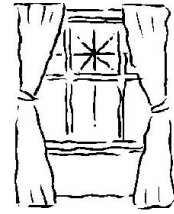


LOOKING OUT MY WINDOW, November 12, 2021



One of the distinctive marks of the Episcopal Church is the episcopate itself, the office of bishop. The word episcopal translates a Greek word, *episcopos*, that means “overseer.” The bishop serves as chief pastor of an Episcopal diocese. For that reason, the bishop ordains all persons to priesthood and the diaconate. Three bishops are required to ordain a bishop. The bishop personally confirms and receives all who become confirmed communicants (members) of Episcopal churches

My official title is interim rector. Rector derives from a Latin root, *regere*, “to lead, guide, rule.” I serve here in the bishop’s stead as a copastor/undershepherd under the bishop’s leadership. Our diocese has 67 congregations and missions; our canons (church law) require the bishop to visit each congregation at least every three years. Bishop Frank Logue normally visits each congregation at least every year and a half or so.

This Sunday, Bishop Logue will preach and preside at Christ Church. He will meet with vestry and with the entire congregation during coffee and refreshment hour after the 10 am service. He will engage in conversation with us as individuals and engage in question and answer with the entire group.

Attendance on this Sunday is of crucial importance. We only have this privilege once a year or so, that of experiencing the pastoral ministry of our chief pastor. Bishop Logue embodies the best of our tradition as a life-long member of this diocese; and he embodies the newness arising in our church as a former church start-up priest. This is one of those Sundays to plan around so that you can be present.

See you Sunday.

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God’s peace,
David W. Perkins
Interim Rector