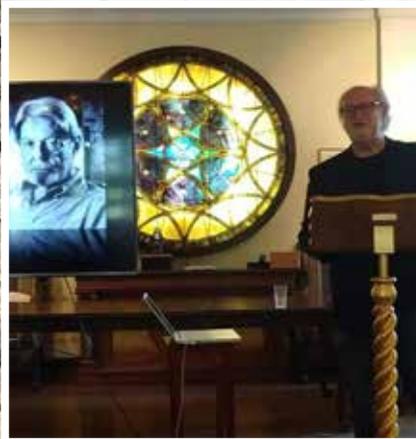


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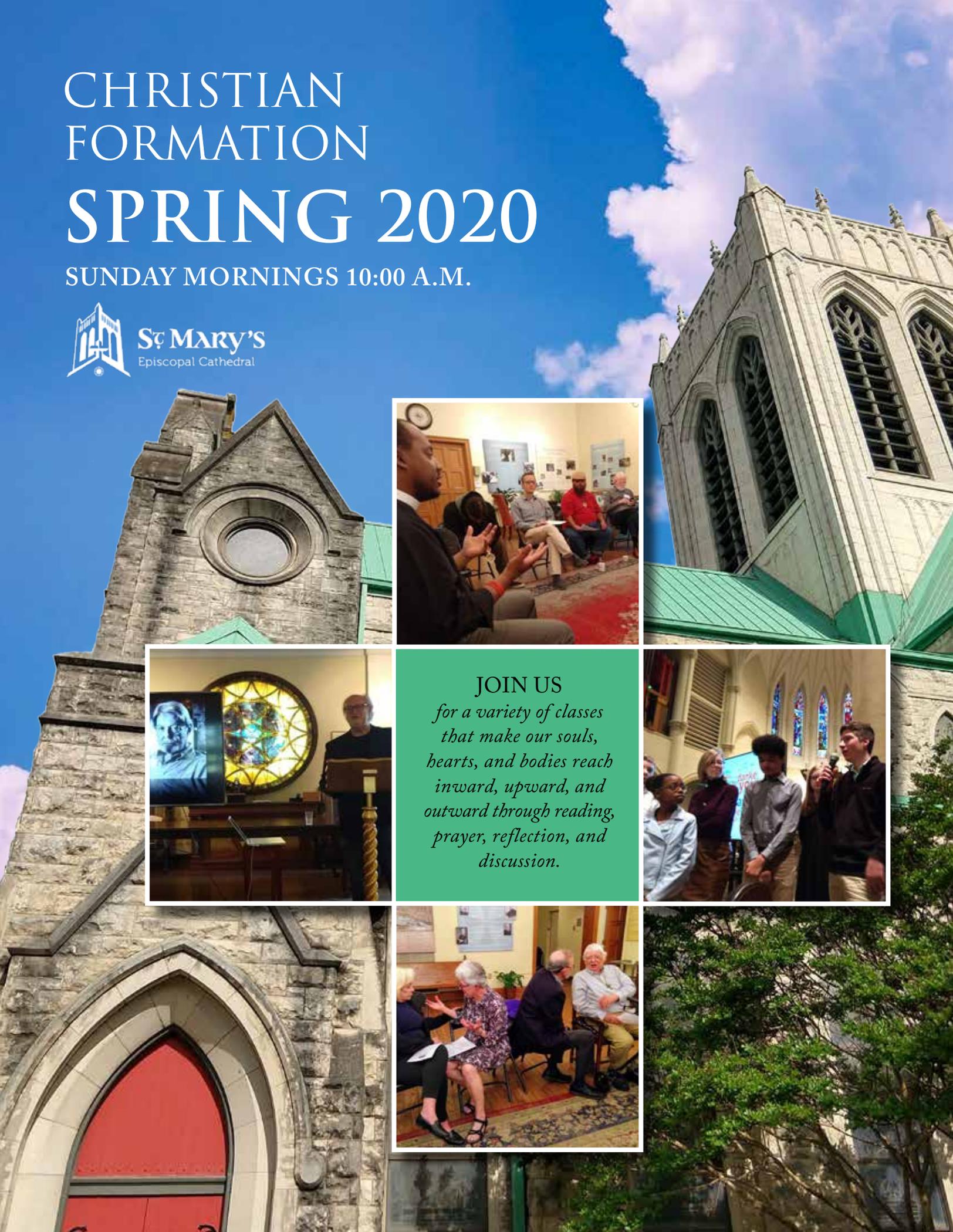
SUNDAY MORNINGS 10:00 A.M.



