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# St Francis



October 14, 2015

## Following Jesus

*But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling*

*on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.  
I Corinthians 14: 24+15*

### ***The Next Big Thing***

In this very interesting and somewhat hard to understand passage appointed for Morning Prayer this morning we see Paul telling the Corinthians to be careful how they use prophecy in public worship. The idea seems to be that when there is a big event in worship and non-Christians are there they might be very impressed and even acknowledge God's presence. But will they start to follow Jesus? Some may, but most likely probably not. It is difficult to learn a lifestyle of following Jesus from big Christian events. We can find ourselves attracted to the next big thing over and over again and still not grow all that much in our Christian lives.

### ***Walking Together to Follow Jesus***

It is very important to learn how to follow Jesus along with other people. Jesus is part of divine community, sometimes called the Trinity. To follow Him is to learn how to see Him together with other Christians. This is where we learn to follow Jesus when times are hard, or we are sick, or we are tempted. We learn how other people who follow Jesus go through similar trials. We also learn how other people who follow Jesus pray, show hospitality, serve others, and just about anything else we can think of. I love the big events because they show the power and majesty of God. I need the every day relationships in community because that is where I am encouraged in practical ways to follow Jesus.

## **Coming Attractions**

***Wednesday, October 14, 2015***, vestry committee meeting at 4:00pm

***Wednesday, October 14, 2015*** , Pub Theology at The Rumble Seat at 6:15pm

***Sunday, October 18, 2015***, worship at 10:00am

***Sunday, October 25, 2015***, worship, Bishop Goff' visitation 2:00pm

***Please bring nonperishable food to worship*** to donate to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services.

### ***Our Missional Communities***

*The Park* will meet for worship and potluck at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker on October 18 at 5:30pm contact Richard Walker at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com)

*Symphony* will meet on Sunday, October 25 at 9:00am at Symphony Assisted Living. Contact Bobbie Levines at [bobbiedrew@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedrew@yahoo.com)

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

Pakmail, David Fitzsimmons, owner, that business would increase.

***Diocese of Virginia***

For the clergy and people of Emmanuel, Harrisonburg, St. Andrew's, Mt. Jackson, St. Stephen's/Good Shepherd, Rocky Bar, Emmanuel, Woodstock, Grace(Lynnwood Parish) Port Royal

***Metropolitan Richmond***

For all who suffer from addiction, dependence or co-dependency of any sort, for twelve step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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