

**The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**Feb. 16, 2025**  
**The Holy Eucharist Rite II**



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Crawfordsville, IN**



**Prelude**

I Love You, Lord

D. Wagner

**Welcome**

The Rev. Jason Fortner

## **The Word of God**

*Please stand as you are able at the bell.*

**Processional Hymn**

Hymnal 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

## **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Collect for Purity**

*The Presider may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

**First Reading**

*Reader*         A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?  
I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings  
*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 1**

*Please read responsively by half verse.*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*

**and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*

**everything they do shall prosper.**

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*

**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*

**nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*

**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## **Second Reading**

*Reader*        A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he

did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

Hymnal 457

Thou art the Way

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **The Gospel**

*Presider*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the  
false prophets."

*Presider*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*         **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Jason Fortner

*A brief silence may follow.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our presiding bishop, Jennifer our bishop, Jason our priest, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Crawfordsville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Brittany Weathers, Shelbi Fortner, Larry Bennett, Brittany Green, Willa Steiner, Jim Steiner, Jack, Catherine, Les, Lauren, Frank, Don, Ann, Cynthia, Mark, Shane, Elaine, Randy, Kelly, the Rahimi Family, and those devastated by natural disasters and war, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the members of the Reunification Discernment committee, for the work they continue to do, and for the ongoing mission of The Episcopal Church in Indiana, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Blessed Mary, Blessed John, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*



## **Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider pronounces God's absolution of sin saying*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings  
and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

## The Holy Eucharist

*Our altar is the Table of our loving God, a table set to nourish all of creation through the love of Jesus Christ. You, who are a beloved part of that creation, are most welcome, indeed invited to partake! It is our tradition for all of us to circle the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to receive the Body of Christ in the bread, please place one hand on top of the other, palms up. If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, please take a sip when it is offered. If you would prefer a blessing rather than Communion or would like to abstain from the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest.*

**Offertory Anthem**            God of Day, God of Darkness

Haugen

**Offertory Hymn**            Hymnal 380 verse 3

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Presider*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Presider*            Lift up your hearts.

*People*            **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*            **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

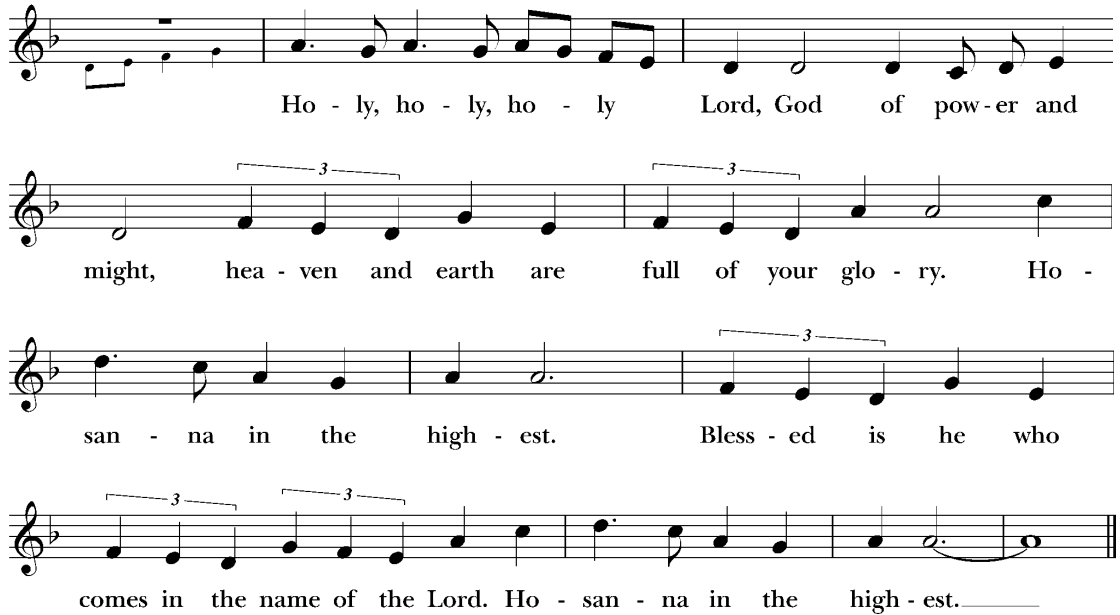
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