St. MARY'S
Episcopal Cathedral



JOIN US
*for a variety of classes
that make our souls,
hearts, and bodies reach
inward, upward, and
outward through reading,
prayer, reflection, and
discussion.*



REV. LISA ANDERSON *Room in the Inn* | January 5



Rev. Lisa Anderson

Rev. Lisa Anderson is pastor of Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Founding Executive Director of Room in the Inn-Memphis. She served for over 2 decades as a chaplain at St. Jude Children's Hospital and has served her denomination at its highest level as Moderator of the General Assembly. A graduate of Christian Brothers University and Memphis Theological Seminary, Rev. Anderson has been a recipient of the Memphis Women of Achievement Award. She is married to Dr. Barry Anderson, Director of Student Services at Memphis Theological Seminary and they have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren.

Room in the Inn-Memphis is an ecumenical ministry that provides emergency shelter to those experiencing homelessness through a network of 55 faith congregations.

DR. RON MCDONALD

A Meditation

January 26 & February 2

Dr. Ron McDonald, pastoral counselor and seminary professor, has taught classes in parent education and spirituality at St. Mary's before. He is a Quaker and will be teaching about the spiritual benefits of meditation and quietness. He will include meditations on music and play his hammer dulcimer.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING | January 19 - Breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. Meeting 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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ADULT FORMATION / MARTYRS HALL @ 10 A.M.

January 5 - Room in the Inn – with Rev. Lisa Anderson

January 12 - Learn about why MLK Day is a national day of service and opportunities to volunteer in our community. Speaker TBA

January 19 - (Annual Parish Meeting)

January 26 & February 2 - Dr. Ron McDonald Meditation

February 9 - The African Americans Experience in the Episcopal Church- A History with Canon Patrick Williams.

February 16 - Exploring Concepts of Diversity in Divine Representation- Laryn Kragt-Bakker

February 23 - Calvary Lenten Series Speaker Preview



March 1 - BISHOP VISIT - Bishop Phoebe will visit for confirmation, reception, reaffirmation, baptism and will teach at the formation hour.

March 8, 15, 22, 29 - Dr. Daniel Pigg-“King David & Us”

April 3 - Palm Sunday - Passover Seder: an inter-generational gathering

April 12 - Easter Sunday Brunch | Undercroft

April 19 - Dr. Bashar Shala – Ramadan

April 26 - Earth Day “Diversity in Divine Imagery: Representation Matters” with Dr. David Rupke, Associate Professor of Physics, Rhodes College

May 3 - Youth Sunday: Cathedral youth will lead and inspire us!

May 10 - Stations of the Resurrection | Undercroft, Ellen Morris Prewitt and Yancy Villa-Calvo

May 17 - Unsheltered Voices: Loving our Neighbors with Canon Patrick Williams

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INQUIRERS' CLASS / SISTERS' CHAPEL @ 10 A.M.

January 26 - Why Become an Episcopalian?

February 2 - The Uniqueness of the Episcopal Church

February 9 - Not Catholic, Not Protestant: History of the Episcopal Church and Intro to the Book of Common Prayer



February 16 - The Sacraments

February 23 - Called to Live out our Faith

March 1 - 9 a.m. Breakfast, 10 a.m. Bishop's Forum, The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, 11 a.m. service - Confirmation, Reaffirmation, Reception



Laryn Kragt-Bakker

LARYN KRAGT-BAKKER *Divinity and Diversity* February 16

Explore some examples (from history to the present) of ways that racial diversity and representation matter in relation to our conceptions of divinity – and discuss some of the opportunities that we may have at St. Mary’s to better reflect and affirm the image of God in all those who pass through the doors at St. Mary’s, or the surrounding neighborhood and Memphis at large.

DANIEL E. PIGG *King David and Us: Unmaking the ‘Man After God’s Own Heart’ and Ourselves* March 8, 15, 22, & 29



Daniel F. Pigg

“Psalm 51, attributed to David according to the superscript and connected to one of David’s most difficult moments, is where we begin in the Ash Wednesday liturgy. The thing that this narrative shows us I think in a most direct way is that God is never the God of one chance, but

the God of second and third chances and more. The David story shows that. At the same time, the narrative shows that actions do have consequences. Forgiveness does not mean that everything is okay as if nothing happened. Sometimes even someone like David seems powerless to stop the swirl of challenges around him. I think everyone can understand that. David has a very significant beginning, but in a real sense, the greatest of his youth does not always play into his greatness as a adult. Our challenge with David is to understand how this “man after God’s own heart” as the narrative affirms leads a life of distinction and challenge.”



