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## St. Francis Episcopal Church



September 23, 2020

### This House

**Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house . . .”  
Luke 19:9**

#### ***A Subtle But Strong Temptation***

We can think that as a local congregation we are somewhat insignificant in the community, the diocese or the world. Sometimes we can be tempted to think that other ministries or churches are larger, more effective, and maybe even better than ours. All of this, of course, can be extreme. But we do sometimes feel as though we do not really make a significant contribution in the community.

#### ***Overcoming that Temptation***

The way to overcome temptation is always by the Word of the Lord. That is how Jesus did it in the wilderness when tempted by Satan. That is how we would do it when tempted today. For us, when we feel as if St. Francis is insignificant, we ask God to speak to us about St. Francis. One of the things we will hear in one way or another is this, ". . . salvation has come to this house . . ." We then start to ask the Lord, "Why has salvation come to this house? What is the purpose you have for St. Francis in this community at this time?" God will answer that prayer and equip us to carry it out. When you ask God why St. Francis is in this community at this time what is the answer you receive?

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#### **Coming Attractions**

***Sunday, September 28, 2020*** - Morning Prayer on *Zoom* at 10:00AM

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#### ***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

For the Sunset Grill that business would increase and employees an customers would be safe

#### ***The Diocese of Virginia***

For the House of Bishops that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### ***The Anglican Communion***

For the people of the Diocese of Pankshin (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Olumuyiwa AjayiCentral Philippines(Philippines) The Rt Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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*Grace and Peace,*

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