



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

Communion of the People: All God’s people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

For the latest news and events at Epiphany, visit our website at epiphany.org or subscribe to our weekly newsletter. There are newcomer cards available in the pew in front of you and on the newcomer page of our website. We hope that you will fill one out while you’re here and hand it to one of the clergy so we can welcome you personally.

Children of all ages are invited to participate fully in our liturgy. We welcome wiggles and giggles as signs of life and understand that sometimes children need to move about during worship. Children’s bulletins and activity bags are available. Ask an usher to help you locate those near the entrance to the worship space.

If you do not have a nametag, please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the Gallery. For today, there are stick-on nametags available.

Giving to Epiphany: If you would prefer to give electronically today, please scan this QR code. Visit epiphany.org/ways-to-give to learn about other ways to give to our parish or to make a pledge. You’ll also find more information about Realm, our giving platform and secure online community.



Recording/Livestreaming may be in progress: Liturgies and meetings at Church of the Epiphany may be live-streamed and/or recorded so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. If you prefer to sit in a location where you will be less visible to the camera, please let an usher, clergy, or staff person know.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, founded in 1898, is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop.

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You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for worship
Use the water in the font as a remembrance of your Baptism

Voluntary—Simple Gifts

Shaker tune, arr. Jon Spong

Processional Hymn 636—How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Foundation

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise w900—Glory to God

John Rutter



Glo-ry to God in the high-est,—



— and peace to his peo-ple on earth.—— Lord God,



heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,—— we wor - ship



you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.——

Fa - ther,——
Lord Je - sus Christ,—— on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Fa - ther,——
Fa - ther,——

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world:—— have mer - cy on us;—— you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
Fa - ther: re - ceive

Fa - ther: re - ceive

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Dominus illuminatio

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
 the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
 and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
 above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” *
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Children (up to 3rd grade) are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn for the reading of the Gospel and Children’s Chapel

Sequence Hymn 609—Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant With Christians from across time and around the world, we say together the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People for Epiphany

As we celebrate the manifestation of God’s love to all nations, with confidence let us bring our petitions to God’s altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For God’s people throughout the world, especially for those in positions of leadership and authority, that they might spread the good news of God’s indiscriminate love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For each other, the people of God gathered in this place, that we might always proclaim with our lives the praise of the Lord and so be channels of the call to God’s promise and plan, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters and siblings, that together we might see in the star of Bethlehem not a symbol of division but a call to reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all victims of prejudice and discrimination, that the light of Christ might shine as a beacon in the world’s darkness; and for gifts of healing and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our siblings in need; for the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the abandoned; for the sick and the dying, that they might find hope and courage in the open arms of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant’s concluding collect

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed on us your light, Christ Jesus, who is Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin—Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Simple Gifts

Shaker Tune, Arr. Robert Lehman

Epiphany Choir

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gain'd, to bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd, to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Presentation Hymn 304—I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of chords and melodic lines, with some notes held over from one measure to the next.

The people stand or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God S 164

Franz Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion of the People

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The Healing Rite

During the Communion of the People, prayers for healing and anointing with oil are offered in the Chapel for those desiring them on their own behalf, or upon the behalf of another. All are welcome.

Communion Hymn 321—My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

Sung by all

Communion Hymn 661—They cast their nets in Galilee

Georgetown

Sung by all

Eucharistic Visitation

Celebrant We, the church of Jesus Christ, send you forth bearing these holy gifts so that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen**

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing—Celebrant

Hymn 525—The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary—An Early American March

Attr. James Hewitt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for a month. Contact the parish office if you would like them listed for another month.

For members who are bidding our prayers: Richard Shirah • Kim Boswell • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Laraine Fraijo-Paul • Chris Miller • Ellen Mintzmyer • Philip Anderson • Bruce & Ann Fort • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Pearl & Tom McHaney, friends of Sara Cushing • Alan Hinman, father of Johanna Hinman • Joey, sister of Evelyn Stewart • Joan Siefker, mother of John Wierwille • Claiborne Jones • Nancy Hopkinson, mother of Susan & Jarrod Moody and grandmother of Jordan & Jessica • Sally Williams, daughter of Susan & Loren Williams • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Mark Thornhill, uncle of Kurt Erskine • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Pat & Bill Graves • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those who have died: Anita Crosby, friend of Craig McDonald and Carlos Quiroz

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 1/25-31: David Brandon • Tad Braswell • Claire Chaffins • Katie Pedersen • Julie Ryder • Tristen Webb • Georgia Gary • Peter Habib • Steve Tipton • J. P. Boulée

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send the full date of your anniversary and/or your date of birth to the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org so that we can update our records.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

Altar Arrangements & the Sanctuary Light can be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | **Children's Chapel**—*during the service*

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the reading of the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join them.

