



TAC Times – July 2020

Collect for July 4th - Independence Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



Church Office Closed

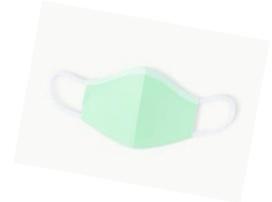
On **Monday, July 6th**, the church office will be closed in honor of the holiday weekend.

TAC Reopening - Stage 2

We began Stage 2 of our reopening on Sunday, June 21st, and it was a tremendous blessing to see each and every one who was able to come for worship! We continue to honor those who meet high-risk criteria and/or those who remain cautious about our health situation who choose to participate from home. We will provide an audio recording of the entire 8:30 a.m. service, as well as a sermon-only version, on the website, as soon as possible after the service. If you have any of the following symptoms during a particular week, please worship with us electronically as well: fever over 100, cough or sore throat, shortness of breath, and/or contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 (in the past 14 days).

For those who will join us at the church, we will strictly adhere to the guidelines established below for this stage of reopening:

- We will have two in-person worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- Families/parties/individuals will enter the building one at a time, going directly into the sanctuary for seating which will be available in every other pew (allowing us to limit the capacity to 50%) and at least 2 seats'-width apart from another family/party/individual. This will preclude any physical contact, including hugging, among people who have not spent quarantined time together.
- All people 6 years of age and up will wear a facial covering (scarf, bandana, or mask) at all times.
- The altar party will enter the chancel from the sacristy with no formal procession.
- There will not be a passing of the peace in this stage as we try to limit physical contact, so unfortunately, no hugging yet!
- We will not be passing out the guest books, so if you have a change in personal information, please call Anne Horan directly.
- An offering basket will be available in the narthex for drop-in contributions.
- We will not be having intercessory prayer in this stage.
- Communion (wafers only) will be offered following the blessing. Once clergy are in place, families/parties/individuals will be dismissed by ushers. Once communion has been received, people are asked to leave the building immediately so that other people may come for communion. While awaiting one's turn to exit the sanctuary for communion, people are asked to remain in their seats until directed by an usher.



What are we doing to make our building as safe as possible?

- The entire building was sprayed with a disinfectant mist prior to opening.
- Parts of the building, such as the parish hall and educational wing, will have limited use.
- No coffee or food will be provided/allowed at this time.
- The water fountains will not be available, but water bottles may be obtained in the narthex.
- Staff and ushers will follow hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette at all times.
- Multiple bottles of hand sanitizer will be available.

- Prior to the 8:30 service and between services, frequently-touched surfaces such as door handles, pew backs, tables, and restrooms will be disinfected by staff.

What about Children's Ministries?

We ask all of our parents of young children to follow a 'well-child policy' in which children with fever, coughing, runny nose, or any other flu-like symptoms are kept at home.

Children 0 – 5 years may be brought to the classroom hallway where they will be checked in with sanitized pagers. Three separate sanitized rooms will be ready with sanitized toys, and a child or children within the same family/group will be supervised in each room by gloved, masked nursery/preschool staff. The sanitized Preschool room in the front hallway will be available on an individual basis for a nursing mother and/or a family member that wishes to stay with his/her own child.

Because of restrictions from our bishop and the fact that children are not great at social distancing, we will not have Children's Church or Sunday School at this time. Of course, your children are always welcome to stay with you in the service.

Questions or concerns about any of these details concerning our Stage 2 reopening may be directed to John Shaver or Anne Horan in the church office.

Message from our Archbishop and Primate, The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

"I am writing to commend the letter below written by Bishops Jim Hobby, Todd Hunter, Stewart Ruch, and Steve Wood regarding the recent killing of George Floyd in Minnesota. I ask that you reach out to the minorities in your community and serve them as Christ Jesus would do."

A Letter Concerning the Death of George Floyd and So Many Others

"George Floyd was made in the image of God and as such is a person of utmost value. This is not true because a few Anglican bishops issue a letter. This conviction arises from our reading of Scripture. The Psalmist said:

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. (Psalm 139:13-14)

The opening book of our Scriptures declares the value of all human life:

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen 1:27)

What happened to George is an affront to God because George's status as an

image bearer was not respected. He was treated in a way that denied his basic humanity. Our lament is real. But our lament is not limited to George and his family. We mourn alongside the wider Black community for whom this tragedy awakens memories of their own traumas and the larger history of systemic oppression that still plagues this country.

George's death is not merely the most recent evidence that proves racism exists against Black people in this country. But it is a vivid manifestation of the ongoing devaluation of black life. At the root of all racism is a heretical anthropology that devalues the *imago dei* in us all. The gospel reveals that all are equally created, sinful and equally in need of the saving work of Christ. The racism we lament is not just interpersonal. It exists in the implicit and explicit customs and attitudes that do disproportionate harm to ethnic minorities in our country. In other words, too often racial bias has been combined with political power to create inequalities that still need to be eradicated.

