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In The Lord's Service



Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16



*The Rt. Reverend John Guernsey
and his wife, Meg, will be with us*

Sunday, August 8th.

*There will be a cookout
luncheon after the service.*

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Mike's Message

²⁸ “Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses, and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.” Luke 9:28-32

Recently I've been thinking about the similarities between the disciples of Jesus in the first century and the disciples of Jesus today. Like them, we are living in a time where things appear to be falling apart all around us. In reading the scriptures, it doesn't take long before we see examples of what happens when men and women turn their backs on God and his Holy Word. Our situation is by no means new and the answer to our dilemma is not new either.

I love the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in each of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). It's interesting that this story is placed between the confession of Peter that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God (Luke 9:20) and Jesus foretelling his death (21,22) and then again foretelling his death (44-45). The Holy Spirit enabled Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah, but this is not the only revelation the apostle received while he and the other disciples traveled with Christ in and around Caesarea Philippi. As our opening passage indicates, Peter, along with James and John, was privileged to witness our Lord's transfigured glory eight days after Peter's great confession (Luke 9:18-21)

In recent sermons I have been pointing out that God at times manifests his presence to those who are following after him in obedience. Theologians call these encounters “theophanies” which basically means “an appearance of God.” Theophanies were visible manifestations of the Creator and were usually granted to central figures in the Almighty's redemptive plan. Some examples, are God's appearance to Abraham as a “smoking fire pot” and “flaming torch” (Gen. 15), as well as Moses' vision of Yahweh in the burning bush (Ex. 3). The transfiguration is to be seen as one of those moments and it's important to understand who it

was that showed up with him on the mountain and what they were revealing about the divinity of Jesus. In Exodus 19-24, Moses met with God on Mount Sinai, receiving revelation from God concerning the law and in 1 Kings 19, Elijah received revelation from God on the same mountain concerning his plans. In the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain we find the very one who was revealed through the law and the prophets standing with those who foretold his coming. Jesus was the object of their revelations and the fulfillment of the old covenant revelation found in the Old Testament.

Most importantly, the transfiguration left no doubt as to Jesus' divine identity. Moses' face shown after encountering the glory of God on Sinai, but this reflection could be hidden and eventually faded away (Ex. 34:29–35). Our Savior's glory could not be veiled, as Matthew 17:2 records, “And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.” In placing the transfiguration of Christ in between two predictions of suffering and death, God provides assurance that trouble will not always be the lot of His Son and His people.

Many years later, the Apostle Peter would write in 2 Peter 1:16-18, “For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.”

This revelation of Jesus' glory upon the mountain carried the apostle through times of great trouble and persecution. He could look back on that day, as well when they encountered the resurrected Lord and viewed his ascension back to the Father. What memories do you have of God revealing himself to you, or moving in ways that let you know he was with you? Hold on to those and share them with those who are struggling.

When trials and struggles tempt us to despair of all hope, let us remember Jesus, whose shining visage anticipated the glory of His resurrection, in which we will one day share when His righteous ones live in the glory of his presence, forever.

Blessings, Mike

Senior Warden Report

Dear LOC Family:

Your vestry met on Saturday, July 24, to conduct current church business and prepare for Bishop Guernsey's annual visit on August 7-8.

We discussed inviting Susan Pittman, Blue Ridge Bank, to be our guest at LOC in the near future. We want to formally thank her and her staff for the great support provided to LOC over the past five years, managing our mortgage and assisting with government pandemic loans.

Our Dinner and Movie event was a success, well-received by LOC folks and guests from Northumberland County and beyond. We decided to host another Dinner and Movie night in late August or September. Please plan to attend and see a movie on a large screen and enjoy delicious LOC food. This is also a great opportunity to invite neighbors to our church. We need new members and an effective "recruiting technique" is to bring them to an enjoyable function.

LOC was included in a Diocesan study for a potential group property and liability insurance policy. The study results show higher costs compared to our current policy for about the same coverage. Therefore, the vestry decided to keep our current provider for at least this year.

The Northern Neck Christian School has undergone several major changes, including its establishment as an independent non-profit (501-C3) organization. Current plans are to open the school in August for pre-school, kindergarten and first grade students with Rene Johnson of Zion Baptist as the school's executive director. The school has requested donations to help fund operating costs and the vestry approved an immediate donation of \$10,000.

Bishop Stephen Kaziimba and the entire country of Uganda are under horrible conditions due to the Coronavirus. Please continue to pray for our dear friends and fellow Christians worldwide, especially in Uganda. We have sent church funds and private donations to Bishop Stephen to support health and food efforts.

Sincerely,
George



The Comfort and Joy Group

(formerly known as The Grief Group)

For anyone who is grieving or is facing loss of a loved one, we're here to help. Meeting every 4th Saturday of the month at 10:30, our group offers a safe place to talk about what you're going through with others who have had the same experience. We pray, we discuss issues we're facing and how to deal with them and even have an occasional laugh or two.

If you'd like to join us, you can call or text me at 540-520-1628 or email me, teresamoffitt53@yahoo.com.

Tip for the month for all couples: Have joint names on all accounts, ex., bank accounts, investments, deeds. Know where all important documents are kept!



Come join us in the parish hall every Friday at 1:30 for Yoga-Faith Chair Yoga and bring your friends. No equipment needed. Our instructor is Langley Lewis. A donation basket is provided for Langley's time and travel.

A chair is used both for sitting and as a prop to hold onto while standing. Chair yoga is suitable for many people because the movements can be adjusted to meet various needs. Students learn to listen to the body and to treat it gently as they move and breathe.

YogaFaith Christian yoga puts God first and uses scripture readings, prayer, and reflection along with the movements and breathing, to engage the mind, body, and spirit.

