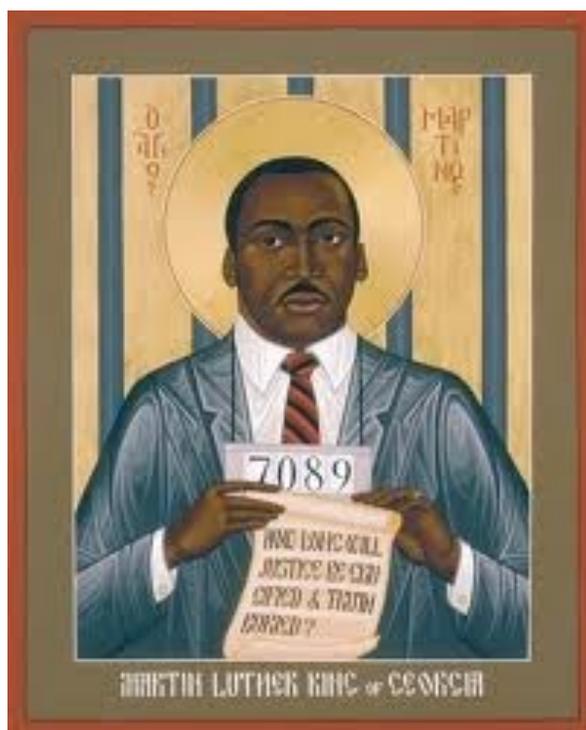


# The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

**The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop**

**The Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine, Rector**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 18, 1896. We seek to maintain the fullness and richness of the Anglican tradition in its common life and worship; to witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the good news about God and life which is revealed in the Gospel. We seek to serve the community as a place of hope and love, and to reach out and touch those who need the healing and forgiving grace of God.

### *A Note to Our Visitors*

*We welcome you to The Episcopal of St. John the Baptist with an extended hand and a joyful spirit! We are blessed by your visit, and we believe that God has directed our paths to intersect. Our meeting is not an accident but a divine appointment, so we want to express Christ's love to you with genuine warmth. We are delighted to know you and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways in which God's hand is at work in our church. We believe you will discover that our fellowship is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Growing together, we worship, we serve, we laugh, we cry, we learn, and we reach out to our world with life-transforming truth. We reach out to you, as well. Our doors are open. Our hearts are open, too. If you're been thinking, praying, searching and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—Welcome!*

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the mystical presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer not to drink from the common cup you may choose Intinction. The person administering the chalice will dip the Bread into the Wine and place it on your tongue. You may come for a prayer for God's blessing in lieu of receiving Holy Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest. Ladies are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving Communion.

In our worship we use *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) (red) and hymnals, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS II) and the *Episcopal Hymnal 1982* (blue). These books are located in the racks facing you on the back of the pew. Page numbers are identified in the service bulletin.



## SOLEMN EUCHARIST

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL

*“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*

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### A LITANY FOR REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In every era, God has chosen men and women to serve the needs of his people. Such a servant was Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birth we celebrate. We are deeply thankful for the life of this twentieth century prophet.

**May the wisdom and words of Martin Luther King rekindle our faith.**

May the deep love that Dr. King had for all people be released in us, that we too might work miracles in the lives of those who continue to hate.

**Dr. King taught that only love can overcome hatred, bitterness and fear.**

May his struggle for social transformation continue in this generation. May all people come to believe that with perseverance, “We Shall Overcome”.

**“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.”(Amos 5:24)**

May the work of Dr. King continue to eradicate racial injustice and its ungodly consequences.

**Dr. King pursued his dream for racial equality by appealing to the conscience of his enemies.**

May we continue to cultivate the nonviolent discipline of Dr. King, abandoning unrestrained acts of peace.

**He taught us that a heart full of grace and love is just as important as an education.**

May the spirit of Dr. King continue to flow through our daily living.

**He believed in self-respect and dignity, even though he knew that there would be difficult days ahead.**

May we have the courage of Dr. King as we continue to stand up for justice, reconciliation and truth, despite challenge and controversy.

**Dr. King said that war is never a victory, regardless of the outcome.**

May the peace of the risen Christ cause the fury of war to vanish from the face of the earth.

