



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 20C
Season of Creation

September 21, 2025 ✠ 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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SEASON OF CREATION



The Season of Creation, September 1 through October 4, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing, and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction.

The 2025 theme is *Peace with Creation*. In celebrating the Season, we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living.

A Reading from

Resurrection is Vegetal,

by Dong Hyeon Jeong

I love gardening. Touching the soil, seeing and smelling the plants, and eating the fruits of their love teach me every time to be receptive to the presence of the vegetal life. Moreover, recently I have also learned about the importance of accepting decay or death. As a human being, I am fearful of my own death because, as a Christian, I have one life to live with a clear expiration in sight. And yet, plants teach me that decay/death is not the end. They grow their leaves during spring, blossom their flowers during summer, lay down their leaves during the fall, and accept the slumber during winter. Then they rise again as the spring season awakens...

Losing one's life for the gospel is not a call for meaningless sacrifice or abuse. Rather, it is a reminder to "come and see" (John 1:39) from God's creation that resurrection is vegetal. We live and die in Christ because, like the plants, we believe in Christ's promise of renewed life. This renewed life recognizes the joys and pains of the olden days, the deaths that we have had in the past, while believing that we will see the rays of divine light and the joys of the blessed rain in our lives. In all of these, we are invited once again to let go of all of ourselves so we can be buried and be resurrected in Christ.

The Rev. Dr. Dong Hyeon Jeong is a pastor and professor of New Testament Interpretation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, where he utilizes such critical interpretive lenses such as postcolonialism, gender and sexuality, socio-economic, race and ethnicity, ableism, and posthumanism/eco-justice. The son of Korean missionaries in the Philippines, Jeong is an ordained elder in the Philippine Central Conference, Manila Episcopal Area, Southwest Philippines Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

*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 *Royal Oak*

Mary Beth Bennett

Processional Hymn 405—All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

Celebrant This is the day the Creator has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 455—O love of God how strong and true

Dunedin

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Deus, venerunt



- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy / **temple**; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of / **rubble**.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the / **air**, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the / **field**.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je-/**rusalem**, *
and there was no one to / **bury them**.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our / **neighbors**, *
an object of scorn and derision to those a-/**round us**.
- 5 How long will you be angry O / **LORD**?*
will your fury blaze like fire for / **ever**?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not / **known you** *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your / **Name**.
- 7 For they have devoured / **Jacob** *
and made his dwelling a / **ruin**.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to / **meet us**; *
for we have been brought very / **low**.
- † 9 Help us O God our Savior, for the glory of your / **Name**; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your / **Name's sake**.

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 488—Be thou my vision

Slane

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ryder

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.

Prayers of the People: A Litany for the Earth, Form A

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, "God of glory, hear us."

We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for the environmental concerns that you may lift up now, either silently or aloud.

Silence, during which the people may offer their concerns.

We turn to you in our distress and fear,

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

God of glory, hear us.

We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those who have died.

For those who taught us to marvel in all God's works.

God of glory, hear us.

Celebrant's concluding collect

Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope in resurrection life. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Awake, my heart

Jane Marshall

Epiphany Choir

Awake, my heart, and render, to God thy sure defender, thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. my heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; thy word my nature giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.

Presentation Hymn 380—From all that dwell below the skies

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching our Worship

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord S128

William Mathias

Ho - ly, 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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—A Celtic Version

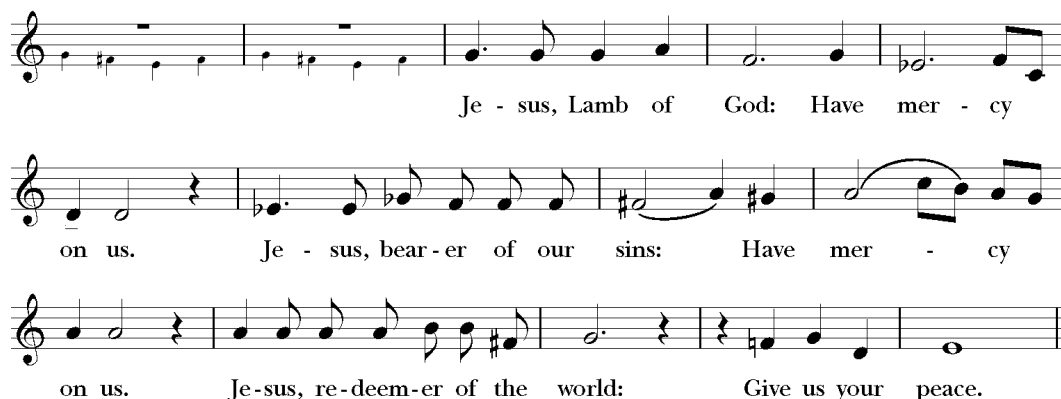
Holy One beyond all names, Eternal Wellspring: may love rise again in us today, with food for every table, shelter for every family, and reverence for every life. Forgive us our failings in love and free us from all falseness, that the light of our souls may shine, and the strength of our spirits endure. For Earth and all its people this day, tonight, and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S165—Jesus, Lamb of God

William Mathias



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 of the world: 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 653—Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

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.

