



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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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!

Vestry Person of the Day: The photo pinned to the bulletin board as you entered today is of our “Vestry Person of the Day” or VPOD. In addition to ensuring that the coffee is brewed, the VPOD also coordinates with nursery staff and the greeters to ensure everyone has what they need to welcome all parishioners and visitors. They are also responsible for securing the church at days end. Most critically, however, the VPOD is responsible for serving as the point of contact in the event of a medical or other emergency and to coordinate any form of response that may be needed. If you need assistance—or need help getting someone else assistance—notify an usher or the VPOD.

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.

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.

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.

Clergy: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright, *Rector*; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, *Associate Rector*

Staff: Julie P. Ryder, *Organist & Choirmaster*; L. Shea McNutt, *Parish Administrator*; Edie Brush, *Interim Director of Children’s Ministry*; Tristen Webb, *Interim Director of Youth Ministry*; Susie Boyko, *Bookkeeper*; Jason Sullivan, *Facilities Manager*; Anna Democko, *Childcare Worker*; Jessica Tirado, *Childcare Worker*; Sierra Jamison, *Childcare Worker*

Assisting Priests: The Rev. Barbara Ryder, The Rev. Bobbi Patterson

Wardens: Jordan Moody, *Senior Warden*; Jacob Geiger, *Junior Warden*



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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—Adagio in C major

Léon Boëllmann

Processional Hymn 665—All my hope on God is founded

Michael

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God
People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

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 S236—Glory to you

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Exaudi, Domine



- 1 Hear my plea of innocence O LORD;
give heed to my / **cry**; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying / **lips**.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your / **presence**; *
let your eyes be fixed on / **justice**.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by / **night**, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity / **in me**.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others / **do**; *
I have heeded the words of your / **lips**.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your / **law**; *
in your paths my feet shall not / **stumble**.
- 6 I call upon you O God, for you will / **answer me**; *
incline your ear to me and hear my / **words**.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving / **kindness**, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up a-/**gainst them**.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your / **face**; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied beholding your / **likeness**.

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ~ I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit~ I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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. Parents are welcome to join.

Sequence Hymn 318—Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Nyack

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

We glory in God's Name through the offering of our prayers and petitions, responding, "Hear us, good Lord." For the will to discover God's Word dwelling in our hearts, finding expression through our lips, and revealing hope through our generosity; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For a renewed commitment to righteousness and peace that we may join with the leaders of the nations in seeking ways to promote harmony in warring lands, and mutual respect across cultures, races, and languages; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For creative ways to express the faith, drawing upon the jewels of our tradition and using our hearts and minds to proclaim Christ's message to those of little faith or who have no faith at all; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That the summer months may provide opportunities for rest and refreshment so that we may be rejuvenated for the challenges ahead; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For the earth's soil; for fertile fields, forests, and gardens, that we may protect and restore the ground from which all life is nourished, and learn to steward it with wisdom and care; and with thanksgiving for the Okefenokee swamp; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For those who have died and reside in the tomb of death, that Christ, who broke the chains of death, will bring them to eternal life; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Ever increasing in our faith, we continue our prayers.

Celebrant's concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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.

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.**

Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Praise our God and King

Anonymous

Epiphany Summer Choir

Praise, O praise our God and King! Hymns of adoration sing; for His mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure. Praise Him that He made the sun day by day his course to run and the silver moon by night, shining with her gentle light. Glory to our bounteous King! Glory let creation sing! Glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit, Three in One.

Presentation Hymn W761—All who hunger, gather gladly

Holy Manna

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching our Worship

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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord W858

American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer—*traditional language*

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: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus W877

Mark Sedio

Cantor or Choir

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the

All

bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the

Cantor or Choir

break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le -

All

lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. The dis -

Cantor or Choir

ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. One

All

bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, though ma - ny we share one bread. The dis -

ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The 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.

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 Motet—O wheat, whose crushing was for bread

Shirley McRae

Sung by the Choir

New Life

O wheat, whose crushing was for bread, O bread whose breaking is for life, O life, your seeming end is seed, a seed for wheat, our bread and life. O fruit whose crushing was for wine, O wine whose flowing is for blood, O blood, your pouring out is life, our life in you, O fruitful vine. O life whose crushing was for love, O love whose spending was to death, O death, your mourning is our joy, full joy and birth to lasting life.

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 and People

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

Unison *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—Prelude and Fugue in D minor, BWV 554

Prelude

J. S. Bach

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THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of her grandmother Alberta who brought her closer to God, by Barbara Belcore, and in memory of her mother, Patricia Belcore, by Barbara Belcore.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for one month. Contact the parish office if you would like extend the listing.

