

CUTHBERT CONNECTIONS

Building the Kingdom of God—Together!

Come experience the transforming power and accepting love of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Cuthbert! We are glad you are here to worship today. If this is your first time to join us, be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk to take home a fresh baked treat!

During the service, children ages four through second grade are invited to participate in **Children's Church** by following the Children's cross. They will return during the exchange of the peace. Children through age five are welcome in the nursery.

We welcome all baptized Christians to join in receiving **Communion**. Those not baptized are invited to receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer Teams are available during Communion and after the service for those who have specific prayer needs or desire anointing with oil and prayers for healing. You will find the Prayer Team in the room in the back corner of the Sanctuary on the choir side.

TAKE NOTE:

Saturday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Vestry Retreat

Please visit stcuthbert.org for a complete calendar of events.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.



Sunday Morning Services:

8:00 & 10:30 Holy Communion & Children's Church

9:10 Christian Formation for everyone

Nursery available 7:50 - 12:30

Morning Prayer: 8:00 Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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GENESIS 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD

all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people;

the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

ACTS 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

MARK 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



We at St. Cuthbert will be intentional to: Captivate visitors with the love of Christ; Connect people to the love of Christ; experience the transforming power and accepting love of Jesus Christ through Community ministry groups; and Commission leaders to build the kingdom of God—together!

FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday morning Formation begins a new semester today! Classes for adults will include *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*; The Bible Cover to Cover; and the Lectionary study. Classes for children and youth also meet. If you would like to share your love of children and share your faith, Children's Formation teachers are needed for the upcoming semester. Contact Gail Jackins for more information, questions, or to volunteer.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2018 Altar Flower book is available for anyone who would like to give a flower arrangement in thanksgiving for a special event or in memory of a loved one. There is a suggested donation of \$35. The arrangement is available for you to take home after the 10:30 service. You will find the book on the table in the front hallway.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S PEOPLE

There will be a Safeguarding God's People—Preventing Sexual Exploitation class offered on Saturday, January 20, at 10:00. You **MUST** register in advance in order to attend. The registration deadline is today. For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Sally Mahon.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND

CHILI COOK-OFF

Two events combined into one! On Sunday, January 28, St. Cuthbert will hold the Annual Celebration Meeting and Sixteenth Annual Chili Cook-off immediately following the 10:30 service. The Meeting will begin with the opportunity to sample and vote on some awesome and unique pots of chili, and then a lunch with (what else) chili and build-your-own baked potatoes will be served. We will celebrate all that God has done at St. Cuthbert over the past year. To participate in the Cook-off, form a team and/or gather your ministry group and sign up at the information table. For questions or more information, contact Sally Mahon.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University (FPU) will be offered on Sundays, beginning January 21, from 6:30–8:15. This Biblically based nine-lesson series will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt and much more. The cost of the study is \$109. Scholarships are available. To register or request more information, visit our website and click on the FPU banner.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

The staff would like to extend our deepest thanks for the gifts we received. It is an honor to serve with such a loving community.



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