There are many benefits to doing Christian yoga. It stretches and strengthens muscles, improves posture and body alignment, releases stress, expands breathing, calms the mind, increases body awareness, builds better balance and encourages relaxation all while taking time to be in His presence.

For more information call Constance McDearmon 804 453 3085.



I would like to thank all those who brought food, cooked hamburgers, hotdogs, set up and cleaned up on the Friday Dinner and a Movie. It was a great success, and we had a good crowd. I would also like to thank those who brought friends or family. I started to list all those that helped make this happen but as the list grew longer so did my concern that I would unintentionally leave someone out. So, you know who you are, and so does our heavenly Father. Thanks for your hard work!

I would however like to acknowledge Sandi Ward who donated the Super Grill. It made the cooking so much easier and faster, or so I heard from those who did the cooking.

Blessings, Mike

Sunday School starts August 8 at 9 a.m.



We need nursery volunteers. Please contact the office

School supplies are on sale in August. Please remember Samaritan's Purse while you are out shopping. Bless you!

Just a friendly reminder...



Our Thrift Shop building has been sold!

We have until August 14th to get everything out of the store. You can help by taking advantage of our half-price sale which is going on now. We have all kinds of interesting stuff, so don't pass up a wonderful opportunity! We're open Thur.-Fri., 10-4.

I have mixed emotions about this as I hate to see it go. Over the 20 years of its operation, the shop has provided outreach funds to many organizations on the Northern Neck and beyond, and thousands of dollars to Light of Christ Church. After Covid hit, it became harder and harder to find volunteers to staff it, and we had to shorten our workdays to three. It was a struggle to meet expenses and outreach too.

Over the years our thrift shop has helped many in the community. We have made good friends of our customers, answered prayer requests, and gave clothes to those in need. Our shop will be missed!

Pam Smith and Linda Hornby join me in thanking all our wonderful volunteers, past and present, who have helped make our thrift shop the "go to" place in the community for a friendly smile, and a fun place to shop, and safe place in a storm.

Blessings,
Suzy Norman



In honor of Bishop Guernsey and his wife, Meg, our coffee hour will be a cookout. The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and we are asking the congregation to bring either a side dish or dessert. Ya'll come!

This flyer was sent to us by our former members, Peggy and Paul Lassanske with the hope that some of us would like to attend.



The Ignite Conference

Equipping Christians for Today's Spiritual Warfare

August 20 - 21, 2021

You're Invited!

Conference Schedule

Friday, August 20
5:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Saturday, August 21
9 am - 4:30 pm

Planned & Hosted By:

St Paul's Anglican
Church
316 West Carolina
Summerville, S.C.
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The Situation

For more than fifty years we have watched the slow and steady "transformation" of all areas of our public life. Today, hostility to biblical faith is sweeping over our land with the ferocity of a wild fire. Encouraged by secularism, today's narrative claims that biblical adherence is a disguise for bigotry and hatred. What is the logic or the spirit of the age behind this transformation?

The Ignite Conference will focus on understanding the 'spirit of our age' that has brought about this transformation affecting both civil society and the Church. Without an understanding of this spirit, it is impossible to formulate an effective response.

Questions? Contact: Conference Coordinators
Father John Scott, St. Paul's Anglican Church or
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Additional details on Light of Christ website
www.lightofchristva.org/PDFs/ignite.pdf



NNKCS Chicken Dinner & Bingo Fundraiser June 29, 2021

The NNKCS first fundraiser at the Unique Experience Eatery was a huge success!!!

We welcomed 161 people, made \$4675 and spread the word to many who had no idea the school existed. So thank you to everyone who joined us. Please enjoy a few pictures from the evening.



IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Lesson Readers

Aug. 1 Jim Conley (L), Lyn Conley (P)
Aug. 8 Joan Blackstone (L), Tony Blackstone (P)
Aug. 15 Carlaine Andrulot (L), Ernie Proctor (P)
Aug. 22 Jeanne Hickey (L), Sandi Ward (P)
Aug. 29 Julie Pritchard (L), Teresa Moffit (P)

Acolytes

Aug. 1 Constance McDearmon
Aug. 8 Anna Brennan
Aug. 15 David Gwaltney
Aug. 22 Constance McDearmon
Aug. 29 Anna Brennan

Chalice Bearers

Aug. 1 Tony Blackstone
Aug. 8 David Gwaltney
Aug. 15 Constance McDearmon
Aug. 22 Tony Blackstone
Aug. 29 David Gwaltney

Altar Guild

Aug. 1 Suzy Norman
Aug. 8 Anna Brennan
Aug. 15 Wendy Smith
Aug. 22 Julie Pritchard
Aug. 29 Anna Brennan

August Birthdays

Aug. 8 Bart Morrison, Paul Lassanske
Aug. 10 Mike Moffitt
Aug. 11 Laura Woodard
Aug. 17 Carolyn Costello
Aug. 18 Dixie Sanderlin, Cindy Fife
Aug. 20 Jane Wrightson, Tony Blackstone
Aug. 24 Charlotte Hundley
Aug. 29 Jeanette Cralle
Aug. 31 Anna Brennan

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Tellers

Aug. 1 Betty Dillingham
Aug. 8 Betty Dillingham, Jan Beckett
Aug. 15 Betty Dillingham, Pam Smith
Aug. 22 Betty Dillingham
Aug. 29 Betty Dillingham

Vestry Person on Duty

Aug. 1 George Beckett
Aug. 8 Sandi Ward
Aug. 15 Doug Ludeman
Aug. 22 Anna Brennan
Aug. 29 George Beckett



August Anniversaries

Aug. 20 Dana & Bill Bloom
Aug. 22 Peggy & Lassanske

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Those who leave
everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in
everything.

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Someone **A**
to Church **Y**

Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers*