



The  
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of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

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## WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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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](http://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](http://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.

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

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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**—Choral Prelude on *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

Johann Pachelbel

**Processional Hymn 688**—A mighty fortress is our God

*Ein feste Burg*

*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 S278**—Glory to God

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. 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.

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 679-Surely it is God who saves me (Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah)**

Thomas Merton

*Sung by all, seated*

**The Second Lesson**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Children (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 597**—O day of peace that dimly shines

Jerusalem

### The Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

*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—Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**For social justice:** For social justice for individuals and families increasingly fearing the loss of food assistance. Strengthen all who advocate for food security and move the hearts of leaders to act with compassion and urgency, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: The Ginkgo tree, turning a beautiful golden yellow in the fall, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*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**

*Epiphany Choir*

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in God through all thy ways, God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move. Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate'er thy Maker's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent; we know our inmost wants are known, for we are called to be God's own. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully, and trust God's word; though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul that trusted God indeed.

**Presentation Hymn 416**—For the beauty of the earth (*verses 4-6*)

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

**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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord S128**

William Mathias

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.

*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 S165—Jesus, Lamb of God

William Mathias

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 of the world: 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.

*Sung by all*

*Harmony*

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O  
my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

*Fine*

*Unison*

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound,  
2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, To wake the  
3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout,  
na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right  
hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.

*D.C.*

**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*

Hymn 680—O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—Fugue in E<sup>b</sup> major (St. Anne), BWV 552, pt. 3

J.S. Bach

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## 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.*

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**For members who are bidding our prayers:** Carol Fuller • Chris Braden • Larry Wilcox • Brandon Laird • Joy Boyden • Jewel Allen • Mike Curry • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Laraine Fraijo-Paul • Evelyn Stewart • 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:** Sally Williams, daughter of Susan & Loren Williams • Betty Gardner-Tuzzalino, aunt of Loren Williams • Isabel Mintzmyer, great niece of Ellen Mintzmyer • Alan & Lucy Hinman, parents of Johanna Hinman • Tom & Jennie Smith, family of Pam Tipton • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Ray Piper, husband of Charlotte Piper • 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 • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Anne Warner • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

**For those who have died:** Brenda Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill

**For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 11/16-22:** Bonnie & Chris Kissler • Nelson & Lola Oyesiku • Kaki & Adam Woodlief • Kim & Elliott Boswell

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 11/16-22:** Elliott Boswell • James Bryan • Dick Price • Marjorie Timmer • Jacob Barber • Jacob Geiger • Paul Parisi • Charlie Slater • Rick Timmer • Chip Dukes • Julie Boulée • Kurt Erskine • Kenan Morrissey • Levi Peacock-Marcewicz • Jessica Boatright • Eric Schulz

**For our Haitian siblings** and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

**For social justice:** For individuals and families increasingly fearing the loss of food assistance. Strengthen all who advocate for food security and move the hearts of leaders to act with compassion and urgency.

**For our fragile and beautiful Earth:** The Ginkgo tree, turning a beautiful golden yellow in the fall.

*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](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) so that we can update our records.*

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## TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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

Children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

**11/16, 11/23—Beyond Welcome:** Join us for the second of a three-session adult formation series exploring how our Christian faith informs a practice committed to immigrant justice. Each session will engage themes from Karen González's *Beyond Welcome* that bring familiar biblical stories into conversation with the realities of immigrant life. In this session we will discuss how Christian discipleship invites us to seek mutual empowerment that emphasizes reciprocity and agency. Today's session will draw especially on chapters 3, 5, and 8 of González's book.

FORMATION | **Children**—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • locations vary

Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to register your children and youth for formation.

- Room 205—Godly Play (children 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- Room 206—Godly Play (3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Lower-Level Classroom / Donut Den—Youth Formation (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Thanksgiving at Home**

TODAY was the deadline to bring your bags for the Thanksgiving at Home program for Emmaus House. If you forgot to bring a bag, we will still accept donations on Monday. The link to the list of items can be found on our home page at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org).

NOTICE | **Who is Your Emergency Contact?**

Emergencies rarely happen at church, but when they do, we would love to know who to contact on your behalf. There is a notebook in the parish hall for you to list your name and emergency contact. The information will be added to your Realm record.

