



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

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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!

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Voluntary—Chorale Prelude on *Slane*

Paul Manz

Processional Hymn 494—Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

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—Come, worship the Lord

J. S. Bach

Junior Choir and Beginning Choristers

Come worship the Lord with heart and voice; let all creation sing; sing “Alleluia” to the Lord! With heart and voice, give thanks and rejoice; for God is good, and worthy of our praise!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah—*Sung by the Choir*

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 467—Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

St. Bees

The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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—Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For social justice: For a just and compassionate health care system in which all your children can receive the healing they need, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: For the ongoing restoration and preservation of Peavine Creek, a small creek in the Emory Village area, flowing into Peachtree Creek, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant's concluding collect

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

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Offertory Anthem—King of glory, King of peace

K. Lee Scott

Epiphany Choir

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

Presentation Hymn 292—O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord S128

William Mathias

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.

The people stand or kneel

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

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

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

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

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

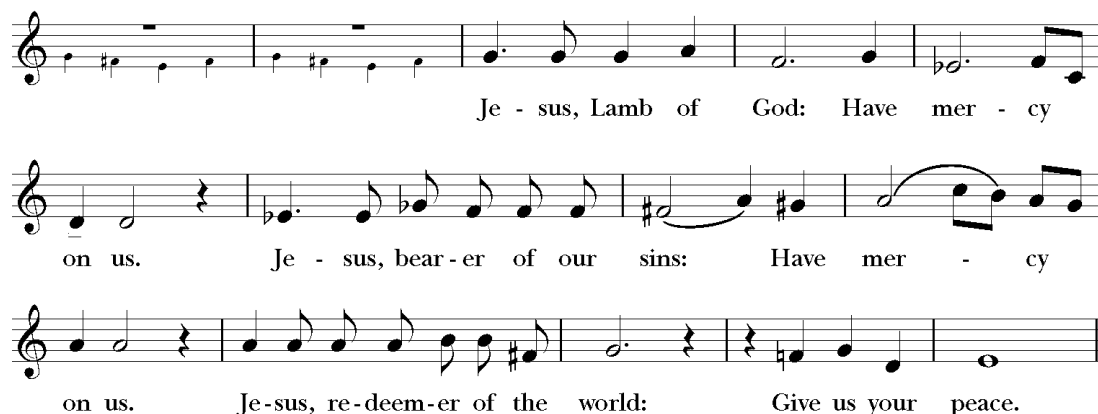
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem 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—Jesus, remember me

Jacques Berthier

Sung by all



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Sung by all

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

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 460—Alleluia! sing to Jesus (verses 1, 3-5)

Hyfrydol

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—Chorale Prelude on Hyfrydol

Paul Manz

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: Carol Fuller • Chris Braden • Larry Wilcox • Brandon Laird • Joy Boyden • Jewel Allen • Mike Curry • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Laraine Fraijo-Paul • Evelyn Stewart • 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: Joseph Johns Jr., nephew of Kathleen Rinehart • Hugh Smith, father of Lynda Smith • Greta Corcoran, mother of John Corcoran • Sally Williams, daughter of Susan & Loren Williams • Betty Gardner-Tuzzalino, aunt of Loren Williams • Isabel Mintzmyer, great niece of Ellen Mintzmyer • Alan & Lucy Hinman, parents of Johanna Hinman • Tom & Jennie Smith, family of Pam Tipton • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • 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 • 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: Joel Burrow, father of Shannon Burrow

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 11/23-29: Stephanie Everett & Jason Wiles • Laraine & Megan Fraijo-Paul

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 11/23-29: Shona Harbert • Carolyn Cook • Nduva Hartman • Charlie Gibbs • Zane McKinney • Rowen Morrissey • Peggy Palmiter • Ann Lynn • Riley Davis • Maggie Schweizer • Maria Braswell

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For social justice: For a just and compassionate health care system in which all your children can receive the healing they need.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: For the ongoing restoration and preservation of Peavine Creek, a small creek in the Emory Village area, flowing into Peachtree Creek.