*Presider and People sing*

**Sanctus**   

Powell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*The Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

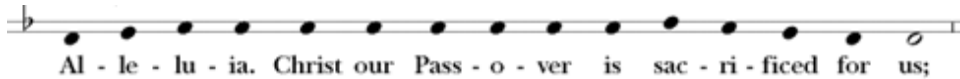
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

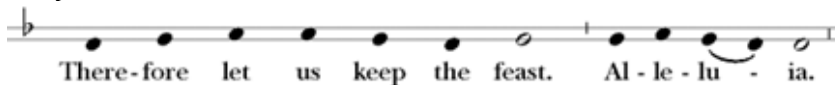
*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider:*



*People:*



## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The People stand or kneel as they are able.*

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*The Presider blesses the people with these or similar words.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

Hymnal 544

Jesus shall reign

## **The Dismissal**

*The Presider dismisses the People.*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Postlude on Tallis' Canon

Giamanco

## Serving Today

**President:** The Rev. Jason Fortner

**Music:** Jerilyn Yerkes

	<b>Feb 16, 2025</b>		<b>Feb 23, 2025</b>	
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Kitty Haffner	Ed Fain	Kim Green	Christopher Short
<b>LEM</b>	Kitty Haffner	Kim Roberts & Dan Booher	Kim Green	Peggy Lohorn & Meribeth Kussmaul
<b>Crucifer</b>	Robert Swanson	Sam Smith	Frank Sorrentino	Aaron Morrison
<b>Greeters</b>		Jim & Kathy Gary		John & Kim Roberts
<b>Childcare</b>		Kari Brock & Jessica Short		Kim Green & Ellen Ball
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Meegan Reidy & Kathy Gary		Sheila Evans & Jessica Short
<b>Counters</b>		Jim Gary & John Roberts		Peggy Lohorn & Ed Fain
<b>Coffee</b>	Frank Sorrentino		Meegan Reidy	
<b>Clean Up</b>	Meegan Reidy		Meegan Reidy	

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Sheila Evans to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for celebrating another birthday and for the St John's family.



## St. John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana

**Mission:** St. John's Episcopal Church is called by the love of Christ to welcome and witness to our community.

**Vision:** As a place of welcome and care for all, we want our community to know that:

- We listen to the needs and concerns of our neighbors and each other.
- We foster connections with varied and diverse groups in our community.
- We care for those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- We serve others by challenging unjust systems.

We nurture rich spiritual practices for people of all ages, develop leadership within our church through education, communal prayer, and worship, and act on this knowledge and love by serving together.

As stewards of creation, we embrace and encourage sustainable practices in our community and ensure that our property supports our vision.

We are faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has given to us in order to sustain the ministries to which God has called us.

