

EPISCOPAL 101

Church of the Holy Comforter, Vienna, VA
January – May 2022

Mondays 7:15–8:45 pm
via Zoom

A class for newcomers and old-timers alike—anyone who seeks a deeper relationship with God and to learn more about the Episcopal Church. We will meet on Monday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., via Zoom.

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Primary books recommended for reading and discussion

Dennis R. Maynard, *Those Episkopols* [spelling sic!] (N.p.: Dionysus Publications, revised edition, 2011)
Megan Castellan, *Welcome to a Life of Faith in the Episcopal Church* (New York: Church Publishing, 2019)
(Both titles are available from Amazon.com and other sources; participants purchase their own copies)

Outline of the Course

<u>DATE & LEADER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>READINGS TO BE DISCUSSED</u>
Jan. 31 Ann	Starting the Journey	Introductions: Telling our Stories, Hopes and Expectations	
Feb. 7+14 Jon	Church History	Highlights of the History of Christianity The Episcopal Church: The Via Media The Episcopal Church in America and Virginia	<i>Welcome</i> , pp. 15–23 and 55–82
(Feb. 21	<i>No class: Presidents' Day weekend</i>		
Feb. 28 Frances	Baptism	The Baptismal Covenant; The Meaning of Membership Introduction to "The Three-legged Stool"	<i>Episkopols</i> , Chapters 6 & 9 <i>Welcome</i> , pp. 30–36 and 40–43
Mar. 7 Mike	Holy Scripture	Hebrew and Christian Scripture	<i>Episkopols</i> , Chapter 8, pp. 63–70 <i>Welcome</i> , pp. 1–13

Mar. 14 Tom	The Book of Common Prayer	The Church Year; History of the BCP and Guide to its Contents and Use	<i>Episkopols</i> , Chapter 5 <i>Welcome</i> , pp. 23–30
Mar. 21 Anne	Beliefs, Creeds, and Church Structure	Statements of Belief Church Organization and Leadership, National and Local	<i>Episkopols</i> , Chapters 3–4 & 7 <i>Welcome</i> , pp. 45–54 and 83–91
Mar. 28 Mike	Prayer and Spirituality	Experience of Prayer Personal and Group Prayer Practices	—
Apr. 4 Ann/Jon	Holy Week and Easter, Part I	Introduction to Services During Holy Week & Easter	—
(Apr. 11 (Apr. 18	<i>No class: Holy Week}</i> <i>No class: Easter Monday)</i>		
Apr. 25 Ann/Jon	Holy Week and Easter, Part II	Discussion of Experiences of Holy Week	
May 2 Tom	Music in the Church	History and Current Practices; Hymn Books (with Dr. David Kelley, our Minister of Music)	—
May 9 Frances	Holy Comforter Today	Ministries: Mission & Outreach, Service & Participation Stewardship; Spiritual Gifts, Small Groups	<i>Episkopols</i> , Chapters 10–11
May 16 Ann	Worship IN PERSON, AT CHURCH	Instructed Eucharist Introduction to What Happens During the Service	<i>Episkopols</i> , Chapters 1–2 <i>Welcome</i> , pp. 36–40
May 23	Conclusion	Final Questions, Fellowship and Feedback (If possible, also a shared meal, in person at church)	—

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