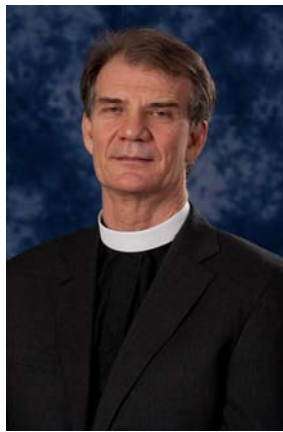


# Stages of Faith Seeking

- ◆ *The Faith Seeking consists of four stages. Each stage of the journey focuses on a different resource for living the Christian faith in today's world. Each stage has it's own style of presentation and conversation.*
- ◆ *You will have an opportunity to decide whether or not you want to continue on each stage of the Faith Seeking Journey.*
- ◆ *You may also join in the Faith Seeking journey without participating in any rites, or becoming a member of the Episcopal Church.*



**The Rev Steve. Zimmerman**

## Inquiry

Ten weeks from September to the First Sunday of Advent to inquire about the Christian faith as known in the Episcopal Church, and to share in the Story of the People of God.

## Formation

A time for Seekers to reflect with others on the Word of God as it is heard in the Holy Scriptures within the community of the Church.

## Enlightenment

Forty days for candidates to develop a personal Rule of Life and to prepare for baptism, or the re-affirmation of baptismal vows on Easter by daily prayer

## Initiation

A time from Easter to Pentecost for Baptized Members to enter into the mystery of the Christian experience, and to discern God's call in light of the sacraments of the Church.

## Sunday Schedule

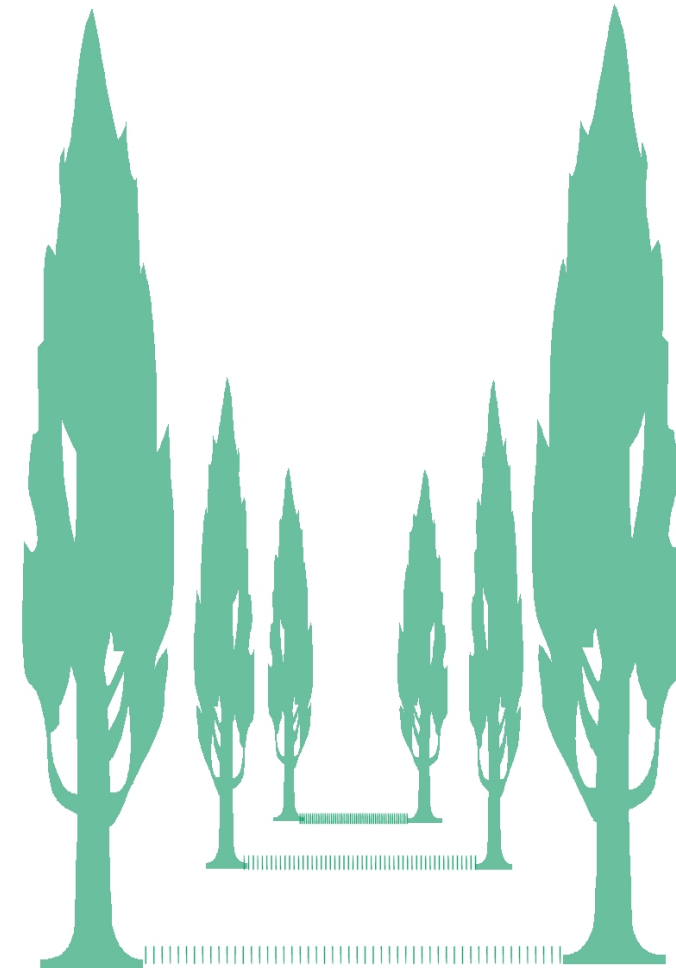
<i>Holy Eucharist*</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>The Faith-Seeking Journey</i>	<i>9:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Holy Eucharist*</i>	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>The Faith-Seeking Journey</i>	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>

*\*Child Care is provided at all services.*



**Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

# The Faith-Seeking Journey



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## *Greetings from the Pastor*

Welcome to Grace and St. Stephen's Church. We offer a variety of worship services and programs for children and families.

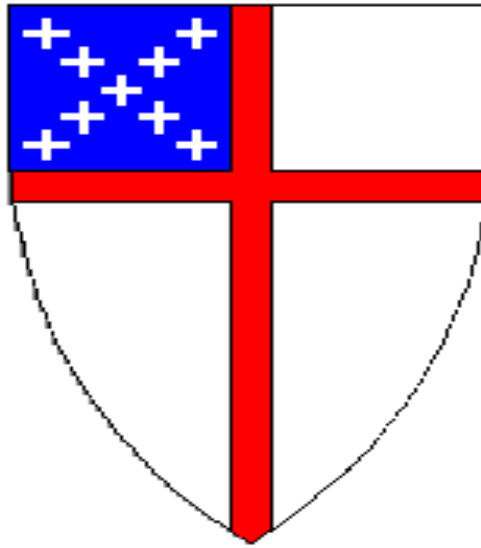
Whether you are a new member, a guest, or a seeker of God, we invite you to share our life in Christ with us, and to explore the Christian Way by joining *The Faith Seeking Journey*.

At Grace and St. Stephen's Church we understand that we often come to Church with more questions than answers.

Speaking once to the anxiety we all feel, Jesus said, "Don't be anxious... Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." So, we believe that honest seeking is at the heart of all true faith.

The *Faith Seeking Journey* at Grace and St. Stephen's Church is an opportunity to turn aside from the pressures and anxieties of modern life and seek Christ, or a deeper knowledge of him.

*Steve Zimmerman*



*The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*

## *Faith-Seeking*

Jesus taught that faith is not knowing or having, but seeking. He said that we don't have to be anxious about having the things we need. He told us to Seek God's will first, and everything else would fall into place.

*Faith-Seeking* is a shared journey that leads to baptism, confirmation, reception into the Episcopal Church; or re-affirmation of baptismal vows.

The Faith Seeking Journey meets weekly, and includes presentations by Clergy and other members of our parish family.

There is also lots of time for questions and discussion.

## FAQ'S

- Q. Who formed the Episcopal Church?
- A. The Holy Spirit came down on the disciples of Jesus, fifty days after the first Easter. The Christian faith made its way to the British Isles, and America.
- Q. Is the Episcopal Church the only true Church?
- A. Of course not. It is one branch of the universal Church.
- Q. Does the Episcopal Church have its own statement of faith?
- A. No. We believe the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, which are shared by all Christians.
- Q. What must I do to worship in the Episcopal Church?
- A. We invite all to seek God, and share our life in Christ.
- Q. Can I receive Communion in the Episcopal Church, if I am a member of another denomination?
- A. Yes, the Episcopal Church has an open communion rail. All baptized Christians are welcomed.
- Q. Why should I join *The Faith-Seeking Journey*?
- A. *Faith-Seeking* is offered to all seeking Christ, or a deeper knowledge of him in preparation for baptism, confirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church, or for Episcopalians wishing to re-affirm their baptismal vows. It is also open to anyone wishing a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and the English spiritual tradition. Besides...It's fun!