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.

NOTICE | Who is Your Emergency Contact?

Emergencies rarely happen at church, but when they do, we would love to know who to contact on your behalf. There is a notebook in the parish hall for you to list your name and emergency contact. The information will be added to your Realm record.

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

11/23—Beyond Welcome: Join us for the final part of a three-session adult formation series exploring how our Christian faith informs a practice committed to immigrant justice. Each session will engage themes from Karen González's *Beyond Welcome* that bring familiar biblical stories into conversation with the realities of immigrant life. In this session we will discuss how Christian faith inspires us to build solidarity in recognition of our shared interdependence. For those who wish to read in advance of discussion, Nov. 23rd's session will draw especially on chapters 2, 6, and 7 of González's book.

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

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

- Room 205—Godly Play (children 3 years old through 2nd grade)
- Room 206—Godly Play (3rd through 5th grade)
- Lower-Level Classroom / Donut Den—Youth Formation (6th through 12th grade)

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—Sundays at 5:00 p.m..

This week's youth group will be supporting the ECW by moving Nativities from the attic to the parish hall to be set on display. After this activity, we will eat dinner together.

FORMATION | Advent Devotional Booklets—free in the narthex, limited supply

If you are looking for an Advent devotional to read as a spiritual practice during Advent, pick up one of the Living Compass booklets in the gallery: *Living Well Through Advent 2025: Practicing Generosity With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. Prefer a digital practice? A free PDF version is also available at livingcompass.org. You can also sign up to receive a daily email of each reflection for free.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Art Ministry—now showing for November

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes quilters Beth Milis and Charlotte Nix. Learn more about the artist and the art ministry at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery.

RAFFLE | Braves Quilted Bag

Part of the exhibit this month includes a raffle. The Art Ministry is raffling off an Atlanta Braves Quilted Bag, made by Beth Milis, for \$2 an entry. See the display on the dresser under the mirror in the gallery.

NOTICE | Building Security

Over the past several weeks, the double red doors and the double doors to the parish hall from the courtyard have been left either propped open or unlocked during business hours, as well as after church on Sundays. This poses a safety risk for our staff, parishioners, and visitors. If you unlock or prop open a door for a meeting or an event, or while loading or unloading a vehicle, please take care to secure the door again when your event is over or when you are finished. Thank you for helping keep our community safe!

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND THE SANCTUARY LIGHT RE 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Walk in Love Annual Shoe Drive—now through December 7

NOW THROUGH 12/7—Epiphany continues its tradition of collecting shoes for our friends at Church of the Common Ground (churchofthecommonground.org). Donations of new men's and women's shoes of any size will be accepted, and there is a particular need for men's sizes 10 to 13. We will be collecting shoes through December 7. Our youth will be packing them up for delivery, so please take shoes out of their boxes and tie their shoelaces together to make it easier for them. You can drop shoes off at the church on Sundays between 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and during weekday office hours.

PARISH GROUPS | Donate a nativity scene—now through December 14

NOW THROUGH 12/14—The Episcopal Church Women are asking for small gentle used nativity scenes that will be used as table decorations for the Emmaus House Christmas Luncheon that the ECW hosts each year for the Senior Program participants. The nativities will be raffled away to participants along with other items at the end of the event. Please contact Sabra Hanson if you would like to donate a nativity.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Toy Drive for Emmaus House—bring unwrapped gifts by December 15

NOW THROUGH 12/15—This Christmas, we have the opportunity to share God's love with the children and families of Peopletown. Our donations of unwrapped gifts or gift cards for infants through teenagers can help bring joy to the over 500 children served by Emmaus House. Click the "Toy Drive" button on the home page for the complete list of gifts by ages. Bring unwrapped gifts to Epiphany by December 15.

