

# *Faith and Citizenship*

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*Epiphany's Adult Class on how to keep  
hope alive amidst the adversarial  
rhetoric*

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# Toward a theology during this election

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- *Jesus's words*: Loving our neighbor as ourselves...
- *New Testament Model*: We engage the political process because the Gospel shows us that we're the *polis*.
- *The Baptismal Covenant*: "strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being..."



*Video Resource*

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# The Presiding Bishop's Message about the election

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[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/  
library/videos/all](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/videos/all)

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# Toward a Spirituality during this election

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- ❖ Ignatius said, “teach us to give and not count the cost.”
- ❖ Ignatian spirituality is about “listening” and leaning in, especially when it’s hard to listen.
- ❖ Remember: we live in a universe of grace.
- ❖ Christ is the origin and horizon of all that is.



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# Practice this in the next three weeks

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- ❖ Begin each day with **gratitude**. Find something for which you can give thanks.
- ❖ Ask for **God's guidance**.
- ❖ **Review our nation** at this point in history. What immediately comes into your mind? Capture that.
- ❖ Talk with and listen to **God/Christ/the Spirit** for insight about the image you just captured.
- ❖ Resolve to **act**

*A gem from Marilynne Robinson's interview with  
President Obama:*

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# Fear is not a Christian stance

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I believe all that divides our nation is really about fear and loss. Whether it's the fear of economic prosperity, or the loss of cultural identity, or something else. But the Psalm says, "yea, though I walk through the valley I shall not fear..."

## From the Winchester Multicultural Network

*Tonight 7:30-9:00pm*

*at the Griffin Museum of Photography*

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### **Signs on My Neighbor's Lawn: Hopes and Fears During Elections**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
7:30 pm-9:00 pm  
67 Shore Road, Winchester**

*Come and share your stories,  
worries or excitement about your  
political interest and passions or  
just enjoy and appreciate the  
dramatization of others' stories.*

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*This is a night for hope and community!  
Performances by True Story Theater Improvisational Company will be  
informed by the real-life stories of audience members.  
The event is free and open to all.*

*Prayer Resources*

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# Prayer for Election

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**Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