Triumphant David by Matteo Roselli
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Daniel F. Pigg, a parishioner at Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, is a Professor of English at The University of Tennessee at Martin, where he also teaches Religious Studies. He holds graduate degrees in theology and Biblical Studies from Memphis Theological Seminary, The University of the South (Sewanee), and Phillips Theological Seminary (Tulsa). Much of his work has been in Second Temple Judaism (515 BCE-70 CE). He regularly teaches the Adult Forum at Grace-St. Luke’s, and he has also taught as a guest speaker at St. Luke’s, Jackson, and St. Ann’s, Nashville. He will be teaching a portion of I and II Samuel that deals with the representation of David. The class will have some lecture, and we will concentrate on examining some key moments in the David story together. We will also see how these events can inform our own Lenten journey.



Dr. Jerry Harber

Rev. Jerry’s Spring Formation Classes

EPIPHANY
5 JAN-23 FEB
(except Jan. 19)

**Come Holy Spirit,
Come: Opening
Ourselves To the Work of**

the Spirit

Our spiritual journey never ends. Sometimes it’s exhilarating; other times exhausting. This series is about what the Scriptures teach us about how God understands our journey and offers guidance that can restore our souls and replenish us as we follow Jesus. Five short scriptural biographies will be our focus to help us open ourselves to the Spirit’s power in our trek to discipleship.

LENT / 8 MAR-29 MAR

Jesus’ Teachings In the Last Week of His Life: *Speaking To Us*

After the Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday, Jesus went to the Temple daily to teach his followers and others. What did he say and what are the implications for we who want to follow Jesus as true disciples?

EASTER / 19 APR-24 MAY

He Taught Them In Parables

His parables confused even his closest followers who begged him for explanations. He didn’t always explain them, though. What was he telling them that was too profound for more ordinary means? And, the most important question of all: what do the parables teach us for today’s times and our lives in those times?

DR. BASHAR SHALA *Ramadan April 19*



Dr. Bashar Shala

In addition to his career as a cardiologist here in Memphis, Dr. Bashar Shala is a leader in the Muslim community here and has an international reputation as an Islamic scholar. In Memphis he has been a strong voice for understanding



with Keith Olbermann. Married and the father of 6, he nevertheless finds time to volunteer as a cardiology consultant at the Church Health Center, Christ Community Health Center, and the Muslim Charity Clinic.

across religious lines. In 2011 he won the Diversity Memphis Humanitarian Award; in 2017 the Roosevelt Institute Freedom of Worship Award. He is the Co-Founder and current president of the Memphis Friendship Foundation. He has appeared on the CBS Morning Show, on NBC with Brian Williams, and on MSNBC

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CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION @ 10 A.M.

Young people gather at 10 a.m. in the Moody Wing for age-appropriate classes with devoted teachers. Nursery (ages 6 months to 3 years) is always available from 9:30 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. Eucharist service. Children's chapel participants gather in the rear of the nave at 11 a.m. and process to the Chapel for liturgy, music, and formation. They return for communion.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pre-K 3 - Sr. Kindergarten) led by Terra Nwobilor & Julie Byrd. The themes presented in the atrium are taken from the Bible and the liturgy (prayers and sacraments) as the fundamental sources for creating and sustaining Christian life at every developmental stage, and in particular, for illuminating and nourishing the child in his/her wonder and questions.



a Spark House program, students gather for spiritual formation and reflection on liturgical seasons to cultivate into their day to day lives. Each Sunday is a lively, open, thoughtful discussion time to discuss pertinent current topics and how as Christians we approach them. Trips to coffee shops, breakfast joints, and other local venues with various volunteers and clergy are part of this Sunday time together.



Kids of the Kingdom (1st grade-5th grade) led by Vickie Baselski & Marsha Callow. This class is creatively designed to explore the stories of Scripture through the lectionary and engage the liturgical season through art, games, and snacks.

Faith Exploration (6th-8th grade) & (9th-12th grade) led by Kenyetta Thompson Powell and Lay Readers. Using components of the reform,



MANY THANKS TO THE SPRING 2020 FORMATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Julie Byrd Ashworth
Sarah Edwards
The Very Rev. Laura Gettys
Pat Kelly
Zack McMillin
Jim Powell