

FEBRUARY 2: THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

READINGS FROM YEAR A, THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY:

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST * [CHAPEL]

Spoken service in traditional, Elizabethan language.

Sermon: The Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman

8:45 AM - 12:15 PM FREE CHILD CARE (THROUGH AGE FIVE) [ROOM 51]

Contact the Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman at 212-378-0253 or klewis-theerman@stbarts.org.

9 AM EUCHARIST IN THE ROUND [CHURCH]

St. Bart's Singers and Choristers lead our songs of praise.

Sermon: The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

10 AM QUEST [CHAPEL]

Children K through grade 5 are invited for a time designed to nourish our relationship with God.

10 AM YOUTH @ THE CENTER [ROOM 44]

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to explore how their faith intersects with real life.

10 AM THE FORUM [GREAT HALL]

Religion is Always in the Room: Liz Kineke on Religion, Politics, and Understanding. Liz Kineke served for over fourteen years as the producer of CBS' award-winning Religion and Culture series. As she revisits her transition to religion reporting in the years following 9/11 and shares clips from some of her more recent work, she reflects on the importance of religion within our socio-political climate and the relationship between religious literacy and American democracy.

11 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST [CHURCH]

An elegant, formal liturgy featuring the music of Howells and Palestrina.

Sermon: The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe

5 PM COMMUNITY EUCHARIST [CHAPEL]

An informal and intimate service, celebrated in our beautiful Chapel.

Sermon: The Reverend Deborah A. Lee

**Eucharist is from the Greek for "thanksgiving" and is our regular worship service, at the heart of all we do and are. It is also known as the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, Mass or Divine Liturgy.*

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday-Friday: 12:05 pm Eucharist, 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 6 pm Eucharist; **Saturday:** 10 am Morning Prayer

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays resuming January 8, 12:45-2 pm, Vestry Room. Thoughtful reflection and lively discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. To learn more, please email the Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman (klewis-theerman@stbarts.org).

MEDITATION PRACTICES

Living Christ Sangha: Sundays, 3-4:45 pm, Room 52

Meditation Mondays: Mondays, 12:30-1:30 pm, Church

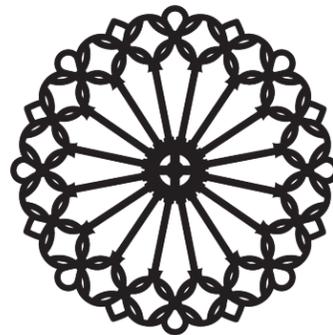
iRest: Selected Mondays, 5:45-6:45 pm, Church (bryan@stbarts.org for dates)

Yoga: Tuesdays, 5:30-7 pm, Church

Candlelit Yoga & Music: 3rd Thursdays each month, 7-8:30 pm, Church

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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2020

EVERYBODY
NEEDS
A PLACE

You can find yours here.

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

GOD'S LIFE-GIVING CONNECTIONS



At its root, our word “religion” stems from the Latin *religare* meaning to bind, to connect. Sometimes the connections are immediate; at other times the connections grow across years across miles. I'd like to share one story with you.

On September 11, 2011, St. Bart's held our annual 9/11 Service of Hope and Remembrance. That year, to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, ushers handed out prayer cards to all attending the service. Each card bore the name of a person who had died in the 9/11 attacks, with a request that the cardholder pray for the person named and do some act of kindness in honor and memory of the deceased.

In January 2019, a note and gift for “The Family of Charles” appeared at St. Bart's Central from Pamela, who lives in the Midwest. In her note to St. Bart's Pamela sensitively explained she had received at that September 11, 2011 service the prayer card bearing Charles' name. During the years since, she had prayed for Charles and his family. She had also, in honor of Charles, found a way to heal a wound and bring reconciliation within her family. Veronica Shea, Director of St. Bart's Central, used her internet skills to locate Charles' widow and gave the contact information to me.

On the evening of Christmas Eve, 2019, I took a chance and telephoned Mrs. Charles, uncertain if the number was still valid or if my message would sound like spam or a hoax call. Mrs. Charles took her own chance by calling me back within 30 minutes. We had a warm, gracious conversation. It turns out that Mrs. Charles lives not far from Corey Durney, St. Bart's Director of Facilities. Corey is hand-delivering Pamela's note and gift to Mrs. Charles.

At its best, religion connects us to each other, and (re)binds us to God, our Source. May we always be open to God's life-giving connections.

The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF THE REVEREND LYNN SANDERS: Today we celebrate the ministry of the Reverend Lynn Sanders on her last Sunday with us as vicar of St. Bart's. Please join us for festive coffee hours after the 9 am and 11 am services to send her off with our best wishes before her move to South Carolina. We are collecting “Letters for Lynn” in a specially marked box in the narthex. If you would like to write a note today, cards and envelopes are available near our Letters for Lynn box.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOTHING DRIVE: Thank you all so very much for your amazing outpouring of generosity in response to the Crossroads clothing drive. We have received a multitude of beautiful coats, scarves, gloves, hats, sweaters, and other much-needed winter clothing. We are so overwhelmed by your generosity, that we have reached our storage capacity and, in fact, are not able to receive any further donations at this time. We are enormously grateful for you and your marvelous gifts.

With a full heart and clothing closet,
Crossroads Community



CENTERING PRAYER: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 44. Centering Prayer, a meditative approach that embraces silence and contemplation, is the ideal practice to start the new year. All are welcome; no experience necessary. Enter at 109 East 50th Street.

