



A Glorious Christmas Celebration of Dance, Music, and The Word

**Friday, December 24, 2021; 5:00 PM
Celebrating the Birth of Jesus and
Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

"Hot Apple Cider TO GO"
Sponsored by the Tree of Life Ministry.

Masks are required.
Fully vaccinated status
is requested.



Join us virtually via our website or Facebook pages.

**THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA
THE VERY REVEREND CANON MARTINI SHAW, 17TH RECTOR
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CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021



FROM THE RECTOR

Whoever you may be and where you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

“WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name.”

Psalm 100:4

Grace and Peace to you from God on the Celebration of the Birth of Christ: The Christ-Mass

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry and People of God, welcome to the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, founded in 1792 as the first black Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. The first rector of this historic parish, The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones was also the first black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded and growing church family. Whoever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcomed at St. Thomas' Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus' message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed and revived. Again, welcome!

The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw,
17th Rector and Dean
of the Schuylkill Deanery



A Special Thank You to our Elves that made the Absalom Jones House and Church look so festive and beautiful.

Thank you Cathy Stafford and Tree of Life Ministry; Alfreda Brockman and the Altar Guild members; Suzanne Closson and the Christmas Tree in the Church decorators and Justin Trotman and the Young Adults for decorating the inside of the church.

And A Very Special Thank You to Vincent Tulli, our Landscaper, for the donation of the tree in the Church.

ST. THOMAS IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE

Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we can only accommodate **150 people in the church**. All others will be directed to Anderson Hall. There will be a **sign-in sheet**. Masks are **MANDATORY** for all in attendance. Seating will be spaced. Please check the signs on each pew before you enter. **Hand sanitizer** will be available. The ventilation system has been changed to let in outside air.

We request that all in attendance be **VACCINATED**. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the service via **LIVE STREAM**.

Holiday Hours...



**THE CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICES
will be closed for the holidays.**

Friday, Dec. 24th - Parish Offices and Church closed.

Sunday, Dec. 26th - Church (Virtual Service) closed.

Monday, Dec. 27th - Parish Offices and Church open.

Tuesday, Dec. 28th - Only Parish Offices open.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th - Only Parish Offices open.

Thursday, Dec. 30th - Parish Offices and Church open.

Friday, Dec. 31st - Parish Offices and Church closed



**Christmas Morning at 9:00AM,
turn on 6abc to catch snippets of
The St. Thomas Gospel Choir performing in the Philly Pops
Christmas Spectacular 2021.**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Burke, Sr., William J., Louise Burke, The Rev. & Mrs. Edgar C. Young. Dorothy Townsend, Kenneth Young, The Rev. Harold A. Young, Stanley N. Young, Donald Young given by William Burke.

Hall, Roi & Maria, Ira & Lillian Jordan, Malcolm & Alda Poindexter, Malcolm Poindexter, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. James Finney given by David Poindexter.

Jones, Inez, Karl Winkfield, Llyod Winkfield, George Warren, Ruth Fuller given by Shirley Winkfield.

Mitchell, Pastor Sadie, Charles T. Mitchell, Jr., Lucinda Harper, The Cliftons, The Gordons given by Charlene M. Wlitschire.

McDaniel, Jr., Curtis H., Curtis H. McDaniel, Sr., Clarise Lee McDaniel, Lillian Stanley McDaniel, Hazel Hall Lee given by Denise McDaniel Henderson.

Robinson, June given by Tynecia Wilson Smith, Matilda "Tillie" & Bernard given by Paula Wright & Keith Smith.

Tillman, Nathaniel, Bernice Tillman, Robert Washington, Mayme Washington, Marion Washington given by Bobby, Judy & Teri Tillman.

Watson, Edward & Clara, William (Bo) Daniels, William Leecan, Edward Watson given by Clare Mae & Family.

Wilson, Myrtle, Solomon Wilson, Rupert Simpson, Gladys Simpson, Elizabeth Wilson given by Denise McKinney.



**ATTENTION ALL GUILDS,
MINISTRIES AND
ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS:**

The Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, **February 27, 2022**. Please have end of the Year Reports submitted for the

Annual Parish Meeting no later than **February 14, 2022**.

Your 2021 reports should be 1 (one) page and include: Officers, Your vision, 2021 activities and meetings, plans for Re-Imagining in 2022 and any other information you would like to share. Please send to Gladyce at: 1792@aecst.org. The deadline for reports is: Monday, **February 14, 2022**.

During the Annual Meeting, selections will be made for Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry, Schuylkill Deanery and Delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Nominations will be accepted **December 20, 2021** through **January 23, 2021**. Nominee's bios will be in the Newsletter on January 30, 2022.

