



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost • Proper 17C

August 31, 2025 ✠ 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Staff: Julie P. Ryder, *Organist & Choirmaster*; L. Shea McNutt, *Parish Administrator*; Taylor Irwin, *Director of Children & Youth Ministries*; Susie Boyko, *Bookkeeper*; Jason Sullivan, *Facilities Manager*; Anna Democko, *Childcare Worker*

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

Wardens: Sally Walker, *Senior Warden*; Matthew May, *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—Allegretto

Charles Zeuner

Processional Hymn 376—Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

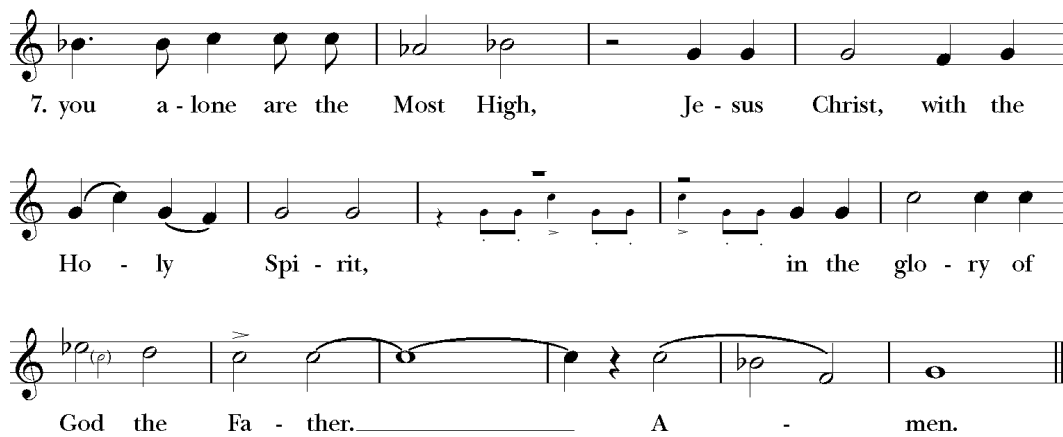
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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,



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Exultate Deo



- 1 Sing with joy to God our / **strength** *
and raise a loud shout to the God of / **Jacob**.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and / **said**, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will / **fill it**.”
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my / **voice**, *
and Israel would not o-/**bey me**.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their / **hearts**, *
to follow their own de-/**vices**.
- 13 Oh that my people would listen to / **me**! *
that Israel would walk in my / **ways**!
- 14 I should soon subdue their / **enemies** *
and turn my hand against their / **foes**.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe be-/**fore him**, *
and their punishment would last for / **ever**.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest / **wheat** *
and satisfy him with honey from the / **rock**.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Sequence Hymn 482—Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Slane

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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 III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died;
Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant's concluding collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, 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.

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Wondrous Love

Southern Harmony

Epiphany Summer Choir

Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown 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!

Presentation Hymn 566—From thee all skill and science flow

The Church's Desolation

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:



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.

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: 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 Hymn W761—All who hunger gather gladly

Holy Manna

Sung by all

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 that God is good.

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 477—All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—Andante

Anton Kehrner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

For members who are bidding our prayers: Mike Curry • Cliff Edge • Carol Bartlett • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Laraine Fraijo-Paul • Evelyn Stewart • Jarrod Moody • 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) • Anne Warner • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Isabel Mintzmyer, great-niece of Ellen Mintzmyer • Dawn-Marie, friend of Tracy Laird • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Chris & Renee Schramm, friends of Pam Tipton • Lynn O'Brien, mother of David Thierry • 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 • Mike Curry • Pat & Bill Graves • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • John Keys • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those who have died: Iona Steele, friend of Rosie Reily

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 8/31-9/6: Patricia & Dick Price • Carolyn & Matt Cook • Stephanie & Chris DiBello

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 8/31-9/6: Cliff Edge • Paul Hinson • Michael Neel • Charlotte Piper • Diane Tate • Alison Taylor • Wayne Urban • Larry Wilcox • Kay Lee • Maia Schneberger • Logan Boswell • Craig McDonald • Jennie Richardson • Tommy Weigle • Marc Wisniewski • Abram Burns • Brady Davis • Rebecca Woodruff • Cristin Davis • Parker Smith

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For racial justice: For our leaders, lawmakers, and all people, that we have the courage to speak up and take action to protect those most vulnerable in our midst.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: For Peavine Creek, in our neighborhood, flowing into Peachtree Creek and then the Chattahoochee.

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 MINISTRIES | Children's Chapel—during the service

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

FORMATION | Adults—join us at 11:30 a.m. • parish hall

Litigation, Education, Advocacy, Prayer, and Service: *How The Episcopal Church engages with public policy.* The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations represents the policy priorities of The Episcopal Church to the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. and helps to shape the discussion of political issues throughout the Church. The five primary policy areas include: Creation Care, Racial Reconciliation, Ending Poverty, Migration, Refugees & Immigrations, and Human Rights & Peacebuilding. Loren Williams will share what he has been learning about the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations and the work of the Episcopal Public Policy Network. We hope that this will catalyze discussions about how we as individuals, as a parish, and as a national institution engage on issues which touch our gospel mission.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Art Ministry—last day!

