



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

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

January 12, 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.



We are passing the plate, but if you would prefer to virtually pass the plate today, use your phone's camera to 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 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.

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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—Sonate III

Andante tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn 636—How firm a foundation

Foundation

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 S280—Glory to God

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

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

The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29—Sung by the choir

William Crotch

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 513—Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

A period of silence is kept

Renewal of Baptism Vows

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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— Christ, when for us you were baptized

William Bradley Roberts

Epiphany Choir

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame. God called you, "My beloved One," declared delight in you, anointed you to preach and heal, God's holy will to do. Straightway and steadfast until death, you then obeyed God's call, freely as Son of God to serve and give your life for all. Baptize us with your Spirit, God, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.

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:

Sanctus S129—Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ’s death,

We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,

We await Christ’s coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

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 S163—Lamb of God

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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 318—Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face
Sung by all

Nyack

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 135—Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary—Prelude in G major BWV 557

J. S. Bach

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: Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Lindsey Mitchell • Linda Ryder-Wolf • Mary Katharine Williamson • Judy Jarady • John Wyman • Pam Hall • Jerry Wall (husband of Lucy Davidson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Chris Belcore • Brandon Laird • Anne Warner • Eric Olson • Francis Lee • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Beth Towers • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: The Rev. Laura Bryant, former Associate Rector • Carolyn Sanders & family, friend of Jewel Allen • David & Colleen, friends of April Maa • Jeff Smith, family of Liefy & George Smith • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Gary Davis, father of Jeremy Davis • 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 • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For all those serving in the armed forces, especially: Stewart Mundy

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 1/12-18: Lucy Davidson & Jerry Wall

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 1/12-18: Elena Braswell • Davis Becker • Jackie Tate • Brendon Rickell • Ian Rickell • Nan Ross • Sheila Ferrell • Meggen Wallace • Chris Miller • Bill Monk • Sylvia Yaw • Darrell Grizzle • Stephanie Thompson

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For racial justice: For the work of the Interfaith Children's Movement as they advocate for bills that improve the lives of all Georgia's children in the 2025 Georgia legislative session.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: The Sandhill Crane—passing over Georgia to rest in Tennessee while migrating.

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 | Adult Formation—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • parish hall

Join the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright and the Rev. Carmie McDonald for a three-part adult formation series, "Returning to our Roots," Sundays January 12, 19, and February 2. We will explore our Anglican/Episcopal identity including our history and governance, theology, sacraments, and spirituality. This series also serves as the formation needed for adult confirmation. Please contact Carmie for more information.

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

- Godly Play—Ages 3 - 3rd grade, Room 203
- Youth Formation—4th - 8th Grade, Donut Den
- High School Coffee Hour—9th - 12th Grade, Room 201

FORMATION | Contemplative Practice—join us in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

1/12—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 at adillswright@epiphany.org if you have any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—today at 5:00 p.m. • donut den

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Donut Den as we kick off the semester! We'll discuss activities and plans for the Spring. We can't wait to see you there!

PARISH GROUPS | Young Adults Gathering—Sunday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. • parish hall

1/12—The Epiphany Young Adults (20s and 30s) will gather on Sunday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the church for "Jams with Julie" to learn more about the organ. Please bring a snack or drink to share. We'll have a bite to eat, tour the organ, and celebrate compline. Contact Jacob Geiger or Edie Brush if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Art Ministry—now showing through January 30, 2025

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes a Quilt Exhibit from award-winning quilter Michelle Hiskey. The quilts are not for sale. Learn more about the artist and the art ministry at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Quilt Show Artist's Talk and Q+A

In conjunction with Epiphany Art Ministry's current exhibit, award-winning quilter Michelle Hiskey will meet parishioners at coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service today. All are welcome to stay for her artist's talk and Q+A from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of his parents, Bob & Lucy Yntema, and their wedding on January 1, 1949, by John Yntema and in honor of Jackie Tate's birthday, by her mother Diane Tate.

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. Dates through the end of 2025 have been posted.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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—12:00 p.m. in the side chapel; a Healing Service and Eucharist follows at 12:15 p.m.

PARISH GROUP | **Fireside Sit & Sip**—will *NOT* meet this month

The Fireside Sit & Sip will **NOT** meet in January. This group, for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s, will next gather on Thursday, February 6 around the indoor fireplace at the home of Amy Dills-Wright. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Questions? Use Realm to contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald.

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 grape and strawberry jelly, canned fruit, protein bars, and peanut butter cracker packs. Wooden bins for your donations are in the gallery inside the front door.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Annual “Walk in Love” Shoe Drive**

Now thru 2/14—Epiphany’s Youth are collecting new athletic shoes to support our friends at Church of the Common Ground through our annual “Walk in Love” Shoe Drive. You can help by donating new women’s and men’s shoes, especially men’s sizes 10-13. Please bring donations to the church by February 14 and contact Taylor Irwin or Suzanne Yoder if you have questions.

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

1/13—The Epiphany Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for titles and location. All are welcome. Log into Realm to contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

- January 13: *Still Fooling ‘Em*, by Billy Crystal (Zoom)
- February 10: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey (Zoom)
- March 10: *Soil* by Camille Dungy (Epiphany)

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

1/14—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. Log into Realm to contact John Yntema with any questions.

MUSIC | **Choirs for Children & Youth**—Tuesdays • *Music Suite upstairs*

- Children’s and Youth Choirs return on Tuesday, February 4.

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

1/14—In January, the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Harvey Fund and we will make sandwiches for Emmaus House afterwards. We will adjourn to Melton’s App & Tap (2500 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur) for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

WORSHIP | **Family Eucharist Service & Service Project**—all activities in the parish hall

1/14—Join us for a Family Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. if you’d like to eat pizza together, or come at 5:00 p.m. to take part in the Family Service Project. RSVP for the pizza at epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

1/14—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Tuesdays at Wild Heaven in Avondale. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Questions? Log into Realm to contact Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

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

- 1/15—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.
- Epiphany Ringers’ rehearsals resume on February 5.

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

1/15—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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

NOTICE | Office Closure

1/20—The office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

NOTICE | Annual Parish Meeting

1/26—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 2024 and look ahead to what's planned for 2025. We will also elect new vestry members and thank those who are retiring. *NO ADULT formation programs will meet this day.*

NOTICE | Endowment Grant Submission Period Opens January 26!

1/26—Endowment Fund Grant Applications are available online from the homepage and in the gallery tract rack and can be submitted beginning January 28. Grants may be for capital improvements; scholarships or grants to members; or community outreach projects. Application deadline is February 26, 2025.

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

1/27—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 login to Realm to contact Ann Fowler.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Our Quarterly Wednesday Dinner for Holy Comforter

1/29—Holy Comforter is a unique worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta. About 60% of this congregation lives with mental illness. We will prepare a meal during the afternoon and take the meal to the church, leaving at 6:00 p.m., prepare to 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.

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

2/6—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.

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

2/12-14—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 Group—2nd Fridays at 11:45 p.m. • Zoom

2/14—Epiphany's Caregiver Group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one, or who are anticipating caring for a loved one, gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is facilitated by Epiphany parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist, and is co-facilitated by parishioner Anne Bucey, who is trained as a spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson.

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.