

Episcopal 101/201

Christ Church Detroit

Thursdays, March 17th through May 5th, 2022
6:00-7:15 p.m. on Zoom (unless otherwise noted)
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81001150634>

Are you new or new-ish to the Episcopal Church and want to explore what it's all about? Are you an experienced member of Christ Church and want to learn more about the traditions, history, and theology? Are you curious about making an adult affirmation of faith (baptism, confirmation, reception into The Episcopal Church)? Do you want to connect and meet others? The Episcopal 101/201 course may be a great fit for you! In this course, we'll explore the stories, prayers, people, and ministries of The Episcopal Church, and Christ Church Detroit specifically. We'll tailor the topics based on interests, so bring your questions!

Calendar:

- March 17th, Zoom-only
- March 24th, Zoom-only
- March 31st, **in-person in the sanctuary**
- April 7th, Zoom or in-person at church
- *No class on April 14th, Maundy Thursday, but do attend the evening service*
- April 21st, Zoom or in-person at church
- April 28th, **in-person in Cary Lounge**
- May 5th, Zoom or in-person at church

Texts:

- *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* ([Amazon link](#))
 - Also available free online: www.bcponline.org
- *Opening the Prayer Book* by Jeffrey Lee ([Amazon link](#))

March 17: Introductions and Stories

- What brings you here? What has your journey of faith been like?
- What are you hoping to learn throughout this course?

March 24: Intro to Liturgy

- *Book of Common Prayer*
 - Sanctification of Time
 - Calendar
 - Daily Office
 - Prayer Structures
 - Collect
- Homework:
 - Review [Liturgical Objects & Terms](#)
 - Check out the How2Charist (digital instructed Eucharist: How2Charist.com)
 - Read through Chapter 1 in *Opening the Prayer Book*

March 31: Liturgy items, “What’s is it? What’s it for?”

- Explore in the sanctuary with Richard and Liza!
- Homework:
 - Read Chapter 2 (“The Pattern of Prayer”) in *Opening the Prayer Book*
 - Read Chapter 5 (“A Baptismal Church”) in *Opening the Prayer Book*

April 7: Liturgical patterns & practices

- Holy Week & Easter
- Affirmations of Faith
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation
 - Reception
- Homework:
 - Read Chapter 6 “The Eucharist and Daily Office” in *Opening the Prayer Book*
 - As we move through Lent and Holy Week into Easter, see if you notice different Eucharistic Prayers! (p. 111)
 - Read [“God Talk” by James Wood](#), *New Yorker*, 2012
 - Explore [The Scriptural BCP](#)

April 14: No Class; Maundy Thursday Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

April 21: Scripture in liturgy

- Cranmer and Scripture
- The Holy Eucharist
 - Prayer structures
 - Gestures
 - 1979 Prayer Book theology
- Homework:
 - Explore [Episcopal Church Governance](#) and [Polity](#)
 - Explore [Governance of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan](#)
 - Read [“Our Story” by Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook](#)
 - Read about the history of a [vestry](#)
 - Get to know the [2022 Christ Church Detroit Vestry](#)

April 28: Leadership, Decision-Making, Governance

- 6:00pm Gather in Cary Lounge for dinner with Vestry
- 6:30pm-7:00pm Visit Vestry meeting (can join by Zoom if not already in-person)
- 7:00-7:15pm Wrap Up & Next Steps
- Homework:
 - Read about [sanctification](#)
 - Read [“Episcopalians Revise Hymnal” by Charles Austin](#) (*New York Times*, 1982)
 - Read [“Decolonizing Church Music” by Yuri Rodriguez](#)

May 5:

- Concluding questions & discussion
- Next steps

Additional Resources:

- *Welcome to a Life of Faith in the Episcopal Church* by Megan Castellan ([Amazon link](#))
- *The Way of Love* podcast with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry: wayoflove.episcopalchurch.org/
- *ChurchNext* podcast w/ special guests: churchnextblog.wordpress.com/free-courses/