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes mixed media and color pencil work by Gail Parnelle. Learn more about the artist and the art ministry at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD in thanksgiving for the birthday of **Ruth Olson**, by Michele & Rod MacLeod.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

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

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.
- Wednesday Noonday Prayer in the side chapel at 12:00 p.m.; a Healing Service & Eucharist follows at 12:15 p.m. (1st & 3rd Wednesdays).

NOTICE | Office Closure

9/1—The Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

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

9/2—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 | Epiphany Choir Rehearsals Resume

9/3—Join the Epiphany Choir! Our all-volunteer choir provides musical leadership for the 10:00 a.m. liturgy and feast days with rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. The first rehearsal of the season is September 3. Membership is open to adults and high school youth. Contact: Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org.

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

9/2—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.

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

9/4—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.

FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group—a five-week study (began on 8/14)

9/4—We are reading Carl McColman's new book *Read the Bible Like a Mystic*. More and more Christians are troubled by how difficult passages in the Bible can be used to harm, and how sterile, flat readings of scripture offer little more. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp and attend the sessions as you're able—don't worry if you already know you're going to miss one or more. The group meets Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 201.

PARISH LIFE | Parish Retreat—JUST A FEW SPACES LEFT

9/5 DEADLINE—The Annual Parish Retreat will once again take place at The Mountain in Highlands, NC the weekend of September 19-21. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp for more information and to register. **The Deadline to Register is Friday, September 5.** For those who are interested in coming up earlier on Friday before the retreat begins that evening, Amy will offer a Quiet Day on the theme For the Love of Creation 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.

GIVING | Provide Donuts for the Youth Formation Hour!

Help sweeten up Sunday mornings for our youth by providing donuts for their Formation Hour (11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.). We ask that you buy 1 dozen donuts and drop them off in the lower-level classroom (Donut Den) before 11:30 a.m. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp if you would like to take a turn to provide the donuts.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Formation Begins**

9/7—Our 2025 - 2026 Formation year for children and youth begins on September 7. For more information and to register your child for formation, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Acolyte Training**

9/7—Training for acolytes and those 4th grade and above interested in becoming acolytes, will be September 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will play games, review acolyte roles and responsibilities, and get to know our new Acolyte coordinators, Cecilia & Tom Democko! Please contact Cecilia Democko if you cannot attend. The link to register for the training is at epiphany.org/rsvp.

ENDOWMENT | **Making the Most of your Third Act—aging with intention and preparation**

9/7—Join us for a panel discussion after services at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 7 in the parish hall. Panelists will be sharing valuable information on aging, home health care, and final affairs such as funeral planning, advance directives, planned giving and organ donation. Come join us as we learn, share, and celebrate the possibilities of our “third act.” Let’s make aging not something to avoid, but something to live—fully, intentionally, and together. The Endowment Board will provide refreshments. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group Cookout**

9/7—Middle and high school students are invited to join us for the youth group kickoff event—a Youth Group Cookout! We’ll have plenty of food, and weather permitting, there will be outdoor games. Come kick off the new (program) year with us at 5:00 p.m.—and bring a friend! Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

PARISH GROUPS | **Young Adults—6:30 in the Parish Hall**

9/7—Young Adults will gather for Potluck and Planning to set our schedule for the upcoming year. Pizza will be provided; please bring a side or dessert if you are able to. This group is open to all at Epiphany who are in their 20s and 30s and meets approximately once a month. If you need information or want to be added to the group’s email and text list, please contact Edie Brush, Jordan Moody, or Nick Theyrel.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES | **Tuesday Night Family Eucharist Returns**

9/9—Our Family Eucharist Service is back, starting September 9! Our September service project will be in support of the Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM). 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, and 6:15 p.m. for the start of the service.

PARISH LIFE | **Chez Epiphany Cooking Class—Topic: Pizza Fritta • kitchen & parish hall**

9/25—This time the Chez Epiphany Cooking Class will be making Pizza Fritta! Join us on Thursday, September 25 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the church kitchen and Parish Hall with Joel Fowler. We’ll make and roll out the dough, prepare toppings and fillings and then, of course, cook and eat what we’ve made. No previous experience is needed. Cost is \$30 per person, which includes the class and the dinner we have together from what we cook. RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Interfaith River Clean-Up for World Rivers Day**

9/28—Adults and children of all ages are invited to join the Epiphany Community and our interfaith partners for a river cleanup on Sunday, September 28 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve. In addition to serving alongside our Ismaili Muslim neighbors, this year we are excited to partner with our Jewish neighbors from ADAMAH Atlanta. This is a unique opportunity for neighbors of all faiths to come together and live out our shared commitment to environmental stewardship and the protection of our common home. Clean water is a right for all living beings—and together, we can help protect it. Registration will be live in September.

MUSIC | **Choirs for Children & Youth—registration is now open**

9/30—Choirs for Children & Youth return on Tuesday, September 30! Learn more about the choirs and register your children and youth at epiphany.org/rsvp. Contact: Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Book Group**—*Returns in September*

9/8—The Epiphany Book Group will resume meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in September at Epiphany. Our book selection is two books: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, and *James*, by Everett Ruess. Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf.

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

9/9—The ECW meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The meeting and program begins 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.

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

9/10-12—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

9/12—The Caregiver Support Group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:45 a.m. on 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.

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

9/14—Come gather with us on 2nd 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.

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

9/17—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*

9/29—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.

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.