Nominees should be available for Vestry Meetings on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month.

They must also:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.
2. Have been a member of St. Thomas a minimum of nine (9) months prior to their nomination and
3. Paid their 2021 pledge in full by December 31st, 2021.

For information about nominating someone, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee at the email link below:

[Richard Jones](#), [Deborah Camp-Frye](#) or [Cynthia Muse](#).

THE PANDEMIC HAS EMPOWERED THE CHURCH TO RE-IMAGINE

Please join our rector in RE-IMAGINING.

We will Re-imagine new ways to view our relationship
with Jesus Christ.

We will Re-imagine new ways to proclaim the Gospel.

We will Re-imagine new ways to feed and nurture others.

We will Re-imagine new ways to evangelize
and grow the church.

We will Re-imagine new ways to serve
our seniors and youth.

We will Re-imagine new ways of community
outreach and service.

We will Re-Imagine new ways to engage in
social justice and politics.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you or someone you know wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on [Holy Baptism](#). All the information about baptism and the [electronic online Application Form](#) can be found there.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Have you been confirmed yet? The bishop will be making his visitation to St. Thomas in 2022. We are in the process of forming the Confirmation Class of 2022. Please contact Gladyce DuBrey in the Parish Office to add your name.

**ST. THOMAS
CIRCLE
OF
PRAYER MINISTRY**

**PLEASE JOIN
US WEEKLY FOR
MONDAY MORNING
PRAYER CALL**

AT 6:30 AM

**THE TELECONFERENCE NUMBER IS:
(605) 313-6361 CODE: 268 105**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND
AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER
REQUEST TO:**

CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG

**PHYLLIS B. CATER * DAPHNE GILSTRAP
FACILITATORS**

**THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW
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THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Thank you Phyllis Cater, Elizabeth Derr, Jenelle Wilson , Louise Trotman, Cynthia Muse, Bobby Tillman, Swanie Goldsmith, the members and all others who continue to participate and support our weekly Circle of Prayer call.

We look forward to our next prayer session on **December 27, 2021**. We start promptly at 6:30 am.

We encourage you to reach out to us at circleofprayer@aecst.org to submit prayer requests or if you are interested in leading the Intercessory Prayer, offer a prayer(s) or provide a meditation in song.

The teleconference call number is: **605-313-6361**.
The access code is **268105**. **Prayer is the Answer!**

SPEARHEAD EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, please visit <http://eepurl.com/djyGiD> to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can **UNsubscribe** at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

WORSHIP LIVE STREAM on the St. Thomas website, on **Facebook** or **Youtube.com** every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.



The High Altar Arrangements
are given in Thanksgiving for our mother,
Lois Herring's 90th Birthday
given by David and Lynn Poindexter

The Absalom Jones arrangement
is given in Thanksgiving for our daughter,
Grace Tatyana on her 21st Birthday,
given by Wendella Fox and Herb Wetzel



THE CHRISTMAS TREE IS GIVEN
in loving memory of: Edward Muse
given by Cynthia Muse

in Thanksgiving for:
Sheila Stubbs, Carl Stubbs,
Tobias Jenkins, Carl J. Stubbs,
Rebecca Stubbs given by
Cynthia Muse

My Grandchildren; Donovan &
Camille given by Ronnie Collins

VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school will meet by ZOOM on Sundays at noon. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at: 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to [Dottie Archey](mailto:Dottie.Archey@parish.org) for more information.

DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Have you ever thought about using that talent to glorify God in worship? Please prayerfully consider joining our St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble. The Ensemble will offer musical selections for Christmas Eve Mass.

If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.



AECST BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

if you are interested in joining a lively, interactive Bible Study group, contact Fr. Jay via email at:

associatepriest@aecst.org to be included on our membership list. You will receive the link and our weekly lesson plan to prepare in advance for the week's meeting.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For Christmas Eve

**First Reading: [Isaiah 9:2-7](#)
[Psalm 96](#)**

Second Reading: [Titus 2:11-14](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 2:1-14](#)

The First Sunday of Christmas December 26th

First Reading: [Isaiah 61:20-62:5](#)

Psalm [147](#) or [147:13-21](#)

Second Reading: [Galations 3:23-58; 4:4-7](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 1:1-8](#)

Week of 12/27/2021

Monday - [Luke 1:15-25](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 1:26-38](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 1:39-56](#)

Thursday - [Luke 1:57-66](#)

Christmas Eve - [Luke 1:67-80](#)

Christmas Day - [John 3:31-36](#)

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

December 26th

Virtual Prayers Online Only - No In-Person Worship
Please join us on our website aecst.org or Facebook.

