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Last Sunday after the Epiphany • Morning Prayer Rite II
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Opening Welcome

Prelude *Elevation*

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Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him. p. 81

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. p. 79

Officiant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 50:1-6 (in unison)

Deus deorum

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Reader A Reading from 2 Kings (2:1-12)

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued

walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare* (in unison)

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Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

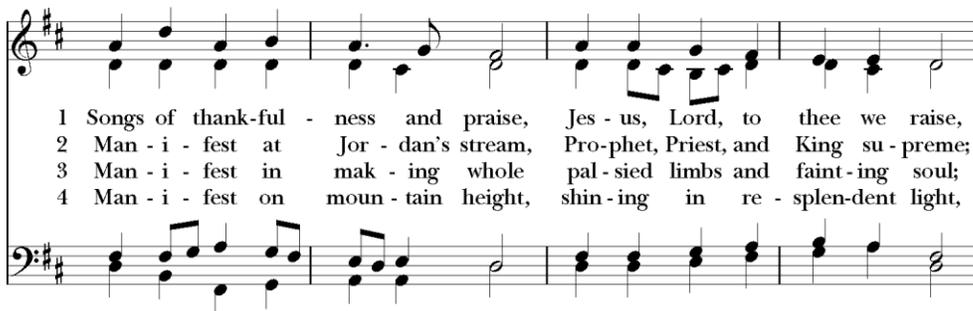
Reader A Reading from 2 Corinthians (4:3-6)

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

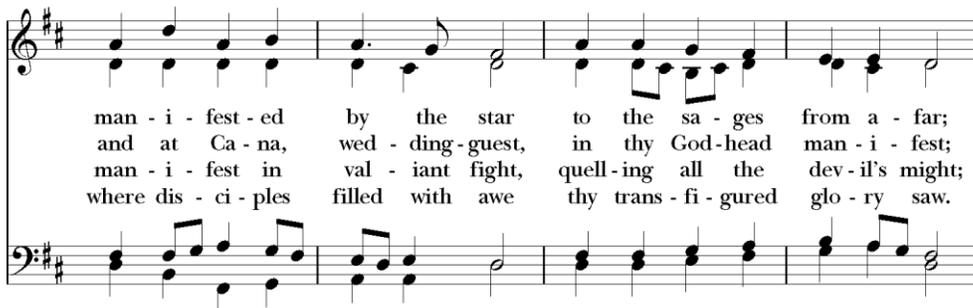
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People *Thanks be to God.*

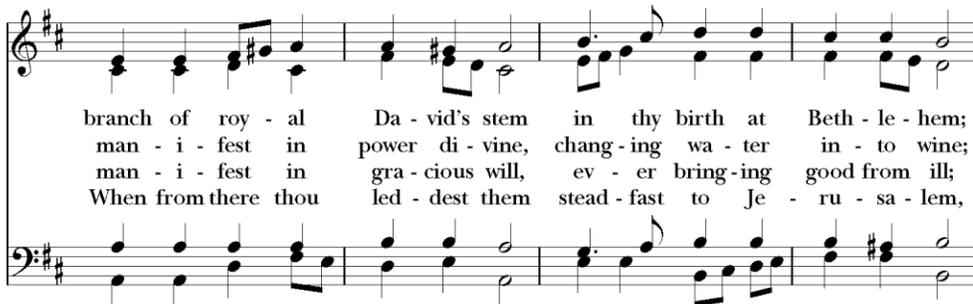
Hymn 135 *Songs of thankfulness and praise*



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Reader A Gospel Reading from Mark (9:2-9)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon The Reverend Alex Allain, *Assistant Rector*

Pohick Bell Choir Video *Worship and Praise*

Rogers

The Apostles' Creed *Officiant and People, all standing*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People *And grant us your salvation.*

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People *Let your people sing with joy.*

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People *For only in you can we live in safety.*

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

People *Your saving health among all nations.*

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Collect for Peace

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O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

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O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 383 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt.
 Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schleische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Officiant Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19, by illness or hunger, or by loss of life, job or home. For all who are isolated, alone, or discouraged.

We pray for Pohick Church and all churches who are learning to be community in new ways.

We especially pray for an end to the pandemic, and wisdom for our leaders. We give thanks for the vaccine.

We pray for an end to racism and all social injustice, for the courage to protest wrongs peacefully, and for an end to the civil unrest and violence in our nation.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially for Paula Johnson, former, beloved parishioner. We also pray for Janet Hampton, long-time companion of Harry Petrie, father of Reverend Lynn, who passed away February 3.

We pray for family and friends who are first responders, hospital personnel, and fire and rescue personnel: Elizabeth Mann, Dr. Kevin Botts, Will Prados, Julie Kiefer, Karen; Laura; Jennifer; Dr. Will Edmonson; Kathe Hannis Clark RN, Michelle Alley Sherrod, RN, Alison Brown Tuttle; Sara Mulhern, Nathan Crane, Dr. Susanne Roberts, Dr. Richard Yoon, Lindsey Chapman, Taylor Bireley, Chris Johnson, Grace Agar, Lt Anthony Marsico, Jr, Dr. Laurie Mortara, Melissa, Laura, Ashley, Avery, Chase, Teddy, Elizabeth Bartkowiak, Davis Sessums, Dr. Tony Slavinski, Christian Lavenski RN, Robert Foresman, Alex