FORMATION | **Advent Devotional Booklets**—free in the narthex, limited supply

If you are looking for an Advent devotional to read as a spiritual practice during Advent, pick up one of the Living Compass booklets in the gallery: *Living Well Through Advent 2025: Practicing Generosity With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. Prefer a digital practice? A free PDF version is also available at [livingcompass.org](http://livingcompass.org). You can also sign up to receive a daily email of each reflection for free.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**—now showing for November

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes quilters Beth Milis and Charlotte Nix. Part of the exhibit includes a raffle for an Atlanta Braves Quilted Bag, by Beth Milis. See the display for details. Learn more about the artist and the art ministry at [epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery](http://epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery).

NOTICE | **Building Security**

Over the past several weeks, the double red doors and the double doors to the parish hall from the courtyard have been left either propped open or unlocked during business hours, as well as after church on Sundays. This poses a safety risk for our staff, parishioners, and visitors. If you unlock or prop open a door for a meeting or an event, or while loading or unloading a vehicle, please take care to secure the door again when your event is over or when you are finished. Thank you for helping keep our community safe!

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD, and in memory of Shanna Jackson, by Linda Ryder-Wolf.

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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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

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WORSHIP | **Weekday Services**—visit [epiphany.org/worship-services](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Walk in Love Annual Shoe Drive**—now through December 7

NOW THROUGH 12/7—Epiphany continues its tradition of collecting shoes for our friends at Church of the Common Ground ([churchofthecommonground.org](http://churchofthecommonground.org)). Donations of new men's and women's shoes of any size will be accepted, and there is a particular need for men's sizes 10 to 13. We will be collecting shoes through December 7. Our youth will be packing them up for delivery, so please take shoes out of their boxes and tie their shoelaces together to make it easier for them. You can drop shoes off at the church on Sundays between 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and during weekday office hours.

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

11/18—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.

MUSIC | **Choirs for Children & Youth**—Tuesdays • Music Suite upstairs • Julie Ryder / [music@epiphany.org](mailto:music@epiphany.org)

New members are welcome! Please register your student at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

- 11/18—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- 11/18—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

FORMATION | **Epiphany Earth & Soul**—3rd Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • Room 201

11/18—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. Virtual option available for most meetings. Led by the steering group of Carol Bartlett, Nan Ross, and April Maa. Contact April for more information or to be placed on the email list. To learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general, one resource is [www.earthandsoul.org](http://www.earthandsoul.org).

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

11/18—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINES

11/19—Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and staff vacations, bulletin and newsletter announcements for the week of November 24 and December 1 are due by NOON on Wednesday, November 19. Reminder that 40 words or less for the bulletin is preferred. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

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

11/19—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. Log into Realm to contact Laura Keys if you have any questions.

MUSIC | **Choirs for Adults & Youth**—Wednesdays • Julie Ryder / [music@epiphany.org](mailto:music@epiphany.org)

- 11/19—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 11/19—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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ADMINISTRATION | **Office & Building Closure**

11/26-28—Staff will not be present on Wednesday, November 26 and the office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Appleton Ministries Offering**

11/30—The Thanksgiving Offering for Appleton Ministries is collected the Sunday following Thanksgiving and designated for Appleton Episcopal Ministries. This Diocesan ministry funds food pantries, community feeding programs, tutoring programs and community ministry programs throughout the Middle GA Convocation. All cash offerings will be designated to them that day. You can also give online at [www.epiphany.org/ways-to-give](http://www.epiphany.org/ways-to-give) or via check, marking “Appleton Ministries” in the memo field.

**FLOWER GUILD | Advent Wreath-Making Workshop**—*reservation required • parish hall*

11/30—The Flower Guild will lead an Advent Wreath-Making Workshop after the service in the parish hall. The cost is \$20 for materials which includes everything that is needed for making an advent wreath: (1) oasis wreath, (4) candles with holders, and greenery. Register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**PARISH LIFE | The Nativities Display**—*help set up our annual display*

12/2 - 4—This year, in addition to the main exhibit in the narthex and gallery of the stories of Luke and Matthew, we will be setting up a smaller curated selection of the rest of our collection in the parish hall. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the display the first week of December. Then we'll need folks to help pack it all back up on January 7 and 8. If you would like to sign up for a shift, please sign up at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group**—*next five-week study starts Thursday, December 4 • Room 201*

