

# Holy Spirit Anglican Church Newsletter

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## From the Pastor's Desk

### **The Mission Statement of Holy Spirit Anglican Church**

To follow our Lord's commandment to go forth and  
proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.  
**(EVANGELISM)**

To use our gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Glory of  
God. **(POWER)**

To speak boldly the powerful Gospel of Christ.  
**(COURAGE)**

To open our eyes that we may see, our ears that we  
may hear, and our hearts that we may love men as  
God loves them. **(LOVE)**

And to be the type of witnesses that will bring men  
and women to the knowledge and love of Jesus  
Christ through His Church. **(ACTION)**

### Parish News and Announcements

- APA Diocesan Synod July 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

## **Prayer Requests:**

### Special Needs

Leighanne, Erik, Scott, Ann, Jim, Marge, Diane,  
Maura, Jacob, Michelle, Dave, Katie, Ben, Bill,  
Dave, Tami, Bruce, Chris, Chad & Becca,  
Melanie, Jess

### Sick

Cindy, Martha, Marge, Thelma

### Shut-in

Marlene, Charles, Ruth

### Studying for Ministry

Greg

### Serving in the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement

Jim, Charles, William, Tommy

All those serving our country here and abroad.  
All police officers and 1st responders.

### **Note regarding the Prayer List**

Please remember the parish prayer list is purged  
every month. If someone you know requires  
continued prayers, please ask that they remain  
on the list.

## **Birthdays**

July 7	Tami Alderfer
July 22	Marlene Renner
July 27	Dan Mason
August 2	Ruth Adlam
August 5	Bob Edsall
August 6	Marge Hoffman
August 13	Ann Snyder
August 18	Jim Leary
August 22	Bill Aichele
August 29	Charlie Martini
August 29	Bev Sturgeon
August 30	Martha Leary
August 30	Frances Neilsen
September 12	Rev. Bob Tufton
September 13	Caroline de Camp
September 29	Charles Barto

## **Anniversaries**

September 2	Bill & Karen Aichele
September 3	David & Angel de Camp
September 22	Jim & Martha Leary

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## **Ask the Seminarian**

### **How do we maintain our faith and the values of the founding fathers when we are saturated with secular culture?**

First, we must know and remember we will face persecution. Throughout history, Christians have been persecuted for their faith and beliefs. There are several places where the Bible warns us about being persecuted. Therefore, we should be ready and expect it. Furthermore 2 Timothy 4:3-4 cautions us, *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

Secondly, we need to pray for wisdom and discernment. James 1:5-8 tells us, *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For*

*he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. As the old adage goes, we need to pick and choose our battles. If it is no win situation, it is best to let it go and give it to God.*

If we discern it is something we can change or feel compelled to stand against, we need to put on the armor of God. Ephesians 6:11-19 encourages us, *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

Third of all, we need to stand firm. 1 Thessalonians says, *Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. We are to be in the world, but not of the world. John 15:19 states, If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Basically, we are meant to be different than society.*

Fourth, testing is a part of the Christian life and meant to help us grow in our faith. Remember Genesis 22 where God test Abraham to see if he would sacrifice his son Isaac. The book of Job is all

about being tested. Matthew 4, Mark 1, and Luke 4 recount Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. Isaiah 48:10-11 proclaims, *Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.* Additionally, Zechariah 13:8-9 declares, *And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.*

Fifth and finally, we must trust and believe God will give us the words we need. For Luke 12:11-12 says, *And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.*

At the same time, we need to be gentle as we will never be successful if we are harsh because it makes people defensive. 2 Timothy 2:24-26 tells us, *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.* We must pray God will work through us to bring people to Him. Another prayer should be for those who persecute. We are to pray for our enemies. Matthew 5:43-48 and Luke 6:26-36 talk about praying for and doing good to those who oppose us.

In conclusion, 2 Timothy 3:12-17 summarizes being tested and gives us guidance on what we ought to do. *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse,*

*deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

**Do you have a question you would like to ask the Seminarian? If so, please submit them to me in person, by email, or by phone.**

**Faithfully,**

**Greg**

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## **Pastor's Teaching**

### **The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sacrament of anointing by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is one of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity; He is the comforter and helper that Jesus promised to send His Apostles, who came to them on the day of Pentecost. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the bestowal of Pentecost into the soul of every baptized Christian, and it is final Sacrament of initiation into the Church. The bishop prays for the person being confirmed to receive the Holy Spirit and His Seven Gifts.

### **What are the “Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit” and what do they mean?**

**The Gift of Wisdom** is our ability to value spiritual things over worldly ones. It enables us to desire the things of God and correctly order the things in our life. This gift helps us view the world through God's perspective and the light of our faith. It instills a desire to contemplate the things of God.

