



WELCOME TO RESERVOIR VIRCH!

October 18, 2020



BELOVED **COMMUNITY**

WE'LL GET STARTED AT 10:03!

Grab your breakfast,
your cup of coffee/tea/juice,
your people,
and enjoy some music
until we get started!



NEWS & INVITATIONS

Reservoir calendar at reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news



- **Join the Reservoir Fall Retreat!**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/retreat-into-your-city-tickets-124832484321>
- **Report from Reservoir's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) Team**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/our-redi-team-report/>
- **Ask for or offer practical help: masks, money, errands, & more**
reservoirchurch.org/connect/practical-help-and-training/
- **Give Online to Reservoir**
pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch or text Reservoir to 77977

BLESSED ARE THE **ELDERS WHO DIED ALONE** OF COVID, FOR THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN AND WELCOMED BY GOD.

BLESSED ARE THE **ELDERLY, FOR THEY HAVE WISDOM** ABOUT WHAT MATTERS.

BLESSED ARE OUR **TRANS SIBLINGS**, FOR THEY ARE PARTNERS IN CREATION WITH GOD.

BLESSED ARE **CUBANS**, FOR THEY SHALL BE UNDERSTOOD AND ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE **DESPERATELY CALLING OUT TO YOU**, FOR THEY WILL BE HEARD.

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Our community groups have been taking a deep dive into the Beatitudes in the gospels, asking what Jesus might be inviting us into. One of our groups invited our whole congregation to personalize the Beatitudes. These slides share a few highlights.

BLESSED ARE THE **LONELY AND REJECTED**, FOR THEY WILL BE ACCEPTED

BLESSED ARE THE **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO FACE RACISM**
BECAUSE OF HOW THEY LOOK

BLESSED ARE THE **ARMENIAN PEOPLE**, AS THEY ARE GOING THROUGH WAR

BLESSED ARE **ALL GENDERS**, FOR THEY ARE KNOWN BY GOD AS THEY WISH TO BE KNOWN

BLESSED AM I, **FOR I AM SUSTAINED**

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TODAY, 10/18

11:15am - 12:15pm



Turn your faith into action towards justice and public love! We will discuss campaigns towards racial justice, community organizing, and more.

Join online [HERE](#) or RSVP to lydia@reservoirchurch.org.

Reservoir Fall Retreat

Sunday, 10/25

12:30, 1:00, 1:30pm



2020 won't defeat us! We are inviting you to "Retreat Into Your City," touring street art all around Greater Boston. Discover God is where we live, walk, work, and play.

Go solo, as a family, or with your community group! Register [here](#).

Questions: ivy@reservoirchurch.org.

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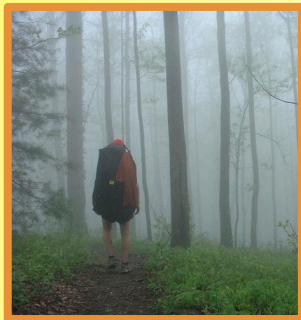


Unpacking Church History

TODAY, Online

Also 10/25, 11/1

6:30 - 7:30 pm



We'll explore toxic and beautiful parts of Christian church history and background. Come to one or all the classes. RSVP [HERE](#) or email [Steve](#).

Unpacking Church Hurts and Wounds

Sundays in

November, Online

11:30 am - 1:00pm



A non-prescriptive, non-judgmental safe space designed to lighten your load and discover what is worth carrying with you in faith journey.

RSVP [HERE](#) or email [Ivy](#).

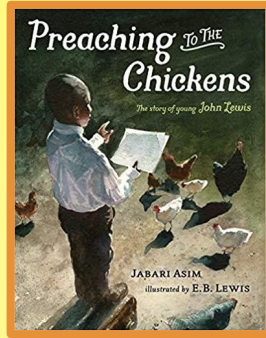
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Elementary Virtual Kids Church

Sunday, 10/25
9:15am



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PreK and Kindergarten Virtual Kids Church

Sunday, 10/25
9:30am



We explore Genesis 2 & 3--how the first humans hide from God. These sessions include greetings, prayer, song, storytelling and sharing and end with birthday prayers and blessings. [**Kim & Will Messenger**](#) host.