NOTICE | **Annual Parish Meeting**

All members of the parish are encouraged to join us in the parish hall at 11:30 a.m. for this important meeting in the life of our church. The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright and members of the Vestry will report on the state of the parish in 2025 and look ahead to what's planned for 2026. We will also elect new vestry members and thank the retiring ones. *Adult formation will not take place today. Children & Youth are meeting upstairs.*

FORMATION | **Children & Youth**—*11:30 a.m. • Room 203*

During today's annual meeting, all children and youth are invited to Room 203 to participate in the Interfaith Children's Movement (ICM) "Have a Heart" letter-writing campaign. We'll learn about ICM's mission and write cards urging legislators to support the health and dignity of Georgia's children.

NOTICE | **Epiphany Endowment Grant Submission Period Opens January 25!**

Applications for the Epiphany Endowment Grant are available online at epiphany.org/endowment-fund and in the gallery tract rack. Grants may be for capital improvements; scholarships or grants to members; or community outreach projects. Application deadline is February 25, 2026.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Men's Fellowship Dinners**—*this time join us for Gumbo! • Register by 1/23*

Tonight the Epiphany Men's Fellowship Dinners (EMFD) group will have their next at 6:00 p.m. No agenda—just a gathering to prepare a meal and enjoy conversation. The menu for this meeting will center around Gumbo. Cost including drinks, is \$30 per person. We are *asking* everyone to bring a new pair of sweat pants and/or a sweat shirt for those in need at a local psychiatric hospital. For questions or suggestions, contact Brian Wright or Joel Fowler.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**—*5:00-6:30 p.m. • donut den*

Youth Group will meet tonight for dinner and a game night! Youth are also invited to use this time to work on their art exhibit projects and bios.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Due to persistent scams, parishioner contact information is not published. Please use the parish directory in Realm.

WORSHIP | **Weekday Services**—*visit epiphany.org/worship-services for details*

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **January DEAM Pantry Drive**

Epiphany stocks the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) twice a year in January and June. For the month of January, we are collecting cereal, soup, canned fruit. Our goal this time is to collect 50 of each. Wooden bins for your donations are in the gallery by the front door. Also, if you have travel toiletries that you want to clean out, you can drop those in the bins as well.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—*Last Monday of the month • parish hall*

1/26—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler.

PARISH GROUP | **Men's Breakfast Group**—*Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service*

1/27—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact John Yntema with any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | **Trivia Group**—Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. • *Wild Heaven in Avondale Estates*

1/27—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Tuesdays at Wild Heaven in Avondale. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Contacts: Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

MUSIC | **Choirs for Adults & Youth**—Wednesdays

- 1/28—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 1/28—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

FORMATION | **Adults**—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • *parish hall*

2/1—**Bible & Poverty**: This series explores biblical views on and responses to material poverty. We are examining the causes and dimensions of economic inequality in the biblical world and how that reality is addressed by various parts of Scripture, from the Law and Prophets to the Gospels and Epistles. In addition, we are considering the nature and scope of the problem of poverty in America today, including how we can cultivate more just, effective, and transformative responses to poverty in our own churches and communities. Facilitated by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Executive Director of the Candler Foundry. **Remaining Sessions**: 2/1, and 2/8.

WORSHIP | **Acolyte Training**—Sunday, February 1 at 11:30 a.m. • *nave*

2/1—On February 1, during formation hour, all acolytes are encouraged to attend acolyte training with Cecilia & Tom Democko. This training is a great chance to review an acolyte's roles during the service and to connect with those you serve with. For details, or if you are an adult or youth who would like to join this ministry, contact Cecilia Democko.

MUSIC | **Choirs for Children & Youth Resume**—Tuesday, February 3

Choir rehearsals for Children & Youth will resume on Tuesday, February 3. Times are listed below. New members are welcome! If you have not done so already, please register your child for choir. The link can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp.

- 2/3—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.
- 2/3—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | **Family Eucharist & Service Project**—*all activities in the parish hall*

2/10—We look forward to seeing you for this family and kid focused celebration of the Eucharist. Please arrive at 5:00 p.m. for the service project, 6:00 p.m. for pizza (RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp), and 6:15 p.m. for the start of the service.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Prisontown Live Performance at Epiphany**—Sunday, February 15

2/15—Please mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, February 15 at 5:00 p.m. for a performance of *Prisontown*, part of Out of Hand Theater's 25th Anniversary season, *Imagining an America for ALL*. *Prisontown* tells the story of a writer who returns home to Lumpkin, Georgia—site of one of the nation's largest immigration detention centers—and bears witness to the harsh realities of our immigration system and a small town shaped by poverty and the prison industry. Following the performance, El Refugio will guide a brief discussion and share meaningful ways to take action toward a more just world. For more information and to get tickets, visit epiphany.org or read the most recent edition of the *Friday eNews*.