January 2nd

The First Sunday of the New Year
(The Second Sunday of Christmas)
A Formal Toast for the 2022 New Year
We will lift our glasses in Thanksgiving for
the blessings received in 2021.

January 9th

The First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of our Lord
(Renewal of Baptism Vows)

January 16th

Observance of the Life and Ministry
of the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

January 23rd

Youth / Young Adult Sunday

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL

Leatrice Snowden - Abramson Rehab.

Deborah "Binky" Seay - Lankenau

RECOVERING AT HOME

Inez Turner, Edita Gauthney, Dorothy Smith.

Kenneth Dow, Leotta Griffith, Alice Bowman-Cropper.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Shirley Caldwell, Adinah Edwards, Shirley Winkfield,

Robert Brown, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes,

Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall,

Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden,

Isadora "Gwen" Francis, Francina Norris.

WE PRAY FOR

those who are Incarcerated and their families, as well as those affected by their actions.

OUR CONDOLENCES

to the family of **Grizzell Wilmore**, who has died. Grizzell was 98 years old. Her service will be held here at St.

Thomas on January 5th. Viewing from 9:00AM - 11:00AM and requiem mass at 11:00AM. May her soul rest in peace and rise in Glory. Please pray for the family.

ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like to schedule a St. Thomas Columbarium Inurnment, please contact the church office at 215-473-3065.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

FROM THE RECTOR

You should have received your Third Quarter Statement of the Stewardship year. I am urging everyone to please assure that your 2021 Pledge is current. If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 9:30 AM-2:00 PM Monday -Thursday. Thanking you in advance for the many ways that you share your Time, Talents and Treasures toward the ministries of St. Thomas Church.

I ask that you, using the chart below to assist you, prayerfully fill out your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically use our Faithful Giving. [Pledge Form](#) on our website.

Again, thanks so much for your continued support to the ministries of our amazing parish.

“To whom much is given, much is required”. Luke 12:48

Faithfully,
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw,
17th Rector and Dean
of the Schuylkill Deanery

A CHART TO ASSIST US WITH OUR FAITHFUL GIVING

Holy Scripture commends a minimum tithe of
(10% of our earnings)

Where are you on your spiritual journey?
Annual Faithful Giving

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month. Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check or click the Donation Button or Capital Improvement [Donation Button](#) on our website.

THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are now ready for you to pick up in Anderson Hall. If you're unable to pick them up on Sundays after church you may do so Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If you have a parishioner who lives near you who can't get to church, perhaps you can pick theirs up as well.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website via the online [Pledge Form](#).

If you have decided to use the Givi App or [Online Giving Donations](#), please email me at stewardship@aecst.org with your name and envelope number.

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office at 215-473-3065 or email, please do so ASAP. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number and email address. Thanks so much for your help with this.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

“To whom much is given, much is required.” Luke 12:48

- 1) Mail in your check or money order to the church.
Please use the following address:
The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
c/o Fiscal Administrator.
6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- 2) Use the **Givi app**. If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain.
Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the **givi app (givi IOS App)** for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or **(givi Android App)** for your Android device.

If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon, 215-844-6115**.
- 3) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 4) Church Website: <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>.

Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, the AJ House, Easter, etc.

NOTE: please remember to enter your envelope number in the Customer ID field, if you are a member of St. Thomas when filling out your online giving information.

2022 FAITHFUL GIVING CARDS

If you have not submitted your Faithful Giving Card, please place your card in the offering plate today.

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their 2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Clergy, Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Leadership

Fr. Martini Shaw

Fr. Gerald Collins

Ronnie Collins

Deadra Cannon

Albert Dandridge, Esq.