ADULT PROFESSIONALS GROUP BRUNCH: Today at Pressbox, 932 Second Avenue, from 12:30-2 pm. Charles Holmes, a parishioner, will share his experience making a career change after 30 years from Investment Banking to Real Estate Brokering. The Adult Professionals Group is focused on active and inquisitive career-minded people seeking fellowship with other similarly-minded people. It is non-exclusive, and all interested people are invited to attend. To RSVP for the event, please contact Dulcie Mapondera (dtmapondera@hotmail.com) and Rita Silva (rmrs2910@hotmail.com).

20S/30S JANUARY HAPPY HOUR: All St. Bart's young adults are invited to the 20s/30s meetup this month at *Somm Time* (959 2nd Ave.) **on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:45 pm.** Please gather in the back of the chapel following the 6 pm service or meet us directly at the restaurant.

STAND YOUR GROUND: BLACK BODIES AND THE JUSTICE OF GOD. Thursdays, February 6-20, 6:30 pm in the Vestry Room. In the past few years, the killing of innocent black and brown people, accompanied by a marked rise in white nationalism, has prompted a fierce reckoning about race in America. Join the Reverend Peter Thompson for a discussion of Kelly Brown Douglas' searing book *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*. What is the reality of being black or brown in this country? And how can we draw on our Christian faith in our effort to make our society more loving and more just? Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to read the book in advance of the discussion. Copies of the book are available at the Store @ St. Bart's.

VALENTINE'S DAY RENEWAL OF VOWS: Friday, February 14 at 6 pm. All married couples are invited to celebrate and renew their commitment to each other in this meaningful service followed by a champagne toast. Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration of Love. Make a night out of it and enjoy a special prix fixe menu at Inside Park. Learn more and RSVP at stbarts.org/valentinesday. *And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).*

ORCHESTRA MODERN PERFORMS MEDTNER AND TCHAIKOVSKY: Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 pm at St. Bart's. The Orchestra Modern is the newest ensemble of The Clarion Music Society, which has been hailed as “stellar” and “polished” by The New York Times, and “legendary” by The New Yorker. This concert features virtuoso pianist Ilya Maximov, a member of the faculty of the Mozarteum in Salzburg, performing Nikolay Medtner's exquisite Piano Concerto No. 2. Visit mmpaf.org to learn more.

ON PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND WE WELCOME THE REVEREND DR. RANDALL BALMER, the John Philipps Professor in Religion at Dartmouth College **on Sunday, February 16.** An Episcopal priest and the author of *God in the White House: A History, Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A Journey Into the Evangelical Subculture in America, Redeemer: The Life of Jimmy Carter*, and several other books on American religion, Professor Balmer will be our guest preacher at the 9 and 11 am services and speak at the Forum about faith and the presidency.



If you have not yet made your 2020 pledge, please do so now. We count on our community to support St. Bart's each and every year and a pledge helps us to plan better.

Tax statements will be mailed in February.

Kindly collect your weekly or monthly envelopes from the Stewardship Table in the west end of the church. Envelopes will be available until Sunday, February 26.

Consider a distribution from your qualified retirement plan for St. Bart's to fulfill your pledge. This is a great way to make a gift to the church and reduce your taxable income. Always check with your tax advisor for the best way to make a gift for you. Questions? Please call Meighan Corbett, Director of Giving at 212-378-0278 or email her at corbett@stbarts.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 25: Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration at 6 pm.

FEBRUARY 26: Ash Wednesday—Services at 8 am, 12:05 pm, and 6 pm, Ashes imposed 7 am-7 pm.

MARCH 8: Great Music at St. Bart's presents The Apple Hill Chamber Players, 2:30 pm in the chapel. Tickets and information: mmpaf.org.

APRIL 5: Palm Sunday—Holy Week begins.

APRIL 11: Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil at 7 pm, festive reception following.

APRIL 12: Easter Day—Services at 8 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm.

MAY 7: Great Music at St. Bart's presents Juilliard Organists in Recital, 7:30 pm in the chapel. Admission is free; no tickets or reservations are necessary.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTION

In accordance with the Church's Bylaws, the Vestry has set the time and place for the annual parish meeting and vestry election. **These will take place on Sunday, February 23 at 10 am in the nave of the Church.** All are invited to attend. Only qualified voters are eligible to vote. The Vestry has nominated the following people for election: John B. Gilliland to serve a second 2-year term as Warden; Archer Christian Burke to serve a second 3-year term as a Vestry member; four individuals each to serve an initial 3-year term as a Vestry member: William (“Bill”) Fry IV, Astrid Horan, J Patrick Hornbeck II, and Mary Robin Jurkiewicz. Nominees' biographies are available at stbarts.org/annualmeeting. These will also be available in hard copy form in the Church starting February 9 through February 23.

Two matters proposed for vote at The Annual Parish Meeting: The Vestry resolved to seek parish approval for two amendments to the certificate of incorporation. One amendment would effect an update of the legal name and title of the corporation to “St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York.” (The current legal corporate name and title was established in 1835 and is “The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York.”) The other amendment is corporate “housekeeping” to fix an outer bound for the annual meeting and vestry election date each year. (The date is currently wholly unfixed.) The Vestry requests that the parish vote FOR each of these amendments at the annual meeting. Each amendment is presented in greater detail, together with the rationale for it, at stbarts.org/amendments. This information will also be available in hard copy form in the Church starting February 9 through February 23.

Additional information about the annual meeting, voting, the Vestry nomination process, and the two amendments to the certificate of incorporation is available at stbarts.org/annualmeeting.