As bishops in the ACNA we commit ourselves to standing alongside those in the Black community as they contend for a just society, not as some attempt to transform America into the kingdom of God, but as a manifestation of neighborly love and bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ. We confess that too often ethnic minorities have felt that contending for biblical justice is a burden they bear alone.

In the end, our hope is not in our efforts, but in the shed blood of Jesus that reconciles God to humanity and humans to each other. Our hope is that our churches become places where our life together as disciples demonstrates the power of the gospel to bring together the nations of the earth (Rev 7:9). Such work cannot be carried out by one letter written in the time of crisis. We commit to educating ourselves and the churches under our charge within a biblical and theological frame to face the problems of our day. We likewise commit to partnering with likeminded churches in the work of justice and reconciliation. (We are in the season) of Pentecost.... The power of the Spirit is loosed to convict of sin and deliver us from its power. We pray that in a country as diverse as these United States, the Church will be united in the essential truths of Christianity, including its concern for the most vulnerable. So...come Holy Spirit. Mediate to us and all the earth, we pray, the victory of Jesus over the principalities and powers that seek to rule and cause death and destruction in this time between the times. Come Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by

*the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

*Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**"*

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishops Jim Hobby, Todd Hunter, Stewart Ruch and Steve Wood



Change in Fr. Bob's Morning and Evening Prayer
Beginning in July, Morning and Evening Prayer will be available on Zoom every Thursday at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Everyone will have an opportunity to share brief testimony and prayer requests, and we will join together to pray for the concerns of our parish, our nation and the world. Anyone with a computer can use the web to join us, but any phone (even a land line!) can dial in as well. Let's come together, agree in prayer, and seek the mind of Christ.



Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/73573147581>

Meeting ID: 735 7314 7581

One tap mobile: +3462487799,,73573147581#

Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799

Fr. Bob Starts “Book-of-the-Month Club”

Lately, I have been recommending books to read during these times of lockdown and pandemic precautions. Some folks have extra time on their hands. Others love reading Christian books as a general rule. In any event, I hope to share with you some of the most helpful books I am enjoying as of late.

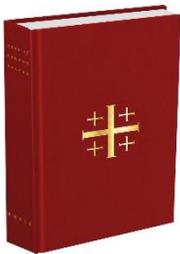
For the month of July, I am encouraging you to pick up a copy of "Spurgeon on Prayer & Spiritual Warfare." It is available both in paperback and electronic formats. Spurgeon was well-known in his day as the "Prince of Preachers." This British Baptist pastor has a lot to offer Christians even two hundred years after his pastorate at the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London.

Spurgeon calls on God's people to be faith-filled prayer warriors: "If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith." Spurgeon is best known for his vigorous exposition of Scripture. This book reveals another side to this man of God - he was a prayer warrior, completely dedicated to being in communion with his Lord: "True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is a spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."

Title: *Spurgeon on Prayer & Spiritual Warfare*

Author: Charles H. Spurgeon

Publisher: Whittaker House – available in paperback or electronic version



ACNA Book of Common Prayer Available

We have received a new shipment of our Book of Common Prayer. You may purchase one from Anne for \$20 and it will be individually wrapped in a plastic covering for you to pick up at the church.

Bishop’s Well Water Project Extended

Please be reminded that we are **still supporting our bishop’s Well Water Project. If you were collecting change or want** to make a contribution through your regular giving, please do so **by July 19** so we may send our gift to the bishop and help continue this vital work in Africa.



Survive or Thrive?

An article from Restoring the Foundations

“As this new year began, I started planting and watering, nourishing some herbs and plants. First, I really haven’t been able to have flowers before now. We travel a lot and traveling just doesn’t allow for healthy flowers.

Second, I began to realize that I don’t even know how to care for plants, i.e. how much to water them, when to fertilize them, do they need full sun, etc.

After a few months, I realized the appearance of the plants looked fine but they actually were not showing growth. I noticed that they were surviving but not thriving.

You know, when our roots are planted deep into the soil of God’s Word, we are positioned to be nourished by Him, and we will not wither, but thrive.

Plants require special care to thrive. In the same way we need a healthy spirit and soul to thrive. We want to position ourselves to take in the nutrients, the truth of the Word, and submit to the Lord’s pruning to grow in spiritual maturity.

Ephesians 4:15 says “grow up in all things into Him who is the Head – Christ.”

(NKJV) “Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him.

See that you go on growing in the Lord and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught...” (Colossians 2:7 TLB)

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.” (2 Peter 3:18 ESI)

I pray that in this season you are thriving and not just surviving.”

Blessings and Love,
Ruanne Banse
Restoring the Foundations



One of the songs the Lord gave us as we moved into our new building speaks to this beautifully:

Thrive *by Casting Crowns*

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry
So living water flowing through
God, we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire



Chorus: Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive.

Into your Word, we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world, we're reaching out
To show them who You are
So living water flowing through
God, we thirst for more of You
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Bridge: Joy unspeakable
Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
Anything is possible!

