

Episcopal Identity

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Most weeks when students walk into my classroom their first question is, “did the arrow move?” The arrow they are talking about is the pointer on the liturgical calendar that hangs on the wall of the religion room. This liturgical calendar helps us to orient ourselves on God as we move through the year. Unlike a traditional calendar that has a start and finish, a straight line of motion, the liturgical calendar moves in a circle. Each year we move from the beginning of Advent, through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost, and the long green season after Pentecost...and then we start all over again.

In school we celebrate these liturgical season in the classroom and in chapel. We remember how God has worked in history and how he still works in our lives today. We watch as the colors that hang in the chapel change, and count down weeks until Christmas, or Easter. The liturgical seasons give us a chance to step back and prepare ourselves for the mystery of God among us; to make sure that we don't miss what is happening in the midst of our busy lives. The liturgical year orients us to God, and helps us to remember the sacred that is lurking in every corner of our lives.



Left:
Leo Olivarez, '25, in chapel

Lucas Inman, '26, acolytes during Early Childhood Chapel