



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*

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

Voluntary—Chorale prelude on *Houston*

Rebecca Groom te Velde

Processional Hymn 427—When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domini

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

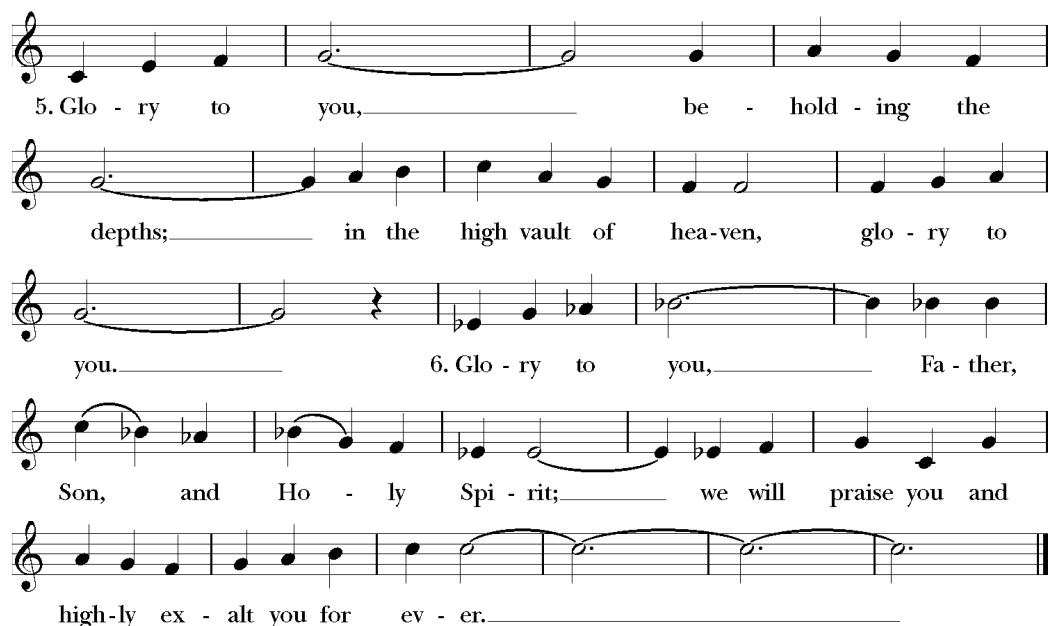
Celebrant

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Domine, probasti

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and / **known me;** *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from a-/far.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my / **resting-places** *
and are acquainted with all my / **ways.**
- 3 Indeed there is not a word on my / **lips,** *
but you O LORD, know it alto-/gether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and be-/fore *
and lay your hand u-/pon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for / **me;** *
it is so high that I cannot at-/tain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your / **Spirit?** *
where can I flee from your / **presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are / **there;** *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there / **also.**
- 8 If I take the wings of the / **morning** *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the / **sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand will / **lead me** *
and your right hand hold me / **fast.**
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will / **cover me,** *
and the light around me turn to / **night,"**
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the / **day;** *
darkness and light to you are both a-/like.
- 22 Search me out O God, and know my / **heart;** *
try me and know my restless / **thoughts.**
- † 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness / **in me** *
and lead me in the way that is ever-/lasting.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh~ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****The Sermon**

The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright

*A period of silence is kept**Celebrant* With Christians from across time and around the world, we say together the Nicene Creed.**The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People***

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

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

The Prayers of the People

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.

That the summer months may provide opportunities for rest and refreshment so that we may be rejuvenated for the challenges ahead; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For the earth's soil; for fertile fields, forests, and gardens, that we may protect and restore the ground from which all life is nourished, and learn to steward it with wisdom and care; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect; 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

A Farewell Blessing—Ellen Mintzmyer

Offertory Anthem—Jacob's ladder

John Stainer

Epiphany Summer Choir

Arr. Martin Shaw

As Jacob with travel was weary one day, at night on a stone for a pillow he lay; he saw in a vision a ladder so high, that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky: Alleluia to Jesus, who died on the tree and has raised up a ladder of mercy for me, and has raised up a ladder of mercy for me. The ladder is long, it is strong and well-made, has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed; many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill, many millions by faith now are climbing it still. Come, let us ascend! All may climb it who will, for the angels of Jacob are guarding it still; and remember, each step that by faith we pass o'er, many prophets and martyrs have trod it before. And when we arrive at the haven of rest, we shall hear the glad words, "Come to me all the blest, here are regions of light, here are mansions of bliss." Who would not want to climb such a ladder as this?

Presentation Hymn 413—New songs of celebration render

Rendez à Dieu

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.**

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord W858

American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

Communion Hymn L106—Precious Lord, take my hand

Thomas A. Dorsey

Sung by all

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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 390—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Lobe den Herren

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—Chorale prelude on *Lobe den Herren*

Philip Moore

† † †

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: Camille Shirah • Nick Theyerl • Emily Thompson • Patrick Hanna • Dianne Osborne • Michele MacLeod • Alix Janke • Jamie Hare & Caitlin Cox, Wally & Anna • Eloise Wierwille • Joy Boyden • George Ross • Lisa Gray • Richard Shirah • 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: Shay, friend of Eric Schulz Hattie • Hattie Thore and her family, and Beefy McBar, friends of Hazel Hall • Ben, co-worker of Dave Thompson • Rosalind Blair, sister of Katharine Hilliard-Yntema • Rachel Blair Anderson, friend of Barbara Belcore • Briana, Ella, and Cora Woods-Jaeger, friends of Nancy Thompson • Anne, Joan, Glen, Eli, and Walt, cousins of Judy Jarady • Bob Hogg, brother of Liefy Smith • 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 who have died: Veta Smith, mother of Cecilia Democko • Alice Roberts, aunt of Richard Ferrell • David Wong, relative of Judy Cox & Raymond Leung

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 7/19-25: Wallace Bryan-McGrath & Jeff McGrath

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 7/19-25: Susan Cunningham • Reid Prikkel • Scott Yaegle • Jessica Moody • Carter Peatman • George Councill • Caspar McCord • Larry Nodine • Steve 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

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.