12/4—Join us for discussion of Richard Rohr's book, *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* as we learn to live compassionately in a time of violence and despair. Using the Hebrew prophets as models, Rohr sets out a wholehearted model of movement from rage to pathos and lamentation, and then to compassion for the world's suffering. Using what he calls "sacred criticism," Rohr shares a distinct approach to confronting evil and injustice that acknowledges the wholeness of history, our interconnectedness, and the reality of a divine and universal love.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Cookie Baking**—*Saturday 12/6 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. • parish hall*

12/6—Children and youth and their parents are invited to join us in Epiphany's kitchen and parish hall to bake cookies and talk about Advent together! We will decorate the cookies the following evening after Lessons & Carols.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Feast of St. Nicholas**—*Sunday, 12/7 at 11:30 a.m. • Room 203*

12/7—On Sunday, December 7, our children's formation classes will celebrate the feast of St Nicholas! Children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join this event taking place in 203. Youth are invited to attend and to help stuff children's shoes with clementines and chocolate coins.

**WORSHIP | Advent Lessons & Carols**—*5:00 p.m. with a reception following • cookie decorating will be happening!*

12/7—The Epiphany Choir, Beginning Choristers, Junior Choir, and Epiphany Ringers will present Advent Lessons & Carols on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in a liturgy much like Christmas Lessons & Carols made popular in the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Kings College, Cambridge. The promise of the coming Messiah is told in lessons from the Old and New Testaments interspersed with Advent carols, hymns, and choir anthems. The service takes place in the nave followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

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

12/9—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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp)), and 6:15 p.m. for the start of the service.

**FORMATION | Education for Ministry**—*Courses starting in January*

Esther Harbert is looking for a co-mentor for an EFM group that would start in January 2026 and end in December 2026. We will only meet for 36 out of 52 weeks in 2026. If interested, please contact Esther.

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## PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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**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 also provides a curated list of local community happenings via Realm Groups. If you'd like to be part of this virtual group, join via Realm to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

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

11/24—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.

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

12/4—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 log into Realm to contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

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

12/4—The Fireside Sit and 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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Questions? Use Realm to contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald.

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

12/9—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for location. All are welcome. Log into Realm to Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

- **December 8:** Appetizers & Dessert at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Wallace & Jeff McGrath.
- **January 12:** *A Spool of Blue Thread*, by Anny Tyler (Zoom).
- **February 9:** *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman (Zoom).

**PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays • parish hall

12/9—For this month, the ECW will meet at 10:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. There is not a meeting or program. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry**—meals served 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month

12/10-12—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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

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

12/12—The Caregiver Support Group meet 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, and by parishioner Anne Bucey, a trained spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson.

**Contemplative Practice**—2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

12/14—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, Elizabeth Ura and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright if you have any questions.

**Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—For December on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday • parish hall

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## LITURGICAL & EVENT CALENDAR THROUGH EPIPHANY

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### NOVEMBER

- 11/30 Advent 1 • 10:00 a.m.  
Advent Wreath-Making | rsvp

### DECEMBER

- 12/6 Advent Cookie Baking Event • 10:00 a.m.  
12/7 Nativities Collection goes on display  
Advent 2 • 10:00 a.m.  
St. Nicholas Event • 11:15 a.m.  
Advent Lessons & Carols • 5:00 p.m.  
Lessons & Carols Reception • 6:00 p.m.  
12/9 Tuesday Family Dinner & Eucharist • 6:00/6:15 p.m. | dinner rsvp  
12/14 Advent 3 • 10:00 a.m.  
ECW Bake Sale • 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
12/18 ECW Luncheon for the Emmaus House Seniors • 12:00 p.m.  
12/21 Advent 4 • 10:00 a.m.  
Service of Light • 5:00 p.m.  
12/24 Christmas Eve Services  
Festival Eucharist • 4:00 p.m.  
Preservice Music • 7:30 p.m.  
Festival Eucharist • 8:00 p.m.  
12/25 The Nativity of Our Lord • 10:00 a.m. | zoom only  
12/28 Christmas Lessons & Carols • 10:00 a.m.

### JANUARY

- 1/4 The Second Sunday of Christmas • 10:00 a.m.  
1/6 Feast of the Epiphany & Epiphany Pageant • 6:00 p.m.  
Feast Day Feast • 7:00 p.m.

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