**Dr. King went to the mountain top; he saw the Promised Land; and he reassured us that we will get there one day. God of Glory, be with us on the journey.**

### ACCLAMATION

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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### GLORY TO GOD

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## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Lector:* A Reading from Exodus

#### **Exodus 3: 7 –12**

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God

## THE PSALM

#### **Psalm 77:11-20**

**Antiphon::** *His love, his love. His love is everlasting*

- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord,  
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts,  
and ponder your mighty deeds. [ANT.]
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy;  
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders  
and have declared your power among the peoples. [ANT.]
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people,  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

- 16 The waters saw you, O God;  
the waters saw you and trembled;  
the very depths were shaken. [ANT.]
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;  
your arrows flashed to and fro;
18. The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook. [ANT.]
- 19 Your way was in the sea,  
and your paths in the great waters,  
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron. [ANT.]

## THE EPISTLE

*Lector:* A Reading from Ephesians

### **Ephesians 6: 10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*“Lord, I want to be a Christian”*

**LEVAS II Page 138**

## THE GOSPEL

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

*People:* Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

### **Luke 6: 27—36**

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. our reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN** “*This Little Light of Mine*”

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**SERMON**

**The Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine**

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### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying , “Lord have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

For an end to warfare that all children may beat their swords into plowshares and know your reconciling love, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the welfare and unity of the holy Church of God, that our divisions may cease as we worship you, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our lay leaders and members, for deacons and other ministers, for our priests and Bishop(s), that they may know and live your truth in love, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our police officers, judges, and lawyers; for our elected officials and legislators; for our President and for all in authority, that they may seek justice and love mercy; let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, Orlando, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, and for those who have no home, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For an abundance of the fruits of the earth and the faith and courage to share your bounty/harvest that all may be filled, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged, inform, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for those who work and live in poverty, for those trying to break the cycle of despair, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those jailed and in prison, for their families, and all who care for them; for those working for justice and equal treatment for all people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*

For the freedom of all your children, let us pray to the Lord, *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from despair, danger, violence, and oppression, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For eyes to see and minds to comprehend the privilege we have in our society and for the strength to use our privilege for the welfare of others, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For an awareness of the sins we commit, the sins committed on our behalf, and the sins of the systems of which we are a part, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

That we may live and end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of blessed Martin, St. John the Baptist, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

## **OFFERTORY**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*“Jesus the Light of the World”*

**St. John the Baptist Choir**

### **PRESENTATION HYMN**

*“Lift Every Voice and Sing”  
“Holy God, you raise up prophets”*

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Rite D**

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**SANCTUS BENEDICTUS**

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

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**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

**AGNUS DEI**

*“Lamb of God”*

**LEVAS II Page 269**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*“Precious Lord, take my hand”*

**LEVAS II Page 106**

*“I have decided to follow Jesus”*

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**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, TRAVELS**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of abundance,  
you have fed us.  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one.  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

**THE BLESSING**

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart. *Amen.*

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people. *Amen.*

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy. *Amen.*

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator, Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Saviour, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, be with you and remain with you, this day and forevermore.

## **THE WELCOME OF VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”*

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### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE**

#### ***LECTORS & INTERCESSOR***

**Barbara Grant**                      **Joyce Walker**  
**Esther Stevenson**                **Mildred Missick**  
**Joe Reed**                              **Eve Hall**

#### ***LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS***

**Dale Feagins**                      **Cynthia Hammonds**  
**Bob Henry**                        **Norma Smith**

**Carolyn Morris, Organist**  
**Sylvia Warren, Worship Leader**

**Ernest “Pete” Boyd, Musical Director**  
**Roger Johnson, Verger**

#### ***ACOLTYES***

<b>Deyone Romeo</b>	<b>Taylor Harris</b>	<b>Alexandria Musgray</b>
<b>Camden Acree</b>	<b>Walker Harris</b>	<b>Brian Musgray</b>
<b>Deshawn Romeo</b>	<b>Avery Lewis</b>	<b>Camuriel Parr</b>
<b>Omari Ballentine</b>	<b>Evan Lewis</b>	<b>Sean Parr</b>
	<b>Miles Parr</b>	

