



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026 ✕ 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*

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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 *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Processional Hymn 542—Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

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 w900—Glory to God

John Rutter

The musical score consists of three staves of music for a three-part setting (SATB or similar). The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff is in bass clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time, with various key changes indicated. The lyrics are as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high-est,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.____ Lord God,
heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,____ we wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.____ Fa - ther,
Lord Je - sus Christ,____ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Fa - ther,____ Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world:____ have mer - cy on us;____ you are seat-ed at the right

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 I waited patiently upon the / **Lord**; *
he stooped to me and heard my / **cry**.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and / **clay**; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff, and made my footing / **sure**.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our / **God**; *
many shall see and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the / **Lord**.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the / **Lord**! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to / **false gods**.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your / **plans for us**! *
there is none who can be compared with / **you**.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and / **tell them**! *
but they are more than I can / **count**.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no / **pleasure** *
(you have given me ears to / **hear you**);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not re-/**quired**, *
and so I said, “Behold, I / **come**.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written con-/**cerning me**: *
‘I love to do your will O my God;
your law is deep in my / **heart**.’
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congre-/**gation**; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that O Lord you / **know**.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de-/**liverance**; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from
the great congre-/**gation**.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from / **me**; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for / **ever**.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 51—We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

Decatur Place

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carmie McDonald

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 for Epiphany

As we celebrate the manifestation of God’s love to all nations, with confidence let us bring our petitions to God’s altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For God’s people throughout the world, especially for those in positions of leadership and authority, that they might spread the good news of God’s indiscriminate love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For each other, the people of God gathered in this place, that we might always proclaim with our lives the praise of the Lord and so be channels of the call to God’s promise and plan, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters and siblings, that together we might see in the star of Bethlehem not a symbol of division but a call to reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all victims of prejudice and discrimination, that the light of Christ might shine as a beacon in the world's darkness; and for gifts of healing and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our siblings in need; for the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the abandoned; for the sick and the dying, that they might find hope and courage in the open arms of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant's concluding collect

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed on us your light, Christ Jesus, who is Lord

Confession of Sin—Celebrant

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.

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem— Be present, Holy Trinity

Carson Cooman

Epiphany Choir

Be present, Holy Trinity, like splendor, and one Deity: of things above, and things below, beginning that no end shall know. Light, sole and one, we thee confess, with triple praise we rightly bless; Alpha and Omega we own, with ev'ry spirit round thy throne. To thee, O unbegotten One, and thee, O sole begotten Son and thee, O Holy Ghost, we raise our equal and eternal praise.

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.

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. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
 might, Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,— Blessed is the one who earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Blessed 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: Jesus, Lamb of God S 164

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion of the People

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The Healing Rite

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

Communion Hymn 550—Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

Restoration

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 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 7—Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—Chorale prelude on *Jesu, meines Lebens Leben*

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

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: Richard Shirah • Kim Boswell • Larry Wilcox • 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: Pearl & Tom McHaney, friends of Sara Cushing • Alan Hinman, father of Johanna Hinman • 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 • 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 1/18-24: Darrell Grizzle • Stephanie Thompson • Andrea Carpenter • Dexter McKinney • Kathleen Rinehart • Chris McGraw • Matilda McNeely • Derek Yeager • Philip Anderson • Boyd Braden • Harvey DiBello • Keith Poole • Joe Follman • Kayleen Hartman

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

Bible & Poverty: This series explores biblical views on and responses to material poverty. We are examining 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 are considering 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:** 1/18, 2/1, and 2/8.

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

Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register your children and youth for formation.

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

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

The Youth (6th - 12th grade) curriculum, *Current: 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.

Provide donuts for Youth Formation: Help sweeten up Sunday mornings for our youth by bringing one dozen donuts to 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.

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

Youth Group this week is an iconography workshop with Ann Fowler! Ann has prepared customized icons for the youth using images of their pets. Liefy Smith and Page Love Smith will also join us at the beginning of youth group to discuss the upcoming youth art exhibit.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for Kathleen Rinehart for her friendship and devoted service to Epiphany on the occasion of her birthday, by Laura Keys.

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.

NOTICE | Office Closure

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

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

1/20—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.

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, to 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.

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

1/20—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.

PARISH GROUPS | The Munch Bunch—3rd 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. Contact: Laura Keys.

MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth—Wednesdays

- 1/21—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 1/21—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

1/22 (Week 5)—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.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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 at epiphany.org/endowment-fund and in the gallery tract rack. Grants may be for capital improvements; scholarships or grants to members; or community outreach projects. Application deadline is February 25, 2026.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Men's Fellowship Dinners—this time join us for Gumbo! • Register by 1/23

1/25—The Epiphany Men's Fellowship Dinners (EMFD) group will have their next gathering on Sunday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m. No agenda—just a gathering to prepare a meal and enjoy conversation. The menu for this meeting will center around Gumbo. Cost including drinks, is \$30 per person. We are asking everyone to bring a new pair of sweat pants and/or a sweat shirt for those in need at a local psychiatric hospital. Register by Friday, January 23, so we know how much food is needed. For questions or suggestions, contact Brian Wright or Joel Fowler.

MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth Resume—Tuesday, February 3

Choir rehearsals for Children & Youth will resume on Tuesday, February 3. Times are listed below. If you have not done so already, please register your child for choir. The link can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp.

- 2/3—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.
- 2/3—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

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

2/10—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), and 6:15 p.m. for the start of the service.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Visit to Church of the Common Ground—*all are invited to join*

2/15—On Sunday, February 15, the Epiphany youth group will be providing lunch and participating in worship with our friends at Church of the Common Ground. All are invited to join us for this event. We will meet during formation hour to pack lunches, eat a meal, and carpool to Woodruff Park. The service begins at 1:00 p.m. We will arrive back to the church around 3:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | *Prisontown* Live Performance at Epiphany—*Sunday, February 15*

2/15—Please mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, February 15 at 5:00 p.m. for a performance of *Prisontown*, part of Out of Hand Theater's 25th Anniversary season, *Imagining an America for ALL*. *Prisontown* tells the story of a writer who returns home to Lumpkin, Georgia—site of one of the nation's largest immigration detention centers—and bears witness to the harsh realities of our immigration system and a small town shaped by poverty and the prison industry. Following the performance, El Refugio will guide a brief discussion and share meaningful ways to take action toward a more just world. For more information and to get tickets, visit epiphany.org or read the most recent edition of the *Friday eNews*.

PARISH LIFE & LITURGY | Shrove Tuesday—*Pancakes, Creole • Register by 2/13*

2/17—Come at 5:30 p.m. to help decorate the Alleluia Banner. All ages welcome! Then join us at 6:00 p.m. for pancakes (cooked by our Youth) and/or potluck Cajun (you bring it). There will be King Cake for dessert. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will follow. Please RSVP for the pancakes so we know how much to cook. Adult volunteers are needed to help the youth set-up, cook, or clean up. Both sign ups can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp. Youth interested in helping cook should reach out to Taylor Irwin / tirwin@epiphany.org. Gluten-free options will be available.

LITURGY | Ash Wednesday

2/18—We will observe the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. in the nave and online.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Art Show in the Gallery this Spring

SUBMISSIONS DUE 3/15—This spring the Epiphany Art Ministry will include an exhibit featuring work from the Epiphany Youth! Youth are invited to bring up to three pieces of artwork in any medium. Funds will be split 50% to the artist / 50% to the Youth Group fund. All submissions are due by Tuesday, March 15. For questions, contact Liefy Smith or Page Love Smith.

PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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—*1st 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 contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group—six-week book study *Thursdays beginning 2/5 • Room 201*
2/5—The Contemplative Book Group will begin a new study on February 5 at 11:00 a.m. on the book *A Midwinter God: Encountering the Divine in Seasons of Darkness* by Christine Valters Paintner. This book study will run for six weeks. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

2/8—Come gather with us on second Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact Amy if you have any questions.

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

2/9—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For February: *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman (Zoom). All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays at 9:30/11:00 a.m. • *parish hall*

2/10—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.

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

2/13—The Caregiver Support Group meets monthly over Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist. Contact Nancy if you are interested in joining this group.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Our Quarterly Wednesday Dinner for Holy Comforter

2/18—Holy Comforter is a unique worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta. About 60% of this congregation lives with mental illness. We prepare a meal during the afternoon and take the meal to the church, leaving at 6:00 p.m., and serve after the 6:30 p.m. service. After serving, the volunteers join the parishioners for dinner. Sign up to participate at epiphany.org/rsvp. Contact: Jeanette Hanson.

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