



# The Shield of the Episcopal Church in USA



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## Basic Anglicanism



The Dean's Forum  
Sundays at 9 a.m.  
November 22, 2009 -  
February 14, 2010

## Course Offerings

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is my joy to begin a new series during the Dean's Forum, at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. This course is a basic introduction to the mystery and beauty of our Episcopal Church. It is designed for both newcomers to the church and for people who have been attending this Cathedral all their lives. It is my hope to begin our journey together with the basics: why we worship together and what we believe about God.

The Episcopal Church has done a poor job of defining itself to the world. But before we can articulate our understanding, we must be clear within ourselves as to who we are and who God calls us to be.

We are a people of mystery, a church that embraces the questions while remaining steadfast in a tradition that reaches back for thousands of years. We are Episcopalian. Let's talk about what that means.

Join me on Sundays at 9 a.m.

In Christ's love,

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## Classes

The Language of Scripture	Nov 22
Understanding the Old Testament	Dec 6
Jesus of the Gospels	Dec 13
The Letters of Paul	Jan 3
The Early Church	Jan 10
The Reformation and the Birth of Anglicanism	Jan 17
The Holy Eucharist	Jan 24
The Book of Common Prayer	Jan 31
The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion	Feb 7
The Future of our Church	Feb 14



## Class Descriptions

**The Language of Scripture** - How do the ancient languages of Hebrew and Greek affect our interpretation of the Bible? How can we understand the ancient languages when we can't read them?

**The Old Testament:** The rich history of Israel shaped the person of Jesus. Understand why we need to dive deeply into the Old Testament in order to understand the Christ.

**Jesus of the Gospels** - Each of the four gospels portrays Jesus differently. Get to know the perspective of each gospel as you come to know Jesus.

**Paul's Letters** - These letters shaped the church for thousands of years. Why did Paul write them and who was he writing to?

**Early Church Beginnings** - The Book of Acts describes the magnificent and dangerous journey of the People of the Way. Find out how the early Christians lived and loved God.

**The Reformation and the Birth of Anglicanism** - How was the Church of England born? And how does our time resemble the time when the printing presses were invented?

**The Holy Eucharist** - Why did Jesus choose to feed us on the night before he died? And what does God feed us each Sunday? Explore the mystical dimensions of the bread and wine.

**The Book of Common Prayer** - Much more than a service book for Sunday, The BCP is a rich devotional tool. Find out how to use it and all that it contains.

**The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion** - What is happening in the Episcopal Church today? How are we structured differently from the rest of the Anglican Communion and how does this difference impact the decisions that we make?

**The Future of our Church** - How is the Internet changing our language, our consciousness and our prayer lives? How will the church be changed?