Foresman, Katie Arnhart, Dr. George Smallfield III, Dr. Melissa Smallfield, Patrick Burkey, Dr. John Orona, Dr. Devon Watson, Dr. Megan Sise, Dr. Uulana Bodnar, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Vitale, Christian Ewaskiewicz, RN, Kathy Aagesen; Justin and Nora Scot, Susan Plain, Lea Schmitt, Chris Stone, Lisa Keill, Alison Tompkins, Sheriden Floyd RN, William Low, Cameron Craig, Christina Petty, RN, Courtney Hayward, RN, Rachel Mazerolle, RN, Dr. Sunmolu Beckley, Dr. Maxwell James, Dr. Cameron Webb, Dr. Adrian Ambrose, Funmilayo Onipede, Nicole Habel, Haley Sanchez, Funmilayo Abiara, Annie Hammer, Ty Ashworth, Rose Kepnang, Alyssa Craig, Carmen Watson, Tom, Bailey, Dr. Alley Ronaldi, Melissa Villamoor, Dr. Dan Derbes III, Danielle Derbes, PA, Anna Delania and Tracy Torseth, RNs.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, the Nelson Family, Penelope Mann, Kenneth Minter, Archie Taylor and family, Erika Knudsen, Haydee Sparks, Peter Thomas, Tom Murphy, Carole Fischer, Joan Parsons, Adrian McCabe, Willy and Christel Lowel, Suzi Scott, Sharon Michel, Bryan Tuccillo, Victoria Sackett, D'Andrea Wooten, Joan Egan, Bill Hosp, Margery, Jack Florio, Tim Dwyer, William Low, Simon Delgado, Stan Coss, Patricia Scott, James King, Funmi Oduolowu, Fiona, Harry Petrie, Raymond Hawthorne, Susan Yarwood, Diane, Jim, Mary Hoffman, Jim and Lynn Anderholm, Carol and Glenn Larkin, Sr., Cindy Johnston, Tom Bland, Pam Botts, Millie Kiefer, Jim Bloom, Nancy Bireley, the Hunter Family, Femi Ayorinde, Diana Gutierrez, Sandra Christian, Ben Egan, Darryl Sebastian, Francine Brailsford, Shelby Sternberg, Chandra Zinola, Sandy Hand, Roy Baumann, and Bill Poad.

We also pray for those having birthdays this week: William Brownlee, Johnathon Curry, Charles Gastrell, Mary Howard, Michael Vaughn, Virginia Biggs, David Billingsley, Leslie Schwoppe, and Kerry Ickes.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: John Winston, Tony Winston, Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, Jesse Grimm, and Marty Wilson.

We pray for Christians and others around the world, especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for the North Richmond Region churches: All Souls, Atlee, Mechanicsville; Calvary, Hanover; Church of Our Saviour, Montpelier; Church of the Creator, Mechanicsville; Church of the Epiphany, Henrico; Emmanuel, Brook Hill, Henrico; Immanuel Church, Old Church, Mechanicsville; St. James the Less, Ashland; St. Paul's, Hanover; and The Fork Church, Doswell.

Other intercessions may be typed in Facebook comments, or spoken aloud or in silence.

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;
In the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now
and for ever. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Closing remarks

Postlude *Fanfare*

Soler

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Lay Eucharist Minister: Hank Foresman
Minister of Music: Linda Wilberger Egan, SMM
Acolyte: Jonathan Sweetser
Video: Tom Ronaldi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers for Sunday, February 7 and 14 are in celebration of Kristy Girten's 41st birthday, on February 5, and in memory of Nancy White, whose 79th birthday would have been February 25.

• Join us at 9:00 am on **Sunday, February 21, for Morning Prayer Rite II**. The service will be streamed live on Facebook. Visit pohick.org for link.

• Two **Adult Bible Studies** are being offered Sunday evenings via Zoom, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You can join at any time!

Exile and Return from Exile, addresses how the people of God encounter God in the midst of challenging times, led by Tony Harriman. Class open to women and men! Email Tony to register for class, harrimanawh@yahoo.com, or register online at pohick.org.

Being Community - Mission: gathering weekly via Zoom with a community of women to share life experiences, ask questions, and explore how to navigate uncertain times. Visit website to register or email Amy, Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com.

Visit pohick.org for more details about both classes.

• Don't forget to pick up your **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper To-Go Kit tomorrow, Monday, February 15**. Kits are available from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm in the church parking lot between the Parish House and cemetery. Contact Rusty Booth with questions, rusty@pohick.org.

• The Pohick **Wednesday Night Lenten Program** will take place via Zoom during Coffee 'n Compline time, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesdays. This series begins with Ash Wednesday Service on February 17. Please refer to the February *Pohick Post* and the recent Constant Contact email for instructions on self-imposition of ashes.

The healing theme is **“Resting in the Lord, Renewal and Resurrection.”** Speakers include The Rev. Martin Smith, Bishop Porter Taylor, and Rev. Lynn. Watch for regular weekly emails that share the Zoom link.

• Everyone is invited to attend **Just Mercy**, a Book, Bible, and Movie Study that examines questions of justice, based on the book by Bryan Stephenson. Study led by Michael Wooten and Rev. Lynn. The study will be held on Sundays at 11:00 am on February 28, March 7, and March 14. Visit website for more information and to register for class.

• Please get your vaccine as soon as it becomes available!

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