



ST. ANDREW'S IN THE PINES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERMON 1-17-16

- I. Story of Margaret – discovering she could heal people and animals, but when doing so an orangish, pink glow comes from her – is tried as a witch and escapes with her life but still has to keep healing although she tries to hide how and when to keep the glow from being seen.
- II. 26 years old, at worship in the Cathedral, told to lay hands on a baby and pray for healing. Hid my hands but they glowed with warmth – so obeyed at the end of the service. Still will do healing prayers when nudged.
- III. Jesus -30 years old, attending a wedding and his mother tells him to help out with the wine situation. Turns the water into wine and to those who saw – it revealed his glory and his disciples believed in him.
- IV. Last week – hymn 135 with the refrain – God in man made manifest.line “And at Cana wedding guest, in they God-head manifest.
- V. Corinthians reading today – “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- VI. Meaning of manifest – to become evident, to recognize, obvious. A glow, hot hands, wine to water, - God in man made manifest. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- VII. How’s does this work in The Force Awakens? Finn being drawn apart from the Storm Troopers, allowing a good side of himself to take over and send him into working with others in a new community fighting for their freedom.
 - a. Rey finding a new power, spirit, force within her and using it to escape and to become a courageous fighter.
 - b. Others notice the force/spirit in Finn and Rey, others support them and encourage them and join them.

- VIII. The force awakens at different times and ages in our life – but TO EACH is given the Spirit for the common good. We all have the light in us to be used for incredible feats, incredible courage, incredible power, and incredible danger.
- IX. Take some time to recognize your gifted Spirit but also take some time to recognize it and point it out in others.
- X. This week, today, tell someone of the light you notice in them – the light of wisdom, of faith, of healing, of discernment, of interpretation of our times and for the clarity of speaking the truth, of prophecy, of encouragement,
- XI. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- XII. Thanks be to God.