

December 12, 2017

Dear Friends,

I wanted to invite you personally to take part in an essential program at St. James's called *Pilgrim's Path*. This weekly experience is for those new to our church, those seeking to join, or even those who have been members of St. James's but have a desire to deepen and expand their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This is a class that offers you the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christian faith in today's world as part of our community of *Doers of God's Word*. It is also required preparation for adults seeking baptism, confirmation, or reception into the church.

Taught by your clergy with time for small group discussion, *Pilgrim's Path* explores the history/theology of the Episcopal Church, the role of the Book of Common Prayer in worship, and the call of service to others as essential expressions of our Christian faith. We meet 10 times on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in room 302 in the Michaux House (1133 W. Franklin Street). **The Winter/Spring session is January 10 through April 11, 2018** (there are some Wednesdays when the class doesn't meet – specifically 1/17, 2/14, 3/28, and 4/4). Participants may be baptized, confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when the Bishop visits St. James's on May 20, 2018.

If you're still undecided about attending Pilgrim's Path:

- you do not have to come to this class with any knowledge of the Bible, the church or theology;
- it is open to those who may decide they are not yet ready for baptism, confirmation or reception;
- it is a wonderful way to get to know a smaller community of church members who are exploring the dimensions of their faith and spirituality;
- and remember: as an Episcopalian snake handling is not required.

If you are new to St. James's, Pilgrim's Path is recommended as the best way to become a part of our community. If you are interested in participating, you can register online at <https://www.doers.org/wednesday-night-programs/pilgrims-path/> or contact Anita Lisk, our parish coordinator, at 355-1779 ext. 313 or alisk@doers.org with questions. If requested on the registration form, we can also provide free childcare in our nursery in Gibson Hall. As a newcomer myself, I am excited and looking forward to sharing this year with you!

Faithfully,



The Rev. Dr. John McCard
Rector

P.S. On the Wednesdays when we have classes, we offer Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel and dinner from 6:00 – 7:00 in Valentine Hall. For a minimal cost, you get great food and you don't have to worry about grabbing something to eat before coming to class.