



The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
AND HOLY BAPTISM

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of our Lord*

January 11, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM



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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.

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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**—Chorale Prelude on *Houston*

Wayne Wold

**Processional Hymn 135**—Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**—*Sung by the Choir*

William Crotch

*Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; \*  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**The Second Lesson**

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*There is no Children's Chapel today. Children are invited to remain in worship with their parents for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

**Sequence Hymn—Blessed be the God of Israel**

*Merle's Tune*



1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,  
2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace is given;  
3. On pri - so - ners of dark - ness the sun be-gins to rise,



who vi - sits and re-deems us, and grants us li - ber - ty. The  
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven. Be-  
the daw-ning of for -give - ness up - on the sin-ner's eyes, to



pro-phets spoke of mer - cy, of free-dom and re - lease;  
fore him goes the he - rald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;



God shall ful - fill the pro - mise to bring our peo-ple peace.  
the pro-phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin-ger of day.  
O bless our God and Sa - vior with songs that ne - ver cease!

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright

HOLY BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Monroe Robert Carpenter • Adelaide Lucille Demorest

*The Celebrant says*

BCP 301

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

**Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?**

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Receive the light Christ and carry it into the world.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**Hymn 490**—I want to walk as a child of the light

*Houston*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Welcome

### Offertory Anthem—I'll sing on

Mary Lynn Place Badarak

*Epiphany Choir*

*Naught in death, nor in all our lives, not by angels, no prince nor king, nothing present, nothing yet to come, no power, no height, no depth, not anything in all creation. There is nothing can separate us none can hide us, none can be lost from the love of God in Christ. What wondrous love is this, oh my soul, oh my soul? What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul? To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am. While millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be and through eternity I'll sing on.*

### 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.**

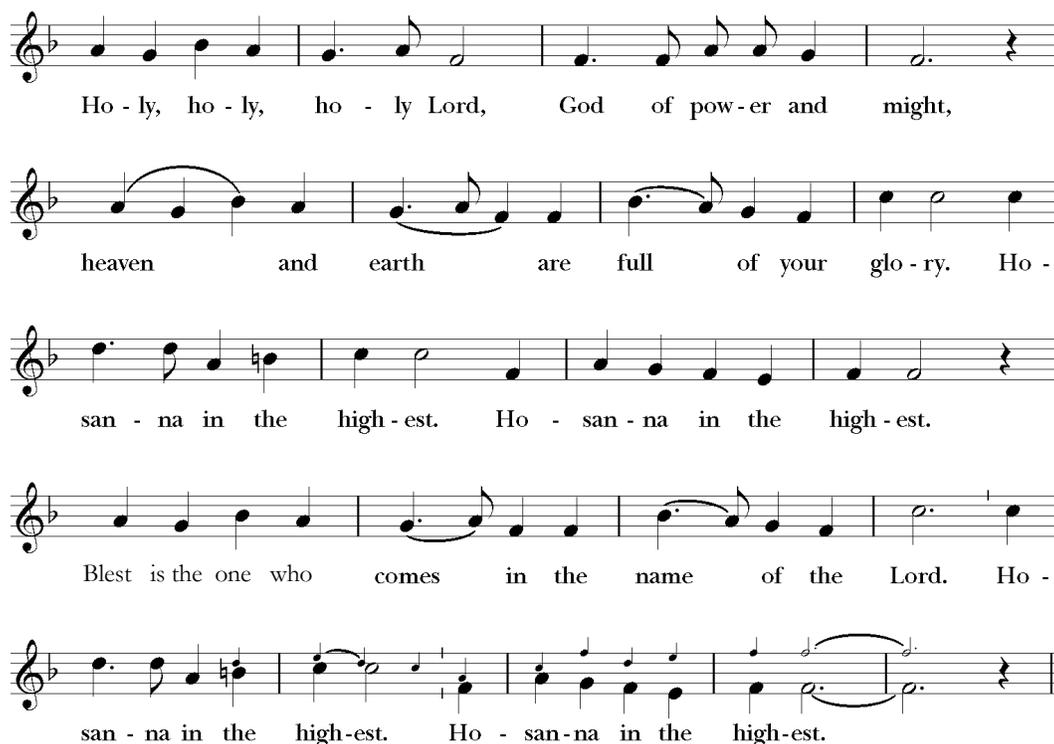
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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:

### Sanctus S125—Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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.

