12,21c *1 Corinthians* 9:16-39; *Mark* 1:29-39

Theme: **THE MESSAGE**

Twice, in quick succession, Jesus refers to ‘the message’. What was it? Do you know? It’s the “Good News” or *Gospel*. But Christians – especially in the mainline denominations – often struggle to articulate exactly what it is, which is a tragedy, because, for the Savior, nothing was more important.

Here’s some handy space for a few notes:

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Next Steps: Do you give sharing “the Good News” the priority Christ did?

Pray, talk, do. **To me if you like: Tues.-Sat., 0700-1400.**

For your prayers:

Church of Holy Spirit, Nashville; for the Anglican Church of Burundi; our partners in the Episcopal Diocese of Litoral Ecuador and the Rt. Rev’d Cristóbal León Lozano, bishop; & the following –

For Loretta Jones, “Al” McLendon, Bill Cuda, Laura & Michael, Becky Davis, Rick Wilt, Bob Miles, Seth Griffin, Jeff Cooper, Leslie Giannone, Mary-Ann & Richard Austin, Charles “Slim” Ingalls, Joanna Reid, “Sheila”, Denton Mayo, Tammy Nunley, Wanda Hale, Rori & Harper, “Jr.” Wilson, Bruce & Lisa, *and yourself!* – for the work of the Holy Spirit in making you more like the Savior every day.

Your Mission Council

Senior Warden:	Lynn Bragg	
Junior Warden:	Charles Marsh	Also: Gina Cleek
Clerk:	Freddie Hoover	Noah Stefanick
Treasurer:	Bobby Kirby	Rick Steele