



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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November 9, 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*

Assisting Priests: The Rev. Barbara Ryder, The Rev. Bobbi Patterson

Wardens: Sally Walker, *Senior Warden*; Matthew May, *Junior Warden*



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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 *Rendez à Dieu*

David N. Johnson

Processional Hymn 414—God, my King, thy might confessing

Stuttgart

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

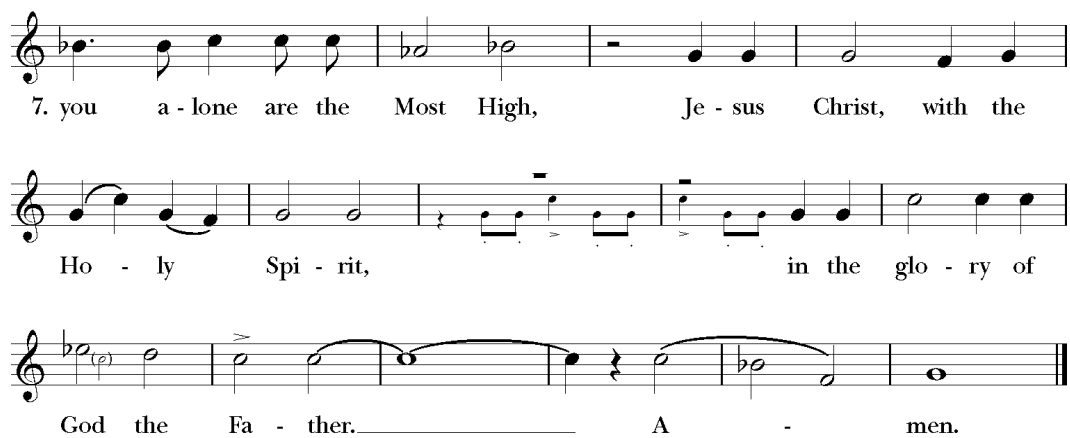
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 S278—Glory to God

William Mathias

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



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22—Sung by the Choir

Joseph Batnby

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 295—Sing praise to our Creator

Christus, der ist mein Leben

The Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

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

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Carmie McDonald

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant With Christians from across time and around the world, we say together the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

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

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

The Prayers of the People—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 individuals and families increasingly fearing the loss of food assistance. Strengthen all who advocate for food security and move the hearts of leaders to act with compassion and urgency, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: The Ginkgo tree, turning a beautiful golden yellow in the fall, 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—The eyes of all wait upon thee

Charles Wood

Epiphany Choir

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory be to thee, O Lord: Amen.

Presentation Hymn 416—For the beauty of the earth (*verses 1-3*)

Lucerna Laudoniae

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,

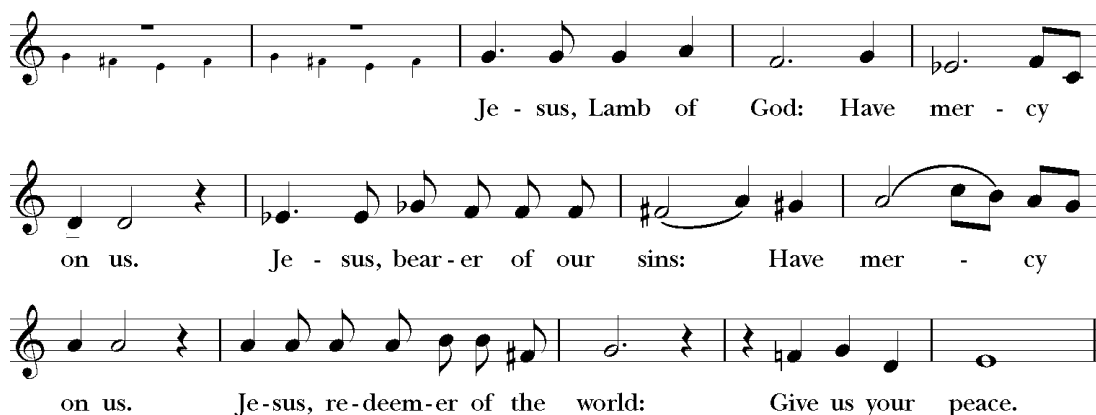
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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 579—Almighty Father, strong to save

Melita

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 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 429—I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—How firm a foundation

Epiphany Ringers

Foundation

Arr. Sondra Tucker

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: 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: 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 celebrating birthdays the week of 11/9-15: Mark McDonald • Joey Saavedra • Collier Chaffins • Jeff McGrath • Ellen Mintzmyer • Nancy Chandler • Amaranthe Parker • Mary Beth Nelson • Eliza Neel • Callie Finnegan • Laraine Fraijo-Paul

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For social justice: For individuals and families increasingly fearing the loss of food assistance. Strengthen all who advocate for food security and move the hearts of leaders to act with compassion and urgency.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: The Ginkgo tree, turning a beautiful golden yellow in the fall.