GIVING | Christmas Flowers & Music—*submit names by Monday, December 15*

NOW THROUGH 12/15—If you would like to make an offering in thanksgiving or memory of someone for Christmas, please fill out the form at epiphany.org/Christmas-flowers-music. From there you can choose to make your donation via online giving, or if you can also mail a check payable to Church of the Epiphany noting Christmas Flowers and/or Christmas Music in the memo line. To be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins, submissions must be received in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 15.

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

11/24—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.

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

11/25—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*

11/25—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.

ADMINISTRATION | Office & Building Closure

11/26-28—Staff will not be present on Wednesday, November 26 and the office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Appleton Ministries Offering

11/30—The Thanksgiving Offering for Appleton Ministries is collected the Sunday following Thanksgiving and designated for Appleton Episcopal Ministries. This Diocesan ministry funds food pantries, community feeding programs, tutoring programs and community ministry programs throughout the Middle GA Convocation. All cash offerings will be designated to them that day. You can also give online at www.epiphany.org/ways-to-give or via check, marking "Appleton Ministries" in the memo field.

FLOWER GUILD | Advent Wreath-Making Workshop—*reservation required • parish hall*

11/30—The Flower Guild will lead an Advent Wreath-Making Workshop after the service in the parish hall. The cost is \$20 for materials which includes everything that is needed for making an advent wreath: (1) oasis wreath, (4) candles with holders, and greenery. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

PARISH LIFE | The Nativities Display—*help set up our annual display*

12/2 - 4—This year, in addition to the main exhibit in the narthex and gallery of the stories of Luke and Matthew, we will be setting up a smaller curated selection of the rest of our collection in the parish hall. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the display the first week of December. Then we'll need folks to help pack it all back up on January 7 and 8. If you would like to sign up for a shift, please sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp.

FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group—*next five-week study starts Thursday, December 4 • Room 201*

12/4—Join us for discussion of Richard Rohr's book, *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* as we learn to live compassionately in a time of violence and despair. Using the Hebrew prophets as models, Rohr sets out a wholehearted model of movement from rage to pathos and lamentation, and then to compassion for the world's suffering. Using what he calls "sacred criticism," Rohr shares a distinct approach to confronting evil and injustice that acknowledges the wholeness of history, our interconnectedness, and the reality of a divine and universal love.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Cookie Baking—*Saturday 12/6 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. • parish hall*

12/6—Children and youth and their parents are invited to join us in Epiphany's kitchen and parish hall to bake cookies and talk about Advent together! We will decorate the cookies the following evening after Lessons & Carols.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Feast of St. Nicholas—Sunday, 12/7 at 11:30 a.m. • Room 203

12/7—On Sunday, December 7, our children's formation classes will celebrate the feast of St Nicholas!

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome to join this event taking place in 203. Youth are invited to attend and to help stuff children's shoes with clementines and chocolate coins.

WORSHIP | Advent Lessons & Carols—5:00 p.m. with a reception following • cookie decorating will be happening!

12/7—The Epiphany Choir, Beginning Choristers, Junior Choir, and Epiphany Ringers will present Advent Lessons & Carols on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in a liturgy much like Christmas Lessons & Carols made popular in the 20th century by Kings College, Cambridge. The promise of the coming Messiah is told in lessons from the Old and New Testaments interspersed with Advent carols, hymns, and choir anthems. The service takes place in the nave followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

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

12/9—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.

PARISH GROUPS | ECW Christmas Craft & Bake Sale—purchase homemade goodies and crafts

12/14—The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold their annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale Sunday December 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please stop by the parish hall before or after the 10:00 a.m. service. The proceeds from the bake/craft sale support our service projects during the year. Login to Realm to contact Kathleen Rinehart if you would like to contribute an item to this event.

