

Basic Episcopalian

November 2011 – April 2012

Welcome to the Basic Episcopalian class at the Cathedral of Saint James. Over the next four months we will be taking a look at the foundations of the Christian faith and life through Bible Study, presentations on key topics, and conversations.

Books: You will need two books for this class: The Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. You may bring your own copies (useful if you wish to make notes in the margins) or you may borrow copies from the Cathedral.

Sponsors: Our tradition assumes that we will have partners or “soul friends” on our journey in faith. These people are referred to as “sponsors” at Baptism, Confirmation and other rites of passage. I encourage each of you to invite a sponsor from our congregation to walk this road with you over the next few months, attending our Wednesday meetings and presenting you at public services.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Gospel Reading</i>	<i>Topic</i>
November 30	Mark 1:1-8	Welcome, Introductions, Format
December 7	John 1:6-8, 19-28	God
December 14	Luke 1:26-38	The Liturgical Year
December 21	John 1:1-14	The Bible, Part I – The Pentateuch
December 28	Christmas Break, no class today	
January 4	Mark 1:4-11	The Bible, Part II – Wisdom & Poetry
January 11	John 1:43-51	The Bible, Part III – The Prophets
January 18	Mark 1:14-20	The Bible, Part IV – The Gospels
January 25	Mark 1:21-28	The Bible, Part V – The Epistles
February 1	Mark 1:29-39	Early Christianity
February 8	Mark 1:40-45	The Reformation
February 15	Mark 9:2-9	The Episcopal Church
February 22	Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday, 7 pm	

February 29	Mark 8:31-38	The BCP, Part I – Prayer
March 7	John 2:13-22	The BCP, Part II – Baptism
March 14	John 3:14-21	The BCP, Part III – Eucharist
March 21	John 12:20-33	The BCP, Part IV – Other Sacraments
Sunday, March 25	The Bishop's Visitation	<i>Confirmation & Reception</i>
March 28	Mark 15:1-47	The Gifts of the Spirit
April 4	Mark 16:1-8	Call, Mission, and Ministry
April 5	The Proper Liturgy for Maundy Thursday, 6:30 pm	
April 6	The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, 12:00 pm	
April 7	The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:45 pm <i>Renewal of Baptismal Vows</i>	