

# CUTHBERT CONNECTIONS

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***Building the Kingdom of God—Together!***

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

## WELCOME

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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:

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***Please visit [stcuthbert.org](http://stcuthbert.org) for a complete calendar of events.***

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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The poinsettias 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

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ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

PSALM 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;  
**praise your God, O Zion;**  
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
**he has blessed your children within you.**  
He has established peace on your borders;  
**he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**  
He sends out his command to the earth,  
**and his word runs very swiftly.**  
He gives snow like wool;  
**he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**  
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;  
**who can stand against his cold?**  
He sends forth his word and melts them;  
**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**  
He declares his word to Jacob,  
**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**  
He has not done so to any other nation;  
**to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!**

GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

JOHN 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



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!

### BAPTISM

The service of Baptism will be held Sunday, January 13, at the 10:30 service. If you have a candidate, fill out a Baptism Registration form found in the front hallway, and leave it in the church office. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 6. A required Baptismal instruction class will be held on Saturday, January 12, at 10:00. For questions or more information, please contact Gail Jackins.

### BLESSING OF ADOPTIONS/ NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

A blessing of new family members will be held Sunday, January 13, at the 10:30 service. If you or someone you know has adopted a child or has a new member in their family and would like their family blessed, sign up on the Family Blessing form found in the front hallway. For questions or more information, contact Gail Jackins.

### CONNECTION LUNCHEON

Whether you have been visiting a while or it's your first Sunday, we would like to get to know you better. Please join us on Sunday, January 13, for lunch after the 10:30 service. To reserve your spot, or for more information, contact Sally Mahon.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office is closed through January 2.

### YEAR-END GIVING

Please prayerfully consider making a year-end gift towards building the kingdom of God at St. Cuthbert. Any contributions you would like credited to the 2018 tax year must be received in the offering plate today, or made online, texted, or be post-marked by tomorrow, Monday, December 31.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

All women are invited to the Women's Winter Retreat on February 1-3 at Camp Eternal. The retreat is sponsored by the ECW and the MOMs. The mountain lodge themed retreat has a discounted cost of \$150 and includes lodging, meals, study materials, and more! To reserve your spot or for questions or more information, contact Beth Micek at [beth@stcuthbert.org](mailto:beth@stcuthbert.org).

### MOMS BIBLE STUDY

The MOMs (Ministry of Motherhood) meet every Monday from 9:10-11:10, with childcare provided at no charge. They will begin their study of Beth Moore's *Believing God* on Monday, January 7. *Believing God* is based on Isaiah 3:10 and explores what it means not only "to believe in God" but "to believe Him." If you are mother or about to be one, you are invited to this study. For more information, contact Beth Micek at [beth@stcuthbert.org](mailto:beth@stcuthbert.org).



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