Through the gifts we have received, create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing—Celebrant

Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; rejoice in its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to all creation now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn 686—Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary—Chorale Prelude on *Nun danket alle Gott*

Georg Friedrich Kaufman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

For members who are bidding our prayers: Mike Curry • Cliff Edge • Carol Bartlett • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Laraine Fraijo-Paul • Evelyn Stewart • Jarrod Moody • Chris Miller • Ellen Mintzmyer • Philip Anderson • Bruce & Ann Fort • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Blair Anderson, friend of Barbara Belcore • Betty Gardner, aunt of Loren Williams • Cher Hendricks, former member and friend of Katie Pedersen • Sally Williams, daughter of Susan & Loren Williams • Billy Ussery, friend of Robin Hairston • Shelly Williams, cousin of Lisa Carlson • Ray Piper, husband of Charlotte Piper • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Mark Thornhill, uncle of Kurt Erskine • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Pat & Bill Graves • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • John Keys • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Anne Warner • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those who have died: Ken Rosskopf, husband of Linda Rosskopf • Julie Parker, cousin of Ann Fowler

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 9/21-27: Laurel & Patrick Hanna

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 9/21-27: Wyatt Smith • Kim Boswell • Ruthie Stewart • Adam Woodlief • Rick Montgomery

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For racial justice: For our courts and elected leaders that they will work to uphold free, fair, and open voting systems and protect the right of citizens to vote.

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

WELCOME | Guest Clergy

We welcome the Rev. David Wagner as our celebrant and the Rev. Barbara Ryder as our preacher today. Amy and Carmie and 50 of your fellow parishioners are at The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center in Highlands, NC for the Annual Parish Retreat this weekend.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Children's Chapel—during the service

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

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

9/21—Without Borders: Compassionate Medical Care in a Changing World: Epiphany member Keri Geiger sees her work with the global medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders as a way of living out our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all people. Keri will present on the organization's global work and how the changing humanitarian landscape and geopolitical climate make this mission more vital than ever.

FORMATION | **Children & Youth**—Will not take place today

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes fiber art by Roxanne Brown. Her work focuses on "thread painting" with a sewing machine, a method where the sewing machine needle moves freely in any direction, similar to drawing. Learn more about the artist and the art ministry at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in celebration of the wedding of Brent Henderson & Calvin Houts; and in loving memory of Eric Olson, commemorating what would have been his 93rd birthday on September 20, with heartfelt gratitude for their many years together, by his wife Ruth Olson.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

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

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Due to persistent scams, parishioner contact information is not published. Please use the parish directory in Realm.

WORSHIP | **Weekday Services**—visit epiphany.org/worship-services for details

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.
- Wednesday Healing Service & Eucharist in the side chapel at 12:15 p.m. on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays.

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

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

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

9/23—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.

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

9/23—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

MUSIC | **Epiphany Choir Rehearsal**

9/24—Our all-volunteer choir provides musical leadership for the 10:00 a.m. liturgy and feast days with rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Membership is open to adults and high school youth. Contact: Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org.

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

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

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

GIVING | **It's Time for our Ministry Fair**—Save the Date

We'll soon be kicking off Stewardship season - so join us in the Parish Hall Sunday, September 28 immediately after Worship to celebrate and explore the many ways we are sharing Shalom in our Parish, our community, and our environment. Enjoy sweet and savory treats, games, and activities for kids, explore our

wonderful ministries, engage in great conversations with other parishioners, and find new ways to plug in. Share the love—shine a light—we hope to see you there! P.S. There just might be prizes for the kiddos's games!

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

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

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

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

- Beginning Choristers (pre-K-Kindergarten) meet from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- Intermediate Choristers (1st - 2nd grades) meet from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.
- Junior Choir (3rd grade-unchanged voices) meet from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Non-Food Pantry Drive—during the month of October

October—The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) sponsor a pantry drive twice a year for Emmaus House for items not covered by the SNAP Program. This time for the month of October, they are collecting 75 bottles of all-purpose cleaner and 75 sponges/cleaning cloths. Bins for donations are in the gallery.

MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth—Wednesdays • Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org

- 10/1—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 10/1—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite

FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group

10/2—The Contemplative Book Group will begin a new book study on Thursday, October 2 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 201. The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright will lead the group in studying *Discovering the Spiritual Wisdom of Trees* by Beth Norcross and Leah Rampy. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Our Quarterly Wednesday Dinner for Holy Comforter

10/1—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.

PARISH GROUPS | Fireside Sit & Sip—7:00 p.m. • courtyard

10/2—The Fireside Sit and 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. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. 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. Upcoming Dates: 10/2, 11/6, and 12/4.

PARISH GROUPS | Social Justice Action Group—new group forming

10/4—Some members of the congregation are interested in starting a group around social advocacy that promotes social and cultural change and all are invited to join. The group would identify community events in which our parish could participate and also provide a curated list of local community happenings via Realm Groups. If you'd like to be part of this group, join via Realm by searching for the Social Justice Action Group and sending a request to join. If you are interested in joining a planning meeting, email Page Love Smith.