"A scared world needs a fearless church." - A.W. Tozer

Austin Street Center Ministry

by Sharon Parker

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt 25:37-40



Austin Street Center is a shelter for people who have no homes, very little food, and are in real need. Transformation Anglican Church ministers to these people by going downtown about 4 times a year to feed them a supper. We have been doing this for about 30 years, if you count the time while still at Resurrection. Because we go during a month which has 5 Wednesdays in it, our next visit will be August 29. This ministry is one we all enjoy doing and we know we are helping and making happy those who are lucky enough to get a bed for the night, because they applaud us and tell us thank you!!

We appreciate any assistance you are able to give, whether it is helping to make sandwiches (800 of them), baking cupcakes or cookies, (36 dz.) or purchasing and boiling eggs (36 dz. of those, also). No, no, an individual does not make ALL the cupcakes or boiled eggs, just 2 or 3 dozen. We always gather at the church to prepare the sandwiches and pack the eggs. If you have never been with us, I challenge you to join us on Wednesday, August 29 at 2:30. When we are through, we caravan down to the shelter and set up the food. We normally leave there at 7:30 and some go back to Transformation to put away unused supplies. No, you don't have to go to the shelter to help feed, but if you do, you will be amazed and you will know that you are pleasing the Lord. Contact Sue Griffin, Susan Maupin, or Sharon Parker for more information.

Austin Street sends out a quarterly publication by email to those who volunteer there. I thought it would be nice for you to read part of the last one if you desire. It is entitled "10 Myths About the Homeless" and I will share a few of those in this edition. The rest can be shared in future issues of the TAC Monthly Times.

MYTH #1: HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE LAZY AND DON'T WANT TO WORK.

About 25 percent of homeless people around the country are employed, with between 40 to 60 percent of the homeless population having some form of full or part time employment in the last month according to the Urban Institute. Austin Street Center has approximately 40 beds reserved for folks who are working.

MYTH #2: GETTING A MINIMUM WAGE JOB WILL BY ITSELF KEEP SOMEONE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition found a full-time minimum wage worker would have to work between 69 and 174 hours a week, depending on the state, to pay for an "affordable" two-bedroom rental unit (defining affordable as 30 percent of a person's income). A full-time minimum wage worker couldn't afford a one- or two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent, in any state. Austin Street Center, through a series of roommate matching events, has found success in being able to group folks together to pool their resources and share rent.

However, due to specific employment, health, and other personal needs this is not always a viable option.

MYTH #3: HOMELESSNESS IS ALWAYS A LONG-TERM PROBLEM. The most common duration of homelessness is one or two days, according to University of Pennsylvania researcher Dennis Culhane. Nearly one in six homeless people were classified as chronically homeless — people with disabilities who have been homeless for a year or more, or experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in three years — by HUD’s survey. The longer people are homeless, the longer they are likely to stay homeless, which is why it is important to get folks transitioned out of shelters and into an appropriate and permanent living situation as quickly as possible. Austin Street Center’s diversion program helps keep people from becoming homeless in the first place by assessing every new client for alternative living arrangements.

Propers for Sundays in July

July 5: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145; Romans 7:21 – 8:6; Matthew 11:25-30

July 12: Isaiah 55; Psalm 65; Romans 8:7-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86; Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 34-43

July 26: 1 Kings 3:3-14; Psalm 119:121-136; Romans 8:26-34; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50

Acolyte/Reader Schedule for July 2020

Sunday, July 5

8:30am - Pete Howk AA1/Reader

11:00am - Pete Howk AA1/Reader

Sunday, July 12

8:30am - Don Lennert AA1/Reader

11:00am - June Hines AA1/Reader

Sunday, July 19

8:30am - Brandon Wallace AA1/Reader

11:00am - Pete Howk AA1/Reader

Sunday, July 26

8:30am - Brandon Wallace AA1/Reader

11:00am - June Hines AA1/Reader

Pandemic Sermon Series Readings (will be read in Sunday services)

July 5: Romans 13:1-7

July 12: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 B – Kimberly Baxter A – Virgil & Trish Sunday	2 A – Jim & Ann Watt	3	4 Independence Day 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship
5 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	6 Church Office Closed A – Mark & Melody Carr	7	8 B – Noah Hackendorf	9 8:00 a.m. Handymen (Men's Study/Work Group) B – JoAnn Craddock	10 B – Emet Wallace	11 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship B – Ben Craddock
12 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	13	14	15 B – John Shaver	16 B – Jim Watt	17	18 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship B – Nathan Figueroa A – Don & Jane Brooks
19 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	20 B – Val Atkins	21	22 B – Jim Blevins	23 8:00 a.m. Handymen (Men's Study/Work Group)	24 B – Bill Croll and Cheryl Hackendorf	25 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship B – Pat Lennert
26 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship B – Sharon Barnett	27 B – Mary Kadane	28	29	30	31 Promise-keepers (Streaming in Parish Hall)	

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