Clare Mae Daniels

Johanna Daye

Barry and Deborah Camp-Frye

Deborah Harrison

D. Lynn Joell

Kelvin & Pamela Johnson

Brenda Johnson Best

Frank Johnson

Richard Jones

Cynthia Muse

Jonathan Muse

Judith Simkins Booth

Darryle & Judith Tillman

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their
2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Joyce Adams	Ted Bythewood
Patricia Akins	Shirley Caldwell
Constance Anderson	Cornelia Camp
Michael & Dorothy Archey	Kevin Carter
Jean Armstrong	Phyllis Cater
Jeanne Arnold	Suzanne Closson
Cedric Babb	Lynada Coleburn Bryant
Paul Bach & Julie	Tracy Collins, MD
Hergenrather	Terry Corson
Terri Barber	Gwendolyn Cottman
Brenda Battle	Andrea Cummings
Catherine Bell	Carl & Mary Dean
Susan Ben	Elizabeth Derr
Deborah Billups	Dr. Rollo Dilworth
Deborah Booker-Matthews	Patrick and Musu Doe
Guy Booth	Dr. Barbara Douglass
Ricardo Bostic	Andrew & Lisa-Renee Dumas
I. Page Bowser	William & Quincina
Theresa Bramwell	Edmonds
Conchetta Brewer	Lynette Edwards
Lorita Brockington	Roy & Patricia Ellison
J.R. & Alfreda Brockman	Rashid Faisal
Jean Brogden	Larry & Deidre Farmby
Carmen Brown	Loretta Ferguson
Julius Brown	Dr. Marceline Fitzwilliam
Marilyn Brown	Wendella Fox & Herb Wetzel
Phyllis S. Brown	Isedora (Gwen) Francis
Robert and Jayne Brown	Norman & Nikki Franke
William H. Brown, III	Edita Gauthney
Sandra Bryant-Milller	Elaine Gillison
Carmella Bullock	Barbara Glenn

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their
2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Swanie Goldsmith	Dr. Diana H. Hutchins
Christopher Golson	Kim Hyde
Eugene & Marie Golson	Diann Jacox
Clarice Grant	Simone Jeffers
Arlene Gray	Bobby Johnson
Linda Greaves	Jenelle Wilson Johnson
Austin Green	Lemont Johnson
Carole Williams Green	Sheryl Johnson
Michelle Green	Vernetta Johnston
Leotta Griffith	Bettie Jones
Thomasina Hack	Clarence Jones
Joan P. Hall	Donna Jones
Stephen Hannum	Kelly & Tracy Jones
Sharon Lawrence Harper	Mary Ann Jones
Roosevelt & Gail Harris	Robert & Joyce Jones
Walter & Nicole Harris	Sheila Jones
Joyce Harrison	Tyrone Keller
Richard & Gwenda Hart	J. Reggie & Sherilynn
Gregory Hayes	Kimble
Maurice Hays	Jurdina Koilor
Rene Hayes	Paula Lamb
Denise McDaniel Henderson	Gwendolyn Langford
Quentin Heyward	Nancy Conway Lee
Angela Holloway	Louise Lewis
Karl Holloway	Steven & Jameela Lewis
Patricia Holmes	Monica Lewis-Jones
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Fleta Howell	Kimberly Lloyd
Robert Hugh	Adrienne Logan
Donald & Patricia Hunt	C. Adjoa Love-Dorsey

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their
2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

James Lowe, Jr.	Caryn Rivers
Winston Lowe	Victoria Rivers
Patricia Lynch	Rosalind Roberts Smalls
Constance Lyons	Rosalind Rodriguez
Sheila McCullough	Dr. Cassandra Ruffin
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Jann Minor	Richard & Rebecca Scales
Colin Mitchell	Lois Schmidt
Donald Moore & Dorothy Roberts	Deborah Seay Stephanie Seay
Elsie Moto	Gordon & Gloria Sedziafa
B. Mueni Mwanzia	Leah Sheppard
Vincent & Lisa Napoleon	Arlene Singletary
Lisa New	Velva Smalls
Francina Norris	William Smalls
Deborah Otey	Anita Smith
Samuel & Deidre Patterson	Catherine Stafford
Andrea Petrocelli-Fields	H. Lynn Starr
Kim Phillips	Irving Stevenson
Mary Ann Phillips	Joseph Stevenson
Simone Polland	Joyce Stewart
Stephen Pugh	Shelly & Ann Stewart
Audrey Pyles	Brandon & Rashanda Stiff
Karen Ragland	Art & Michelle Sudler
Dolores Redmond	Carolyn Summers
Clarence Rice	Yvonne Sydnor

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their
2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

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Teri Taylor	R. Seth Williams
Gloria Thomas	Dorothy Willis
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Justin & Lee Anne Trotman	Diane Wilkfield
Louise Trotman	Shirley Winkfield
Elizabeth Trulear	Edgar Wise
Gladys Tucker	Wanda Wood
Howard Tucker	Lisa Woodley
nez Turner	Paula Wright
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Ronnie Collins
Albert S. Dandridge
Clare Mae Daniels
Deborah Harrison
D. Lynn Joell
Jonathan Muse
Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Judith Tillman

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas is a Christ-centered community that welcomes all people. This community embraces and executes the core values of our founder, the Reverend Absalom Jones: leadership, morality, spirituality, equal rights, education, liberty, charity, justice, humanitarianism, self-determination, self-respect, and freedom.

St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.
