



Holy Cross

Faith Formation ⊕ Fall 2023

At Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, we are committed to being a community that supports one another in a life of deep discipleship of Jesus Christ. From Children's Chapel each Sunday for our youngest members to OWLS for our older members, we care for the formation of all ages. In addition to our many regular offerings, this fall we are introducing two new learning times: Faith First Sundays and Tuesday night adult education classes. See our fall schedule below and read all about it on the reverse side. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, Holy Cross welcomes you, just as you are, to share in the transforming power of God's love.

SUNDAYS

Nursery Nook: now available in the narthex entryway for families with young children to use during worship as they wish

Children's Chapel: young children learn Bible stories during the sermon at 10am worship

Faith First Sundays: a fun, new fellowship meal and intergenerational learning time following 10am worship on the first Sunday of each month

Newcomers Classes: Oct. 8, 15, 22
learn the essentials of the Episcopal Church following the 10am service

REGULAR EVENTS

Wednesday Bible/Book Study on the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings and select books on Zoom, 10:30am-Noon

Youth Group: for teens in 7th - 12th grade, meets on select school holidays (see next page)

EpiscoPals: a new gathering of fun and fellowship for people in their 20s and 30s

OWLS: (older, wiser, laughing souls) meets Nov. 2 for a brown bag lunch and program

TUESDAY EVENINGS

adult education classes on Zoom, 7-8:30pm:

Arc of Scripture Sept. 12-Oct. 10
Genesis to Revelation with Rev. Kelly

following The Way Oct. 17-Nov. 21
The Great Commandment with Rev. Rich

SPECIAL EVENTS

St. Francis Festival: Saturday, Sept. 30 at 4pm
a special time for people and our pets including a Blessing of the Animals and other activities

Women's Retreat: Oct. 13-15 the women of our parish gather at Shrine Mont for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun

Trunk or Treat: Sunday, Oct. 29 at 4pm join us as we and our sister church, The Vine, help our kids and neighborhood celebrate in a safe, fun way

Advent Quiet Day: Saturday, Dec. 9, spend a day in prayer and preparation for the incarnation of our Lord

Faith First Sundays

for all ages, first Sunday of the month

Join us as enjoy lunch, learn together, and have fun celebrating the following days:

Oct. 1 St. Francis Day - "Who was Francis?"

- God loves all creatures

Nov. 5 All Saints Day - "Who are the Saints?"

- God loves all people

Dec. 3 Advent - "Who was Emmanuel?"

- God loves each of us



Tuesday Adult Ed

on Zoom, Tuesdays 7-8:30pm

Arc of Scripture, Sept. 12-Oct. 10

Do you ever wonder where certain Bible stories are in relation to one another? Is King David before or after the prophet Elijah? What is the relationship between Isaiah and Moses? This five part class led by Rev. Kelly will explore the origins and narrative arc of scripture from Genesis to Revelation and help give you a map for navigating the Bible.

following The Way, Oct. 17-Nov. 21

Someone once asked Jesus, "What is the meaning of life?" His answer was to love God

and our neighbors with all our Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength. But what do each of these four things mean and how can we build a life of faith around our answers? This six part class led by Rev. Rich will guide us in exploring "The Shema/Great Commandment."

Newcomers Classes

for all new and inquiring members

Come learn (or relearn!) the essentials of the Episcopal church, following 10am worship:

Oct. 8 Episcopal & Anglican History

Oct. 15 The Book of Common Prayer

Oct. 22 Getting involved at Holy Cross

and much more to come in the spring and summer of 2024

Youth Group

Monday, October 9 Indigenous Peoples Day

We will honor the people who originally lived on this land, sorting fact from fiction, and then go on a Holy Hike as we consider the question "Who am I?"

Tuesday, November 7 Election Day

We will learn about the Episcopal Church's unique role in the civic life of our country and then go in to DC as we consider the question "Who are we?"

Friday, December 8 Chanukah and Bodhi Day

We will learn about these Jewish and Buddhist holidays as we consider the question "Who are my neighbors?"

