



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Voluntary—Meditation on Wondrous Love
Alvin Blount, guest organist

arr. Don Phillips

Processional Hymn 379—God is love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

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

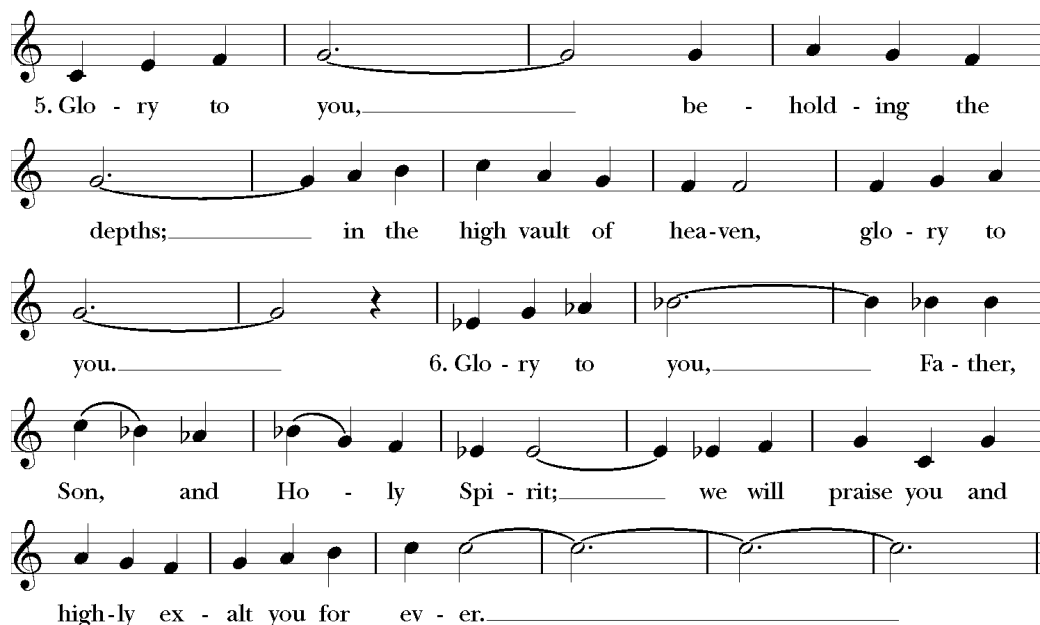
Celebrant

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

Hymn of Praise S236—Glory to you

John Rutter

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



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

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Confitemini Domino



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his / **Name**; *
make known his deeds among the / **peoples**.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to / **him**, *
and speak of all his marvelous / **works**.
- 3 Glory in his holy / **Name**; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD re-/**joice**.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his / **strength**; *
continually seek his / **face**.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has / **done**, *
his wonders and the judgments of his / **mouth**,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his / **servant**, *
O children of Jacob his / **chosen**.
- 23 Israel came into / **Egypt**, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of / **Ham**.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly / **fruitful**; *
he made them stronger than their / **enemies**;
- 25 Whose heart he turned so that they hated his / **people**, *
and dealt unjustly with his / **servants**.
- 26 He sent Moses his / **servant**, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen. Halle-/**lujah**

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Sequence Hymn 674—Forgive our sins as we forgive

Detroit

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. P. Richard "Dick" Game

A period of silence is kept

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

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

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

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

The Prayers of the People

We glory in God's Name through the offering of our prayers and petitions, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

For the will to discover God's Word dwelling in our hearts, finding expression through our lips, and revealing hope through our generosity; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

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

Hear us, good Lord.

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

Hear us, good Lord.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be comforted and protected; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

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

Hear us, good Lord.

Ever increasing in our faith, we continue our prayers.

Celebrant's concluding collect

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

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Arr. Ronald Turner

Epiphany Summer Choir

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms; in the arms of my dear savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Presentation Hymn 333—Now the silence

Now

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching our Worship

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

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

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

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

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

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

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer—*traditional language*

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus W877

Mark Sedio

Cantor or Choir

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

All

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

Cantor or Choir

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

All

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

Cantor or Choir

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

All

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

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

The Communion of the People

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

The Healing Rite

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

*Sung by all***Eucharistic Visitation**

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

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

Postcommunion Prayer—Celebrant 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 594—God of grace and God of glory

*Cwm Rhondda***The Dismissal**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary—Postlude on *Cwm Rhondda*

arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND THE SANCTUARY LIGHT ARE 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

For friends and family: Margaret Miller, relative of Larry Wilcox • Kephart family, relatives of Kay Kephart • Rachel Williams, daughter-in-law of Susan & Loren Williams • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

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

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 8/30-9/5: Patricia & Dick Price • Carolyn & Matt Cook • Stephanie & Chris DiBello

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 8/30-9/5: Ruth Olson • Cliff Edge • Paul Hinson • Michael Neel • Charlotte Piper • Diane Tate • Alison Taylor • Wayne Urban • Larry Wilcox • Kay Lee • Logan Boswell • Craig McDonald • Jennie Richardson • Tommy Weigle • Abram Burns • Brady Davis • Rebecca Woodruff • Cristin Davis • Parker Smith

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

WE WELCOME the Rev. Dick Game as our preacher today. The Rev. Game recently retired after sixteen years as Rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Dunwoody. We also welcome back Alvin Blount as our guest organist today.