PARISH LIFE & LITURGY | **Shrove Tuesday**—*Pancakes and/or Cajun* • *Register by 2/13*

2/17—Come at 5:30 p.m. to help decorate the Alleluia Banner. All ages welcome! Then join us at 6:00 p.m. for pancakes (cooked by our Youth) and/or potluck Cajun (you bring it). There will be King Cake for dessert. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will follow. Please RSVP for the pancakes so we know how much to cook. Adult volunteers are needed to help the youth set-up, cook, or clean up. Both sign ups can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp. Youth interested in helping cook should reach out to Taylor Irwin / tirwin@epiphany.org. Gluten-free options will be available.

LITURGY | **Ash Wednesday**

2/18—We will observe the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. in the nave and online.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Art Show in the Gallery this Spring**

SUBMISSIONS DUE 3/15—This spring the Epiphany Art Ministry will include an exhibit featuring work from the Epiphany Youth! Youth are invited to bring up to three pieces of artwork in any medium. Funds will be split 50% to the artist / 50% to the Youth Group fund. All submissions are due by Tuesday, March 15. For questions, contact Liefy Smith or Page Love Smith.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | **Vacation Bible School—June 27, July 11, July 25**

This year's VBS will take a new shape! Families with children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to gather for three Saturdays this summer for a shared experience of storytelling, service, and Sacrament. Join us on June 27, July 11, and July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information about youth counselors and adult volunteer opportunities.

PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

PARISH GROUPS | **Social Justice Action Group—virtual group**

This social advocacy group promotes social and cultural change. The group identifies community events in which we can participate, and provides a curated list of local community happenings via Realm Groups. If you'd like to be part of this group, join via Realm Groups to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Grief Pastoral Care Group—1st Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom**

2/5—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by parishioner and trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

FORMATION | **Contemplative Book Group—six-week book study Thursdays beginning 2/5 • Room 201**

2/5—The Contemplative Book Group will begin a new study on February 5 at 11:00 a.m. on the book *A Midwinter God: Encountering the Divine in Seasons of Darkness* by Christine Valters Paintner. This book study will run for six weeks. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

PARISH GROUPS | **Fireside Sit & Sip—monthly at 7:00 p.m. • Courtyard**

2/5—The Fireside Sit and Sip at Epiphany is for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s to come together just as you are. Bring a camp chair and join us around the fire pit in the courtyard to sit, sip, and enjoy conversation with other women on the journey. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00p.m. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald. **Future Dates:** 3/5, 4/2, and 5/7.

FORMATION | **Contemplative Practice—2nd Sundays in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.**

2/8—Come gather with us on second Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact Amy if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Book Group—2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • location varies**

2/9—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For February: *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman (Zoom). March: *Citizens of London*, by Lynne Olsen (Epiphany). All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | **The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays at 9:30/11:00 a.m. • parish hall**

2/10—The ECW meets monthly at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The meeting and program begin at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

PASTORAL CARE | **Caregiver Support Group—2nd Fridays at 11:45 a.m. • Zoom**

2/13—The Caregiver Support Group meets monthly over Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist. Contact Nancy if you are interested in joining this group.

FORMATION | **Epiphany Earth & Soul**—3rd Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • *Hybrid*

2/17—This group focuses on practicing Celtic Spirituality, where we gather to discuss and experience the beauty of nature and celebrate the divine in all creatures, including ourselves. Led by the steering group of Carol Bartlett, Nan Ross, and April Maa. Contact April for more information, to be placed on the email list, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting. In-person meetings are in Room 201. To learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general, one resource is www.earthandsoul.org.

PARISH GROUPS | **The Munch Bunch**—3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. • *Thinking Man Tavern*

2/18—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Contact: Laura Keys.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Our Quarterly Wednesday Dinner for Holy Comforter**

2/18—Holy Comforter is a unique worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta. About 60% of this congregation lives with mental illness. We prepare a meal during the afternoon and take the meal to the church, leaving at 6:00 p.m., and serve after the 6:30 p.m. service. After serving, the volunteers join the parishioners for dinner. Sign up to participate at epiphany.org/rsvp. Contact: Jeanette Hanson.

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