Our first event has been identified as the **Unite in Light** event on the evening of October 4. This is a candlelight vigil, with a line of people 18 miles long from downtown to Stone Mountain lighting up Ponce de Leon to shine a light on democracy. Visit <https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/840977/> for more information and to register for that event.

PARISH LIFE | Oktoberfest—Saturday, October 4 • 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

10/4—Oktoberfest for Epiphanyites of all ages will be celebrated in the courtyard from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Grilled sausages (or veggie option), German beer & wine, along with nonalcoholic drinks will be served. There will be a charge for the grill and you're invited to sign up to bring your favorite German-style side or a dessert. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register. *PLEASE NOTE: Oktoberfest is starting earlier this year so the afterwards, parishioners can join the Unite in Light event that will be running along Ponce de Leon. See earlier blurb on Social Action for details.*

WORSHIP | St. Francis Animal Blessing—during the 10:00 a.m. service

10/5—Pets of all sizes and stripes are invited to sit (leashed or crated) alongside their people in the pews at the 10:00 a.m. service as we celebrate with a Blessing of the Animals. St. Francis of Assisi—the patron saint of nature and the environment—was a lover of God's creation and on his feast day we will bless our animals and offer our gratitude for the joy that pets and other animals bring to our lives.

WORSHIP | Pet Committal of Ashes Service—in the meadow

10/5—Pet Committal of Ashes Service will take place after the service in the Pet Memorial Garden located in the meadow. If you would like to inter your pet's ashes, visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register.

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

10/7—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. Upcoming Dates: 10/2, 11/11, and 12/9.

B & G | Parish Workday—Saturday, October 11 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

10/11—Take part in our Fall Parish Workday! Just a morning session—Easy Breezy. If you have them, bring gloves, clippers, trowels. Come and enjoy the time sprucing up the inside and outside of our space.

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

10/15—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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group Lock In

10/17-18—Youth 6th - 12th grade are invited to a youth group lock in October 17-18! Enjoy games, community, and a service project supporting our Epiphany Community Engagement Ministries. Parents and youth group volunteers are invited to sign up for a volunteer shift. Youth and volunteers can register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

MUSIC & FORMATION | The Bach/Biber Project—Sunday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. • Nave

10/19—Join us for the fifth in a series of six performances in the final year of the Bach/Biber Project. Violinist Judith Cox and organist Julie Ryder will present J.S. BACH Partita No. 3 in E Major for Violin Solo, BWV 1005, and H.I.F. BIBER Rosary Sonatas: XI. The Resurrection, XII. The Ascension, XIII. The Descent of the Holy Spirit. This presentation will take place as part of our monthly Contemplative Practice. Donations welcome. For more information, visit Bach/Biber Project at bachbiberproject.com.

LITURGY | Sacrament of Holy Baptism—for all ages

11/2—The sacrament of Holy Baptism for adults, infants and children will be administered during All Saints' Service on Sunday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Contact the parish office by Sunday, October 20 at parishadmin@epiphany.org if you or a member of your family desires to be baptized.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

9/29—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Gateway Center Meal Ministry**—meals served 2nd Fridays of the month
10/1-3—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 | **The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—1st Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom
10/2—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.

PASTORAL CARE | **Caregiver Support Group**—2nd Fridays at 11:45 a.m. • Zoom
10/10—The Caregiver Support Group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:45 a.m. on Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist, and by parishioner Anne Bucey, a trained spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Book Group**
10/13—The Epiphany Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our book selection for October is *One Summer, America 1927*, by Bill Bryson. We will meet in the parish hall. Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf.

PARISH GROUPS | **The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—2nd Tuesdays at 9:30/11:30 a.m. • parish hall
10/14—The ECW meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The meeting and program begins at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

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.

LITURGICAL & EVENT CALENDAR FOR FALL

SEPTEMBER

9/19-21 – Parish Retreat at The Mountain | rsvp
9/25 – Chez Epiphany • 6:00 p.m. | rsvp
9/28 – Ministry Fair • 11:30 a.m.
9/28 – Interfaith River Cleanup • 2:00 p.m.
9/30 – Children's & Youth Choirs Rehearsals Begin

OCTOBER

10/1 – Epiphany Ringers Rehearsals Begin
10/4 – Oktoberfest • 4:30 p.m. | rsvp
10/5 – St. Francis Animal Blessing • 10:00 a.m. service
10/5 – Pet Burial Service • 12:30 p.m. in the Pet Memorial Garden
10/7 – Tuesday Family Dinner & Eucharist • 6:15 p.m. | dinner rsvp
10/11 – Parish Work Day • 9:30 a.m.
10/19 – The Bach/Biber Project • 4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

11/2 – All Saints' Holy Baptism • 10:00 a.m. service
11/2 – All Souls' Evensong with Eucharist • 5:00 p.m. | incense will be used
11/2 – All Souls' Reception • 6:00 p.m.
11/9 – Veterans' Recognition • 10:00 a.m. service
11/11 – Tuesday Family Dinner & Eucharist • 6:15 p.m. | dinner rsvp

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