For members who are bidding our prayers: Camille Shirah • Nick Theyerl • Patrick Hanna • Dianne Osborne • Michele MacLeod • Alix Janke • Joy Boyden • Lisa Gray • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Philip Anderson • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: The Rev. Allan Sandlin, retired Diocesan priest • Steve Graf, father of Audrey Thompson, grandfather of Noah and Sparrow Thompson • Margaret Miller, relative of Larry Wilcox • Tara McKinnie, friend of Pam Tipton • Shay, friend of Eric Schulz • Hattie Thore and her family, and Beefy McBar, friends of Hazel Hall • Ben, co-worker of Dave Thompson • Rachel Blair Anderson, friend of Barbara Belcore • Bob Hogg, brother of Liefy Smith • Rachel Williams, daughter-in-law of Susan & Loren Williams • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • 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 • Bruce Fort • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ellen Mintzmyer • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Colleen

For those who have died: George Ross • Rosalind Blair, sister of Katharine Hilliard-Yntema

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 8/2-8: Sheila & Richard Ferrell • Jeanette Hanson & Galo Velasco-Jackson • Ann & Bruce Fort • Cathy & Jim McKinney

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 8/2-8: Susan Montgomery • Mary Eleanor Fraijo-Paul • Maia Higgins • Ruth Robertson • Graham DiBello • Austin Stephenson • Judy Cox

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.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | 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.

PARISH LIFE | Expanded Coffee Hour—Sign up for a Sunday

The Vestry is hosting today's expanded coffee hour. Please join us in the parish hall after the service for goodies, and coffee, tea, and juices and to bid Taylor a fond farewell. There is JUST ONE DATE left in need of host - 8/23. Groups OR individuals are welcome to sign up to bring some simple breakfast items. Sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp.

YOUTH MINISTRY | Youth Group

Youth group is on summer hiatus this Sunday. Youth are invited to join us next week for our diocesan river tubing event in Ellijay!

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.

ART MINISTRY | Calling All Creatives—Parishioner Art Show Coming Soon

8/3 Deadline—Epiphany's Art Ministry is excited to invite our adult parishioner creatives to exhibit and sell

work for the month of September in the Epiphany Gallery. Contact Page Love Smith or Liefy Smith by August 3 to reserve your place in the show. View the most recent newsletter for a link to the requirements.

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

8/4—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 Dave Thompson through Realm to get on the email list.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Trivia Group—*Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Universal Joint in Oakhurst*

8/5—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Wednesdays at Universal Joint in Oakhurst. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Contacts: Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

YOUTH MINISTRY | Youth Group—Tube the River

8/8—Middle and High School students are invited to tube the Cartecay River in downtown Ellijay with friends from across the diocese. If you are interested in registering or learning more, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in serving with Epiphany's Children and/or Youth during the 2026-27 school year? If so, please reach out to Edie Brush at children@epiphany.org and/or Tristen Webb at youth@epiphany.org.

MUSIC | Sing in the Summer Choir—*Contact Julie Ryder at music@epiphany.org*

The Summer Choir is open to adults and youth; we rehearse one anthem on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. and then sing it during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy (no vestments, no weekday commitment, lots of fun and fellowship). Join us upstairs in the Music Suite each Sunday.

FORMATION & PARISH LIFE | Summer Movie Series

8/9—Join us for the final film in the series, *Wake Up Dead Man*. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and popcorn. The show will start at 6:00 p.m. as we watch the film projected onto a 120-inch screen in surround sound in the parish hall. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register for each screening.

WORSHIP | Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception—*Contact clergy by August 16*

8/16 Deadline—On November 1, All Saints Day, we look forward to having our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, as our preacher and celebrant. At the bishop's visitation it is customary to also have baptisms and confirmations. If you desire baptism, or if you or your youth are interested in being confirmed or received, please reach out to Amy or Carmie by August 16 so we can arrange for the appropriate formation ahead of the bishop's visit.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | Potluck for Families with "Littles"

8/21—We invite all families with "littles" (newborn through kindergarten + any siblings) to a potluck dinner at the home of the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright on Friday, August 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please register at epiphany.org/rsvp and sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Contact: Edie Brush / children@epiphany.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY | Youth Group—Play Mini-Golf—*Sign up by August 9*

8/23—Youth are invited to a night of Mini-Golf on Sunday August 23 at the Puttshack in Dunwoody. We will meet there at 5:00 p.m. for dinner first (please bring \$15-\$20 cash for dinner). After that, we'll play until 7:00 p.m. Cost to play is \$25 per person. If participation presents a financial hardship, please contact Amy. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp to pay for your tickets and reserve your spot.

PARISH LIFE | Parish Retreat—*Registration is now live*

Join us at The Mountain in Highlands, NC the weekend of September 18-20 for the Annual Parish Retreat. For those who are interested in coming up earlier on Friday before the retreat begins that evening, Amy will offer a Quiet Day Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Email Amy at adillswright@epiphany.org if you are interested in participating or for more information. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register.

UPCOMING PARISH GROUP MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

8/6—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

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

8/6—The Fireside Sit & Sip group 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. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Use Realm to contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald.

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

8/9—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.

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. • parish hall

8/11—During the summer, the ECW monthly meeting program goes on hiatus, however the ladies continue to meet to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. Please join us in the kitchen on second Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry—meals served 2nd Fridays of the month

8/12-14—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter once a month. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

8/18—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. You can learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general at www.earthandsoul.org.

PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Support Group—3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. • Zoom

8/18—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. Use Realm to contact Nancy to join this group.

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

8/19—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.

PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care—4th Mondays • parish hall

8/24—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 GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group—2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • location varies

9/14—The Epiphany Book Group is on hiatus for July and August. They will next meet on Monday, September 14 at Epiphany where they will be discussing *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | Social Justice Action Group—Virtual Only 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. Join via Realm Groups to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—40 words or less—are due by NOON on Wednesdays. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to parishadmin@epiphany.org.