#### ***USHERS***

<b>Joe Reed</b>	<b>Heldon Ward</b>	<b>Nelson Pinder</b>
<b>Russell Warren</b>	<b>Roopchand Chandoo</b>	<b>Tracey Monroe</b>
<b>Joe Williams</b>	<b>Ken Beckles</b>	<b>Judith Hayes</b>
	<b>Janet Pinder</b>	<b>Eric Parr</b>
	<b>Barbara Robinson</b>	<b>Patricia Jones</b>

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**THE CONGREGATION IS REQUESTED TO PRAY FOR  
THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND CONFINED, ESPECIALLY**

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**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

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Classes will held on Sundays beginning on January 19<sup>th</sup> and continuing through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Class will begin at 9:00AM. All those who desire to be Confirmed should be in attendance.

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**BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY**

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**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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Sunday .....	1 Corinthians 1: 2	Thursday .....	John 4: 13-14
Monday .....	Hebrews 4: 16	Friday .....	Genesis 12:1
Tuesday.....	John 3: 16	Saturday .....	Galatians 1:24
Wednesday .....	Hebrews 6:7		

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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Hugh Burgess 1/4	Jai Lyle 1/10	Barbara Robinson 1/27
Violet Doute 1/17	Lee McElroy 1/29	Paris Stewart 1/15
James Humphrey 1/5	Sylvia McElroy 1/30	Yvonne Stolard 1/20
Lillie James 1/3	Catherine Parr 1/31	Jeanette Williams 1/1
Roger Johnson 1/12	John Robertson 1/30	
	Louis & Celia Benton 1/2	
	Richard & Cynthia Hammonds, Sr. 1/27	
	Freddie & Esther Stevenson 1/15	

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## FOOD PANTRY

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### **One Can does make a difference.**

The Pantry Social Concerns Committee has established a goal to become self sustaining in the new year. Your weekly contribution of one can —or bag of rice, beans, sauce, cereal, etc.— will allow us to meet the needs of those who come to our door seeking assistance without purchasing food from outside sources. This vital ministry of our church opens our doors each Wednesday to provide food assistance for those in our community.

*“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...” Matthew 25:34*

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## BIBLE STUDY

### **Noon and 6:30PM**

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*On Marriage and Family Life* is a collection of sermons by St. John Chrysostom on various biblical texts that teach about marriage and parenting. St. John was given the name Chrysostom (“golden tongued”) because of his way with words...he had the gift of gab, and could communicate difficult theological concepts in simple ways. This point is made clear by his explanation of marriage.

The book is available at: <http://www.jahbread.com/marriage-sex-obedience-love-salvation/>

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## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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[www.Facebook.com/OrlandoForerunner](http://www.Facebook.com/OrlandoForerunner).

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## ATTENTION SJB YOUTH

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Youth (&Parents/Grandparents)! Our youth group has gone virtual! Have questions you need answered? Need a place to share your thoughts and experiences? Find our CLOSED group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OrlandoForerunners/>. Parents/Grandparents: this group is CLOSED and members have to be approved by Youth Group Leaders. Therefore, it is a safe environment for your children. Encourage them to join the group, and watch their faith grow!

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Check out our website to keep tabs on dates and times — events and activities!

## ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS ...



The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established on April 18, 1896 in a four room house on the corner of Terry St. and Pine St. in Orlando, FL.

During our 117 year existence, we have become known for a rich history of a blend of Anglican but contemporary family friendly liturgical worship. Our modern sanctuary is graced with a series of twelve African American inspired stained glass windows including representations of St. John the Baptist and window etched renditions of the beasts of the four Gospels.

Whether you are a resident of Central Florida or a visitor to the area, we invite you to visit and participate in our worship and various opportunities for fellowship. Our ministries include weekly Bible Study, a Young Adults Spiritual Focus Group, Men's Fellowship, the Episcopal Church Women and The Order of The Daughters of the King. Our outreach ministries provide a weekly distribution of groceries through our Food Pantry, a neighborhood youth Bible study group and we serve as a satellite office of the Episcopal Counseling Center. We are a host site for weekly meetings of Narcotics Anonymous.

