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Hello, St. Christopher's Community!

*Well, they're talking about some accumulating snow...*

Please watch your email over the weekend (Friday, March 22-Monday, March 25) if you are wondering about cancellations. We will send an e-Blast if any services are canceled, or if the office is closed.

Stay safe! --*Ruth*

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### **The Whole World** *by Fr. Randy+*

My cell phone “*dinged*,” indicating there was a new message received in my inbox. I made my way to the kitchen to search the countertops and table and even jacket pockets to retrieve that rascally device. That small black box seems to be able to hide away in the least likely places.

Thankfully, today I did not have to go on a safari to find it. I picked up the phone and made three runs at entering my passcode before it finally worked —*darned fat fingers*. Yep, it is always operator error due to me being in too big of a rush. Take a breath and slow down...

The message was from our eldest grandson George. George has had the unbelievably terrific opportunity to be spending his school spring break with fellow high schoolers and chaperones on a tour of Greece. I clicked the attached image and was graced with a jaw-dropping view of the Acropolis standing alone, high above the cityscape. The sky was an indigo blue, the surrounding whitewashed city buildings and tree-covered hillside were shrouded in inky darkness. But yet, the Acropolis columns on the top of the hill was awash in a bright golden glow as it reflected the light from the moon.

*Awesome and breathtaking!*



I then scrolled through all the other attached images of the beautiful Greek cities and rural countryside landscapes, of incredible meals shared around a common table, photos of museums and ancient art and architectural marvels. There were photos of George and his friends gathering with local people while sharing stories and learning about their lives. The student group was actually walking pathways in the land of the first followers of Jesus—listening, looking, and learning.

But, there were also comments by George about being able to see and talk about the lives of others, those persons in these Greek cities that were without homes, the many who are in need of food and basic care, those ones living on the margins of society and tucked away in the shadows of life. This view of reality provided the group of students with an opportunity to reflect upon those less fortunate, and with whom we must share the bounty of this world--of God's beloved creation. It provided a moment to pause and reflect on how each of us must better share our resources and love with our neighbor—those living both near and far.

All of this made me ponder once more the Gospel lesson we shared last Sunday from John 3:16-17:

*“This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.”* (The Message.)

George and his traveling companions are acquiring something they will forever treasure—the first-hand, in-person experience of learning alongside another culture and people. And, they also are learning about the deeply intimate love God has for all of this world—for all of God's creation. It is a compassionate and caring love we are meant to reflect to all others just as Jesus does.

*Randy+*

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## Lent

We have many special opportunities at St. Christopher's during Lent. To see them all, [click here](#) or go to the front page of our website and click the button there.

## Lenten Reflections

During Lent, we have a special blog on the St. Christopher's website - we have put a link right on the front page so it is easy to find. Each day (except Sunday) a new post will arrive at 5 am. Thank you to Marilyn Baldwin, Kathy Ackerman, Episcopal Relief and Development, Cassidy Wegwerth, Bruce Warkentien, and

## Acts Bible Study Coming After Easter

Do you want to find out more about what happened in the young Church after the first Easter? Beginning on April 7, we'll learn the stories of the Apostles and other followers of Jesus in the Book of Acts. Bring your Bible (any version) and join us at 9:15 on Sundays through May. Questions? Contact Lyn Lawyer or Marilyn.

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Space is still available for  
**Conversation, Crafts & Crunch**  
from the Event Fair!

Join us **Thursday, April 4** from 10:30-1:00 for crafting, fellowship and a salad luncheon. Bring your UFO (unfinished object) supplies and craft amongst friends - stitching, stamping, scrapbooking, mending or whatever you enjoy! Call Ann Trapnell at 651-325-8801 if you would like to register. **\$10/person**

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## Our Facebook WORSHIP Fans

We've got our 10:30 service online, for those who cannot be with us. (If you're not following us on FaceBook yet, please do!) It's especially helpful with winter weather, and it's an opportunity to connect with our snowbirds, and people we haven't met yet.

Here's where **you** come in! We really need one person per Sunday to set up and monitor a tablet during the service, and take it down afterwards. We could use several more people so that the commitment is not a burden to a few. This is a great ministry opportunity for anyone to get started in a low-key way!

Volunteers of any age are encouraged; the only requirement is some familiarity with tablets, and we'll train and provide simple directions.

Please consider this important outreach opportunity! Contact Marilyn+ for more information and to sign up. [Marilyn's email](#)

MEANWHILE, if you are not "on" FaceBook, here is a link that will take you to the St. Christopher's page, so you can watch the service live streamed, or go back later to watch the recording.

<https://www.facebook.com/St.ChristophersRoseville>

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## Upcoming Lectionary Readings

### March 24: **Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philipians 2:5-11; Mark 15:1-39.

### March 31: **EASTER**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18.

## Sunday Ministries March 24

**8:00 AM**

Lectors - Pete L, Ann T  
Intercessor - Mike S  
LEM - Robert W  
Usher - Pete & Cindy L  
Altar Guild - Jennifer W  
Coffee Hosts: (open)

**10:30 AM**

Nursery - Jane S, Rich P  
Lectors - Kathy A, Chris B  
Intercessor - Becky L  
LEM - Marion H, Kathy A  
Ushers - Scott & Jean C  
Altar Guild - Jean D  
Crucifer - Marion H  
Acolytes - Ellery B, Roland K  
Jr. Acolyte - Charlotte B  
Coffee Hosts: Connie H & Mary P

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