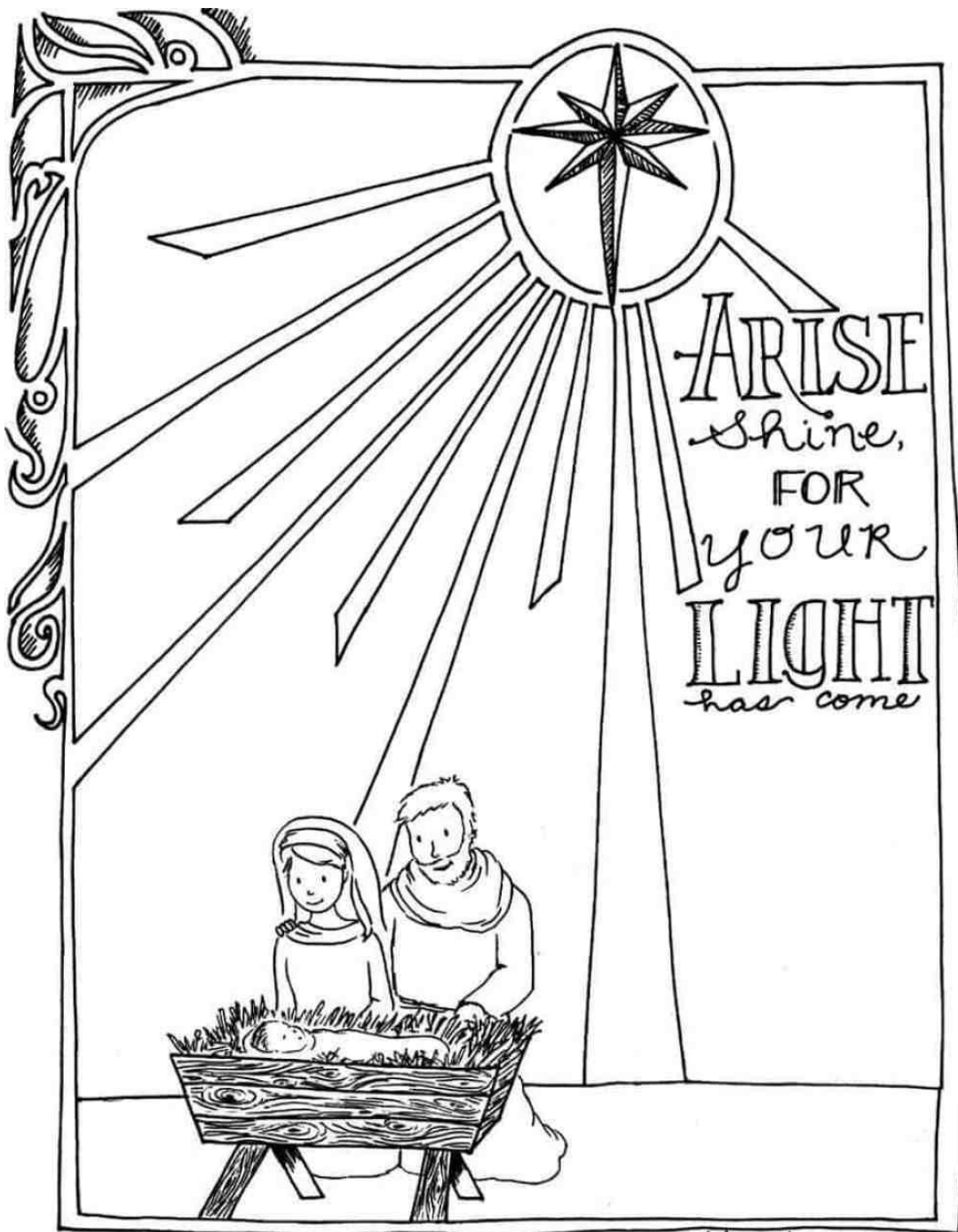
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"COME TO ME, ALL YOU THAT ARE WEARY  
AND ARE CARRYING HEAVY BURDENS,  
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

—MATTHEW 11:28

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## ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- Special thanks to the **Men's Group Omelet Crew** for a delicious breakfast today before the 10:30am service!
- The **vestry will meet** in the library at noon today.
- **(W)holy Welcome** education series concluded **today at 4:30pm at First Christian Church**. Come and learn more about the mission and impact of **IYG**, the youth-oriented organization housed in our undercroft.
- Plan ahead to join us for pancakes on **Shrove Tuesday 4 March**. Time and other information forthcoming.
- Come join us for **Bible Study** every Tuesday morning at 9am in Whitlock Hall and Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at Wellbrooke located at 517 Concord Road in Crawfordsville. Contact Dan Booher with questions.

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