



The Shepherd's Voice

January 22, 2013

By Fr. Joe Rees

'The Spirit Upon Him is Upon You'

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. ..."Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4: 18-21.

Our Lord Jesus began His ministry with those words on the Sabbath day and in the synagogue. He stood up and read boldly under the power of the Holy Spirit. He again gave His imprimatur to the liturgy and mode of worship of His day, and as such, it continues much the same to this day. He was preaching the Good News of His Gospel that identifies Him with/as the Messiah in Isaiah 61 and all the people would have known it. He was and is the only One who is able to engage us in the preaching of His Kingdom ethics and morals, liberate captives from sin and death, give new sight to those that are blind physically and spiritually, and freedom to those who oppressed by the evil one. He is the endless 'year of the Lord', our Savior, and in Him we have His victory over sin and death, and the joy of eternal life.

In our Lord's crucifixion and three days in the tomb, and in His resurrection and ascension we have the way to eternal life. No need to look elsewhere for some other 'self-help' program to get through life. We have it all in Jesus' Life. And how do we get this extraordinary Life? We simply have to ask Jesus into our hearts, our minds, our wills, and let Him have His way with us. Submission is a word we don't ordinarily like to use in our world today. But, we can with confidence use that word in relating to Christ. We are to willingly submit ourselves to His Life which is the Good News, because with Jesus inside we have an everlasting power to sustain us for overcoming abilities in life.

Now, for real growth in our spiritual lives allow Jesus to have His way daily in you, and with all of us. Start with asking for His Spirit to come into your mind and guide you. He'll lead you in the right and good ways. The same Spirit that was upon Him is upon us who believe. The Spirit will anoint and bless each one who wills that Jesus be the center of their life. I know the joy of this and I pray earnestly that you will too. Just ask. Say, 'Lord Jesus, please send your Spirit into my life'. Simple isn't it! Yes, and He loves to always answer that prayer. Spend a moment each day early in the start of the day and just ask, "Holy Spirit, please guide me today." "Lord Jesus, send Your Spirit to align my thoughts to be Your thoughts, my actions to fulfill Your will, my emotions to be under Your control."

The Spirit will be upon you, within you, and blessing you. The Spirit will help you discern the will of the Lord in all things. The Spirit will guide you into all truth (John 16:13). He will nudge you away from being off-course. He will be your conscience and warn you of temptation or of giving in to it. He will always be near...if you are welcoming Him all the time. I pray you will do so. It's as easy as breathing in and out. Breathe in His Spirit, let the anointing fall on you like gentle showers in spring. Let His Life grow within you and you'll never want to go back to the way you use to live.

Remember what Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14: 6). With His Spirit, all of us will know the way, and honor Him! Let's come together in unity as a parish around this and pray for the Lord to guide us on our way. A very good opportunity right now to go deeper is the

teaching Donna Brayton is doing covering Jesus' 'Sermon on the mount' on Tuesday evenings starting at 7:15pm. Please avail yourselves.

with our annual meeting afterward and a catered lunch following the meeting. Please all do come. Love in Christ,
Fr. Joe

Looking forward to this Sunday when the community will gather for one service at 9:00am

Sunday Servers this week...

January 27, 2013	3 Epiphany		9:00 a.m. Service
First Reader	Nehemiah 8:2-10		Joy Rosendale
Psalm Reader	Psalm 113		Randy Stewart
Second Reader	1 Corinthians 12:12-27		Ann Fox
Intercessor			Mitch Dubski
Lay Euch. Ministers		One Service	Jane Rost, Trish Stewart
Acolytes			Mitch D (C); David A (T1); Dasiahmarie V (T2)
Welcomers			Jane Rost, Bill & Judi Collins
Ushers			Dink Nash, Ted Vallas, Jackie Lansing, Chris Corey
Vestry Person of Day	Jane Rost		
Healing Ministers			Rudy T, Kari C, Donna S, Sarah F
Announcer			Anna Teixeira

The Bishop is coming!

Bishop Bill Thompson will be at Grace on February 17th. If you want to be baptized, confirmed, or received while the Bishop is here, please contact the church office.

Tuesdays in January and Beyond

Jan 8th-Feb 5th and Feb. 26-Mar. 19th
Donna Brayton's life-changing course on the Sermon on the Mount will begin this Tuesday, January 8 with a potluck @ 6:30PM. This is Jesus' powerful teaching on how to live as a truly committed follower of Christ in community with others. Be sure to sign up at the book table in the Narthex. Come at 6:30 p.m. with food to share and stay for this wonderful series.



Cursillo Grand Ultreya

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Grace Anglican Church

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Bill Thompson will preside
Come one, come all

This Ultreya also serves as the Annual meeting in which the election of Secretariat members will be held. We will be saying farewell to those Secretariat members who have completed their term of office. The Secretariat welcomes nominations for those who would be willing to serve.

Come and bring a friend for worship, fellowship and fun.
Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday at Grace

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
with choir
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Adult Forum
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with'
Worship Team
10:15 a.m. Children's Church

Annual Meeting Sunday

Readings for Sunday

Nehemiah 8:2-10

Psalms 113

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Luke 4:14-21

We are using the English Standard
Version of the Bible and the Lectionary
from the Book of Common Prayer
(Year C)

This Week at Grace –Jan. 22-Jan. 29, 2013

Tues. January 22

- 11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Healing Prayer & Eucharist at CHC
6:30 p.m. Potluck Fellowship Dinner
7:00 p.m. Donna's Sermon on the Mount Teaching

Wed January 23

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thurs. January 24

- 7:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Sr. Women's Fellowship at Ruth Yahn's
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at the Oasis
3:30 p.m. Alpha Club
7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Fri. January 25

- Fr. Joe's day off
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Eucharist at Grace
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

Sat. January 26

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

Sun. January 27

Annual Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. One Service
10:30 a.m. Annual meeting
Noon - Catered Lunch

Mon. January 28

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

Tues. January 29

- 11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Healing prayer & Eucharist at CHC
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Potluck Supper
7:00 p.m. Donna Brayton's class on
The Sermon on the Mount.

Rector's Bible Study

Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.

Fr. Joe is leading the group through a study of
the Book of Isaiah. Everyone is welcome.
B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch)

**Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer At Grace Anglican
All are welcome to attend.**

Weekly – There are over 25 small groups meeting
during the week. Check our newsletter for a list of
all the groups or you can find the list on our website:
www.graceanglicanchurch.com.

Save the date!

- Jan. 22 Sermon on the Mount Teaching
Jan. 27 **All Parish Annual Meeting**
Jan. 25 Contemplative prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 Grand Ultreya at Grace-1:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 Youth Catachesis – Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 6 Soaking Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 Prayers & Squares – 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 10 – One service at 9:00 a.m. with Baptism of
Talon Dannenberger – brunch to follow.
Feb. 12 Shrove Tuesday fun and frivolity
Feb. 13 Ash Wed. Services at noon and 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 15 Contemplative Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16&17 Bishop Bill at Grace
Feb. 20 Vestry Meeting
Feb. 23 Combined Vestry Retreat at Grace
Mar. 9 Daylight Savings Time –set clocks forward.
Mar. 24 Palm Sunday
Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday – Foot Washing service
Mar. 29 Good Friday Services – Noon and 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 30 Holy Saturday – Great Vigil of Easter
Mar. 31 Easter Sunday
May 3 Anglican Men's Retreat at Forest Home