FORMATION | Advent Mini-Quiet Day—Choir Loft from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

12/14—Advent is a season of quiet wonders: questions, awe, despair, curiosity. Come. You are welcome: Sunday, December 14 from 3pm - 5pm to join others in quiet and shared reflection and prayer. Let's discover 'how it's working out' - the season, you, family, decisions, life with God. Guided by the Rev. Dr. Bobbi Patterson. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

PARISH GROUPS | Emmaus House Seniors Luncheon—hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

12/18—The ECW we will host a luncheon for the Emmaus House Seniors. This is an annual event and a lot of fun for the seniors and the ECW Members. Login to Realm to contact Kathleen Rinehart if you would like to help with this event.

FORMATION | Education for Ministry—Courses starting in January

Esther Harbert is looking for a co-mentor for an EFM group that would start in January 2026 and end in December 2026. We will only meet for 36 out of 52 weeks in 2026. If interested, please contact Esther.

PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

PARISH GROUPS | Social Justice Action Group—virtual group

This social advocacy group promotes social and cultural change. The group identifies community events in which we can participate, and also provides a curated list of local community happenings via Realm Groups. If you'd like to be part of this virtual group, join via Realm to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

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

12/4—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.

PARISH GROUPS | Young Adults Small Group Meeting—Every other week • 7:00 p.m. • location varies

12/4—The Epiphany Young Adults small group meets every other Thursday evening. They are currently reading through *Transforming Questions* by the Forward Movement. Location varies by need, so please reach out to Tristen Webb if you have any questions or would like to join!

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

12/4—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. 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.

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

12/9—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for location. All are welcome. Log into Realm to Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

- **December 8:** Appetizers & Dessert at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Wallace & Jeff McGrath.
- **January 12:** *A Spool of Blue Thread*, by Anny Tyler (Zoom).
- **February 9:** *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman (Zoom).

PARISH GROUPS | **The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—2nd Tuesdays • *parish hall*

12/9—For this month, the ECW will meet at 10:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. There is not a meeting or program. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

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

12/10-12—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.

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

12/12—The Caregiver Support Group meet 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, and by parishioner Anne Bucey, a trained spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson.

FORMATION | **Epiphany Earth & Soul**—3rd Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • *Room 201*

12/16—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. Virtual option available for most meetings. Led by the steering group of Carol Bartlett, Nan Ross, and April Maa. Contact April for more information or to be placed on the email list. To learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general, one resource is www.earthandsoul.org.

PASTORAL CARE | **Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—For December on the 3rd Monday • *parish hall*

12/16—Members gather at 6:00 p.m. 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.

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

12/17—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.

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 THROUGH EPIPHANY

NOVEMBER

- 11/30 Advent 1 • 10:00 a.m.
Advent Wreath-Making | rsvp

DECEMBER

- 12/6 Advent Cookie Baking Event • 10:00 a.m.
12/7 Nativities Collection goes on display
Advent 2 • 10:00 a.m.
St. Nicholas Event • 11:15 a.m.
Advent Lessons & Carols • 5:00 p.m.
Lessons & Carols Reception • 6:00 p.m.
12/9 Tuesday Family Dinner & Eucharist • 6:00/6:15 p.m. | dinner rsvp
12/14 Advent 3 • 10:00 a.m.
ECW Bake Sale • 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12/18 ECW Luncheon for the Emmaus House Seniors • 12:00 p.m.
12/21 Advent 4 • 10:00 a.m.
Service of Light • 5:00 p.m.
12/24 Christmas Eve Services
Festival Eucharist • 4:00 p.m.
Preservice Music • 7:30 p.m.
Festival Eucharist • 8:00 p.m.
12/25 The Nativity of Our Lord • 10:00 a.m. | zoom only
12/28 Christmas Lessons & Carols • 10:00 a.m.

JANUARY

- 1/4 The Second Sunday of Christmas • 10:00 a.m.
1/6 Feast of the Epiphany & Epiphany Pageant • 6:00 p.m.
Feast Day Feast • 7:00 p.m.

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