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

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

PARISH LIFE | **Welcome Back Lunch**—*after services TODAY • parish hall*

Please join us for a "Welcome Back" Lunch hosted by Parish Life to celebrate the beginning of a new program year in our parish. Parish Life will arrange for fried chicken from Publix and drinks. Parishioners are invited to bring ready-to-serve salads, sides, and desserts. Lunch will take place in the parish hall after the service. Cost is \$5 per person for chicken, \$20 max for families.

PARISH GROUPS | **Young Adults Gathering**—*Potluck & Planning THIS EVENING • parish hall*

8/30—The Young Adults group is open to all at Epiphany in their 20s and 30s (including those with children!) who are interested in gathering for fellowship. The group will gather on Sunday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. for Potluck and Planning in the Parish Hall. We will enjoy a meal together, plan our monthly activities for the upcoming year, and close with compline. The group stays in touch between meetings using a Discord chat; see a young adult at church if you're not in the chat and would like to be.

YOUTH MINISTRY | **Youth Group**

There will be no youth group TONIGHT because of our summer schedule.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**—*now showing through October*

For the months of September and October, Epiphany's Art Ministry presents a Parishioner Art Show featuring the Arts & Crafts of nine of our creators from the parish. Their talents are showcasing abstracts, botanicals, works with fabric, handmade journals, paintings, custom furniture, knitting, and woodturning. Some items are for display only (designated by NFS). Please pay by QR code and sign up to claim your favorites on the price sheet. Reminder: Epiphany earns 25% of all sales.

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 on 9/8)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Volunteers Needed**

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | **Have a popsicle with Edie!**

Meet Edie at the church playground or a local park for a sweet treat and a chance to get to know one another before the formation year begins. Email Edie at children@epiphany.org to sign up for a time.

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

9/1—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact Dave Thompson to get on the reminder email list.

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

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

MUSIC | **Epiphany Choir Rehearsals Resume**

9/2—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 to 8:30 p.m. The first rehearsal of the season is

September 2. Membership is open to adults and high school youth. Contact: Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org.

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

9/3—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

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

9/3—The Fireside Sit & Sip group is for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s to come together just as you are. Bring a camp chair and join us around the fire pit in the courtyard to sit, sip, and enjoy conversation. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Questions? Contact Kathy Corcoran. Looking Ahead: 10/1, 11/5, and 12/3.

PARISH LIFE | Parish Retreat—September 18-20, 2026

9/4 Registration Deadline—Join us at The Mountain in Highlands, NC the weekend of September 18-20 for the Annual Parish Retreat. For those who are interested in coming up earlier on Friday before the retreat begins that evening, Amy will offer a Quiet Day Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Email Amy at adillswright@epiphany.org if you are interested in participating or for more information. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | A Community of Blessings—after the service • parish hall

9/6— **A Parish Conversation on Children, Youth, & Families:** On Sunday, September 6, we will gather in the parish hall after worship for a parish meeting on the future of our ministry to children, youth, and families. The clergy and Vestry want to share with you what we have been hearing from parents, talk more about our parish priority, hear from you what you are dreaming about for the future of this ministry, and talk about what commitment is needed from all of us as we look to the future.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Formation Begins September 6—11:15 a.m. • locations vary

9/6—Our 2026 - 2027 Formation year for children and youth begins on September 6. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register your children and youth for formation.

- Room 206—Godly Play for children 3 years old through 3rd grade.
- Room 205—Children in 4th and 5th grade—a lectionary based curriculum for older children.

NOTICE | Office Closure

9/7—The Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Harvey Fund Grant Application Cycle—September 10 to October 10

9/10-10/10—The Catherine D. Harvey Legacy Fund grant application cycle opens on September 10. Applications must be received by Monday, October 10. If you are aware of an organization that might qualify, please share the application found at <https://www.epiphany.org/communityengagement>. Questions? Email the Harvey Fund Advisory Board at harveyfundadvisory@epiphany.org.

9/11—YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group: Friday Night Hangout—6:30 to 8:30 p.m. • Lower-Level Youth Room

Students from 6th - 12th grade are encouraged to come and spend time in the new youth room on Friday evening after school! We will have snacks, video games, board games, and provide a space to read or to work on projects."

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group Cookout

9/13—Middle and High School students are invited to join us for our first regular youth group of the school year—a cookout! We'll be serving up hamburgers and hot dogs in the parish hall starting at 5:00 p.m. After dinner, we'll play some "Minute-to-Win-It" games. St. Bart's and Holy Trinity's youth groups will join us as well. Vegan options will be provided. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Acolyte Training

9/27—Training for acolytes and those 4th grade and above interested in becoming acolytes, will be September 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will play games, and review acolyte roles and responsibilities. Please contact Cecilia Democko if you CANNOT attend. The link to register for the training is at epiphany.org/rsvp.