*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 84—Love came down at Christmas

*Gartan*

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

## 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 120**—The sinless one to Jordan came  
Sung by all

*Solemnis haec festivitas*

## 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.**

## The Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only Begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn 296**—We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

*Engelberg*

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**—Toccatà in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

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THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND in thanksgiving for Rod MacLeod's birthday by Michele MacLeod, and in memory of Lucy & Bob Yntema, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary of 1/1/1949, by their son, John Yntema.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of Brendan and Ian's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday from their parents, Kelli Gantt and Yanto Rickell.

**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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## 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:** Kim Boswell • Larry Wilcox • Joy Boyden • 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:** 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 • Barbara Geiger, mother of Jacob Geiger • Brett Gurley, mother of Stephen Gurley • 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:** Paul Vickery, friend of Linda Wolf • Hugh Smith, father of Lynda Smith

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 1/11-17:** Elena Braswell • Jackie Tate • Brendon Rickell • Ian Rickell • Nan Ross • Bill Monk • Sheila Ferrell • Chris Miller • Sylvia Yaw

*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 | No Children's Chapel today.** The Children will remain in worship today for the Holy Baptism.

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

**Bible & Poverty:** This five-session course explores biblical views on and responses to material poverty. We will examine 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 will consider 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: 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, and 2/8.

**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 206—Godly Play for children 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Room 205—Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade—a lectionary based curriculum for older children

**FORMATION | Youth—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • lower-level classroom / donut den**

Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) curriculum for the New Year is *Current: Seeking God Together*. Seeking God Together explores 13 spiritual practices that can deepen and transform our relationship with God and others using interactive, age-appropriate strategies to help children and youth connect with God and the church as whole.

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

1/11—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.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH | Mid-Year Listening Sessions

Listening Sessions offer parents a chance to talk with staff about both their own experience and their children's experiences in our programs. We're eager to hear from you! The Youth Session will take place this evening at 5:00 p.m. as part of Youth Group.

- Parents of Youth, January 11 at 5:00 p.m. (during youth group)
- Parents of Children, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. (during our monthly service project)

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

TONIGHT, our youth group event is a Ping Pong Tournament led by Charlie Slater. Youth and their parents are invited to compete.

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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. *This month, for January, Holy Eucharist will take place on 1/18.*

### 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.

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

1/12—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for location. All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

- **January 12:** *A Spool of Blue Thread*, by Anne Tyler (Zoom).
- **February 9:** *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman (Zoom).

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

1/13—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 | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 9:30/11:00 a.m. • parish hall

1/13—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.

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

1/13—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.

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

1/13—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. Questions? Log into Realm to contact Edie Brush or Jacob.

### MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth—Wednesdays • music suite

- 1/14—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 1/14—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

### FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group—five-week book study Thursdays • Room 201

1/15 (Week 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 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. Register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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### NOTICE | Office Closure

1/19—The office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

### NOTICE | Annual Parish Meeting

1/25—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.*

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

1/25—Applications for the Epiphany Endowment Grant are available online and in the gallery tract rack and can be submitted beginning January 25. Grants may be for capital improvements; scholarships or grants to members; or community outreach projects. Application deadline is February 25, 2026.

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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.

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

1/20—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, 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](http://www.earthandsoul.org).

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

1/21—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.

### 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.

### PASTORAL CARE | The Grief Pastoral Care Group—*1<sup>st</sup> 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 log into Realm to contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

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**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](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).