

Celebrate with Love, Live with Meaning—Wednesday Morning Workshop
The Rev. Furman Buchanan

How can we ensure that those who arrive at our churches experience hospitality? We can take practical steps to frame our purpose not only as a celebration of God's love revealed in the past but also as a celebration *with Love*—fully encountered in the present.

The Rev. Furman Buchanan will offer concrete examples of inviting people to *celebrate* “with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven” when we worship.

- A Story about the Light of Christ on Christmas Eve, 2019
- The Story of our #MeToocharist for Greenville, 2018
- An Eve of Confirmation Instructed Eucharist
- Taking it Outdoors: Labyrinth Walks & Holy Hikes
- Turning in **toward** the Gift

How can we then help those who came to worship encounter Christ after they leave? In the second part of this session, Fr. Buchanan will offer concrete examples for inviting people to *follow* in the way of Jesus—the way of love.

- “Thank you for being a ‘YES!’ Church,” a new parishioner said.
- Show, don't Tell—Sending Blessings in the Mail!
- Finding partners extend the impact (given & received)
- Practicing Charity with our Muslim Neighbors
- Developing a reputation in town
- Turning **into** the Gift

Handouts available in the digital folder

1. *Epistle Guidance for the Church*
2. *Sample Notes for easy adaptation: deaths, Mother's Day, Father's Day, doctors, graduates, etc.*
3. *Eve of Confirmation Instructed Eucharist*
4. *#MeToocharist Liturgy Bulletin*

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He is the author of Gifts of God for the People of God: Exploring Worship in the Episcopal Church, a resource for newcomers as well as lifelong Episcopalians. Furman's passion is helping people discover how our stories intersect with God's story when we follow the Way of Love.