PARISH LIFE | **Expanded Coffee Hour**—*Sign up for a Sunday*

The Parish Retreat Committee is hosting today's coffee hour. Please join us in the parish hall after the service for goodies, and coffee, tea, and juices. There is JUST ONE DATE left in need of host - 8/23. Groups OR individuals are welcome to sign up to bring some simple breakfast items. Sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**

There will be no youth group this week because of our summer schedule. Youth are invited to join us for ice cream in downtown Decatur next week at 5:00 p.m.

PARISH DIRECTORY | **Realm**—*request a login*

REMINDER: Due to the persistent occurrence of phishing/scam attempts sent to parishioners by people posing as staff, we no longer publish contact information of parishioners in the bulletin or Friday eNews. Please use Realm to lookup contact information for your fellow parishioners. Request a login invitation parishadmin@epiphany.org.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD in thanksgiving for birth of Leo Charles Iwamoto, by Loren & Susan Williams.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of Jessica Moody and her birthday, with love from Mom, Dad, and Jordan.

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

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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 will take place this coming Tuesday, July 14)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

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

7/21—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 through Realm to get on the email list.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Earth & Soul**—*3rd Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.* • *Hybrid*

7/21—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.

PASTORAL CARE | **Caregiver Support Group**—*3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.* • *Zoom*

7/21—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. Use Realm to contact Nancy to join this group.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Trivia Group**—*Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.* • *Universal Joint in Oakhurst*

7/22—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Wednesdays at Universal Join in Oakhurst. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Contacts: Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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 Taylor Irwin at tirwin@epiphany.org.

MUSIC | **Sing in the Summer Choir**—Contact Julie Ryder at music@epiphany.org

The Summer Choir is open to adults and youth; we rehearse one anthem on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. and then sing it during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy (no vestments, no weekday commitment, lots of fun and fellowship). Join us upstairs in the Music Suite each Sunday.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**—Register Now!

7/25—VBS "Neighbors" continues. The third and last Saturday is July 25 at Holy Trinity Parish. Children ages 3 years through rising 5th grade are invited to a morning filled with storytelling, music, crafts, and games. Families will then rejoin us in the afternoon for a service project and family Eucharist. For more information, contact Taylor Irwin at tirwin@epiphany.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Blessing of the Backpacks**—for anyone returning to school this fall.

7/26—Are you or your children returning to school in the fall? We invite you to attend the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 26, and bring your backpack for a special backpack blessing!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Playground & Popsicles**—join us at 3:00 p.m.

7/26—All families with children are invited to join us on the Epiphany playground for a time of popsicles and play and to give a fond farewell to Taylor! Please RSVP to Taylor Irwin at tirwin@epiphany.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**

7/26—Our youth will meet downtown at Decatur Square at 5:00 p.m. to walk to ice cream and to bid farewell to Taylor. Youth are invited to RSVP to Taylor Irwin at tirwin@epiphany.org by casting their vote for the favorite ice cream shop.

ART MINISTRY | **Calling All Creatives**—Parishioner Art Show Coming Soon

8/3 Deadline—Epiphany's Art Ministry is excited to invite our adult parishioner creatives to exhibit and sell work for the month of September in the Epiphany Gallery. Contact Page Love Smith or Liefy Smith by August 3 to reserve your place in the show. View the most recent newsletter for a link to the requirements.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Tube the River**

8/8—Middle and High School students are invited to tube the Cartecay River in downtown Ellijay with friends from across the diocese. If you are interested in registering or learning more, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Other Diocesan Events to know about**

- Happening 84 (October 16-18 @ Mikell)—High Schoolers
- The Overnight @ Annual Council (November 6-7 @ the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta)—Middle & High Schoolers
- New Beginnings 52 (November 13-15 @ Mikell)—Middle Schoolers

FORMATION & PARISH LIFE | **Summer Movie Series**

8/9—Join us for the final film in the series, *Wake Up Dead Man*. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and popcorn. The show will start at 6:00 p.m. as we watch the film projected onto a 120-inch screen in surround sound in the parish hall. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register for each screening.

PARISH LIFE | **Parish Retreat**—Registration is now live

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 PARISH GROUP MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care—4th Mondays • parish hall

7/27—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 contact Ann Fowler.

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

8/6—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

8/6—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. Use Realm to contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald.

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

8/9—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.

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays at 10:30 • parish hall

8/11—During the summer, the ECW monthly meeting program goes on hiatus, however the ladies continue to meet to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. Please join us in the kitchen on second Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August.

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

8/12-14—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter once a month. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

8/19—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.

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

9/14—The Epiphany Book Group is on hiatus for July and August. They will next meet on Monday, September 14 at Epiphany where they will be discussing *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | Social Justice Action Group—Virtual Only 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. Join via Realm Groups to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

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.