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Halloween Parade

Saturday, 10/31

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Reservoir parking lot



Let's celebrate our costume creativity and share in some fall fun! Outdoor, socially distanced event. Cloth masks required.

Email tory@reservoirchurch.org to reserve your spot and ask any questions.

Or, just sign up [HERE](#).

Virtual Christmas Choir

Sign-up by 10/25



Join our virtual Christmas choir! Help us record two songs for our Christmas service from your own home.

All ages & levels of experience welcome.

Email [Matt](#) or fill out the [FORM](#).

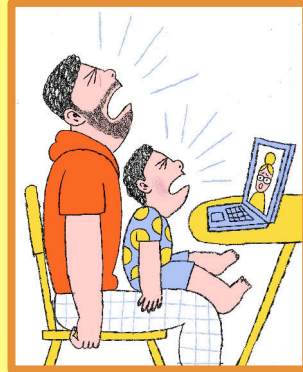
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Education Forum

Thursday, 10/29
7:00 - 8:30pm
Online



It's been a hard year for school life, whether as an educator, student, or parent. Join for an evening of sharing about the hard things, and finding encouragement together.

[HERE](#) at this link.

Open Mic Poetry Night

Thursday, 10/29
7:30 - 9:00pm
Zoom

Read an original poem or someone else's around this month's theme of "mushroom." Interpret as you are led.



RSVP to [Matt](#),
Join [HERE](#).

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Check out the Middle and High School Groups

Sundays, midweek,
And events



In middle or high school and looking to connect with other people your age?

Email [Tory](mailto:Tory@reservoirchurch.org) to hear about what is happening and how you can be involved!

Are You New or Feeling New?

Welcome! We'd love to get to know you. Our welcome form is for you to share a bit more about yourself, join our mailing list, or invite a "hi" from one of our pastors.



Click [Link here](#) to fill out the form.

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Reservoir Retreat 2020: Retreat into Your City!

Sunday, October 25

Start times of 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm

Greater Boston (online option available)



A tour of city-wide street art that tells a story of our history, our neighbors, our present reality, and how we move forward with God. Spiritual practices, maps, snacks and goodies provided.

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Questions: Reach out to Ivy at ivy@reservoirchurch.org.

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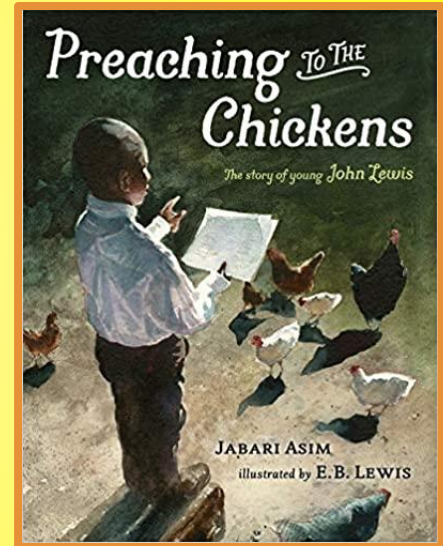


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Want to Get Plugged In?

Take a step forward and connect more at Reservoir!

- Ask for personal prayer from our team: steve@reservoirchurch.org
- Give financially: **text Reservoir to 77977** or pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch
- Try one of our 30+ community groups: start with [this form](#).
- Keep up with online platforms like Cambridge Reservoir Church (Facebook), @reservoirchurch (Instagram), or www.reservoirchurch.org.
- Fill out a [“New or Feeling New” form](#).

Philippians 3: 4b-6 (NRSV)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Philippians 3: 7-8 (NRSV)

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3: 9 (NRSV)

**and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from
the law, but one that comes through faith in
Christ, the righteousness from God based on
faith.**

Prayer from letter of Pope Francis

O God, Trinity of love,

from the profound communion of your divine life,

pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love.

Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,

in his family of Nazareth,

and in the early Christian community.

**Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,
discovering Christ in each human being,
recognizing him crucified
in the sufferings of the abandoned
and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each brother or sister
who makes a new start.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew that all are important
and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity that God so loves.**

Amen.