

From the Rector

Advent Sermon Video

Click below to hear **The Rev. Maurice Dyer's** Sunday sermon preview for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 6th, 2020.



Let There Be Light!

“Then God said, ‘Let there be Light!’ and there was light. And God saw that it was good”
Genesis 1:3-4

Dear People of St. David's,

I pray that you and yours are safe and well on these darkening days of December.

I've just finished (I think) getting all the lights strung on the house for Christmas this year. And, with increasingly chilly hands and ears, I've begun pondering the place of light in our lives. Christmas light, of course, but mostly the inner light that allows us to live and grow and give off light to others.

Light is the first movement in God's symphony of creation. The entire process of creation begins in light, is connected to light, and spreads light. Light not only helps us see, but also helps things grow. We see because of light. Plants and trees perform the miracle of photosynthesis with the light from the sun. Even our bodies require a certain

amount of the sun's light for health and a sense of wellbeing.

But there's another light as well, a symbolic and mystical light. It's the light God shines into our lives and into all of the creation to remind us that God is here and that we are loved by God. It's the light that shines in us when we feel connected to God. It's the light we experience when a good deed is accomplished. It's the light of friendship and love shared with one another. It's the light that shines in our hearts when something beautiful touches us, like a beautiful dawn, or a great piece of art or music, or even Christmas lights strung along the edges of a home pushing back the darkness.

We are both receivers and givers of light, and my experience is that the more we make room for God to shine in our hearts, the more light we give off, and the more light there is, as though God is continuing to create light in and through us to light up our lives and the life of the world.

So in this season of Advent when we are preparing for the celebration of the coming of The Light at Christmas, I invite all of us to pay attention to the light around us and the light within us. We, who have been given the light in creation and in the coming of Christ have an opportunity to be the bearers of God's mystical light by making room for God every day and by sharing our lights with others.

P.S. We'll be stringing lights in the Church Yard this Saturday, beginning at 9 am. We welcome you to drop by and help out. Then at 5 p.m., we'll turn the lights on as a sign of God's light in us and in the world. The lights will shine on Thursdays through Sundays all Advent and Christmas and you may drive through to see the lights and listen to Christmas carols by tuning into 88.1 on your FM radio. Hope to see you.

Grace and Peace and Love,



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