**The Gift of Understanding** helps us grasp the truths of the faith more easily and profoundly. Our human intellect cannot grasp all of God's mysteries, but through the gift of understanding we can be led to truth, even when we do not fully comprehend. This gift strengthens our insight through prayer, scripture, and the sacraments.

**The Gift of Counsel** acknowledges the difference between right and wrong and bestows proper judgment. A person with right judgment avoids sin and leads a life for Christ. Counsel inspires us to speak up and encourage others to do the correct thing. It bestows upon us prudence, allowing us to act promptly and rightly in the face of difficult situations.

**The Gift of Ghostly Strength** (Courage) sustains our decision to follow the will of God in any situation. It allows us to stand up and defend our faith, even when threatened by bodily injury or death. This gift allows us to be steadfast in our decisions to do well and to endure evil even when we do not want to.

**The Gift of Knowledge** is awareness of God's plan. It is not simply an accumulation of facts, but rather an understanding of God's purpose and how we ought to respond. Knowledge helps bring to light the temptations that we face, and to discern whether to give in or live a life worthy of God's approval.

**The Gift of True Godliness** (Reverence) is our obedience to God and our willingness to serve Him. It is not just obedience through a sense of duty or obligation, but rather obedience out of love and devotion. It facilitates a deeper respect and honor for God and His Church.

**The Gift of Holy Fear** (Wonder and Awe) makes us aware of the glory and majesty of God. This gift is also synonymous with the "Fear of the Lord", in which we dread sin and fear offending God. We fear displeasing God and losing our connection with Him because of our love for Him. Wonder and awe increases our desire to draw closer to God and depart from sin.

The Sacrament of Confirmation marks each person with a spiritual seal. The effect of the Sacrament is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Why are there seven? The answer is that God has revealed this about the nature of the Holy Spirit in the scriptures. (Isaiah 11:2-3)

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### From the Anglicana Website

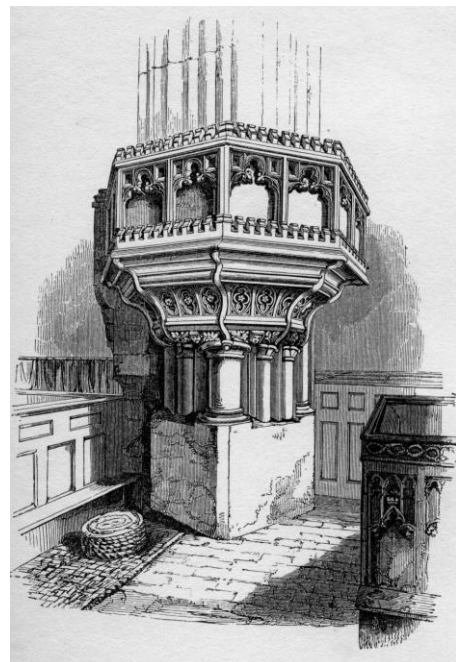
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Did You Know? From An Anglican Glossary

### Pulpit

The Pulpit is the raised desk from which sermons are given and in England they were sometimes attached to a wall, a pillar or a screen, but always in the nave. They could be wood or stone of various designs. Christ Church Philadelphia (1695) has a famous wineglass shaped pulpit.



Trinity Church, Coventry, ca. 1500

The curious three-tiered pulpits are a result of the extreme Calvinist Evangelical trend of the 1800's, when the sermon became all-important and the Communion table replaced the altar. The three-tiered pulpit placed the homilist at the top, the reader in the middle and below the clerk to read announcements. There are still some three-tiered pulpits in England and a few in the United States.



**Three-tiered pulpit**

**Sunday Worship Service: 10 AM  
(Other Services as announced)**

*Biblical Teaching - Apostolic Faith - Liturgical  
Worship - Sacramental Theology*

**We are a Traditional Conservative  
Christian Church.**

WE BELIEVE that the nature and will of God were revealed once and for all by His Divine Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and that this revelation recorded in Holy Scripture cannot and must not be altered or reinterpreted to meet the changing desires of man.

WE SUBSCRIBE to the Faith and Order of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as clearly expressed in the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds, and that the Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation.

WE ARE MEMBERS of the Body of Christ under the Spiritual Leadership of faithful Bishops in Apostolic Succession adhering to traditional Christian doctrine and principles.

WE WELCOME ALL who seek a firm and unchanging foundation for their Christian Faith in this confused and troubled world.

Most Sundays we celebrate Holy Communion according to the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Our Schedule of Worship Services embraces Anglicanism in its' broadest liturgical forms.

We also provide a Healing Service including prayers, the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil. The Healing Service is at 11:15AM on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

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