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.

OUR VETERANS

Philip Anderson, U.S. Army, Vietnam
Brett Boatright, U.S. Marine Corps, Desert Storm
J. P. Boulée, U.S. Army, 101st Airborne 1997-2001
George Councill, U.S. Army, Vietnam
Lucy Davidson, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officer
Peter J. Dodge, U.S. Army, Vietnam
Henry A. Laird, U.S. Army, Operation Inherent Resolve
Terri Lawrence, U.S. Army
Bruce MacLachlan, U.S. Navy, Cold War
Rod MacLeod, U.S. Air Force, Korean War
Jeff McGrath, U.S. Army, Vietnam
Randall Moody, U.S. Navy
Stewart Mundy, U.S. Marine Corps
Thomas G. Mundy, Jr., U.S. Army, World War II
Dick Price, U.S. Army 1967-68, GA Army National Guard/U.S. Army Reserve 1977-2000
Jim Rabb, U.S. Navy, Vietnam
George Smith, U.S. Navy, 1973-1993
Mike Towers, U.S. Marine Corps, 1962-65
Jason Wiles, U.S. Army
The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, U.S. Navy, 1982-87, Search & Rescue Diver

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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

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

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

11/9, 11/16, 11/23—Beyond Welcome: Join us for the first 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 first session we will discuss how Christian hope calls us to embody the value of hospitality and resist harmful narratives of assimilation. For those who wish to read in advance of discussion, November 9th's session will draw especially on chapters 1, 4, and 9 of González's book.

FORMATION | **Children**—*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)

FORMATION | **Youth | Trip Common Ground**—*Sunday, November 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

This week, our youth group will be attending Church of the Common Ground. We will gather after the 10:00 a.m. service to carpool downtown. We will eat lunch, attend worship, and should return to the church by 3:00 p.m. This is an outdoor event so please dress accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP & NEWCOMERS | **Fall Newcomers' Gathering**—*Sunday, November 9 at 4:00 p.m. • Courtyard*

11/9—Epiphany's membership committee invites all newcomers and visitors, both individuals and families, to a reception with sweet and savory snacks from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Old-timers are welcome too! The committee is providing the desserts. This social gathering will be a time to get to know one another and learn more about our parish, programs, and ministries from clergy and parishioners. We also offer a tour of our campus. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

Come gather with us this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson, Elizabeth Ura and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright if you have any questions.

FORMATION | **Young Adults**—*Jams with Julie, Part 2 the sequel*

Join the Young Adults and Julie Ryder, our organist & choirmaster, this evening to learn how she picks the "jams" for each Sunday. We will have pizza, so bring a side! We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**—*now showing for November*

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes quilters Beth Milis and Charlotte Nix. Part of the exhibit includes a raffle for an Atlanta Braves Quilted Bag, by Beth Milis. See the display for details. 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 loving memory of Tom Hairston, by Robin Hairston.

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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Thanksgiving at Home—Bags are due by 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 16

NOW THROUGH 11/16—Each year, Epiphany teams up with our friends at Emmaus House to support their annual Thanksgiving at Home initiative. With planned cuts to SNAP benefits looming, our aid this year is more crucial than ever. We're asking for donations of bags packed with the ingredients listed below so that our neighbors in Peopletown can make their favorite side dishes—while Emmaus House takes care of the turkeys and other essentials. Log into Realm to contact Mary Ann Anderson or Linda & Paul Parisi if you have any questions.

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

11/10—The Epiphany Book Group meets monthly either on Zoom or in the parish hall. Location is listed with each book title. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf for more information. The Book for November: *By Her Own Design: A Novel of Ann Love, Fashion Designer to the Social Register*, by Piper Huguley • Zoom

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

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

11/11—The ECW meets monthly at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The meeting and program begin at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth—Tuesdays • Music Suite upstairs • Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org

New members are welcome! Please register your student at epiphany.org/rsvp.

- 11/11—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- 11/11—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

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

11/11—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: 11/11, and 12/9.

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

11/11—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 | Choirs for Adults & Youth—Wednesdays • Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org

- 11/12—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 11/12—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite

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

11/12-14—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 | **Young Adults Small Group Meeting**—Every other week • 7:00 p.m. • Room 201
11/13—Young Adults gather every other week for a small group meeting to study the Episcopal Church curriculum *Living the Way of Love in Community*. Contact Tristen Webb or Edie Brush for more details!

PASTORAL CARE | **Caregiver Support Group**—2nd Fridays at 11:45 a.m. • Zoom
11/14—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.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINES

11/19—Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and staff vacations, bulletin, and newsletter announcements for the week of November 24 and December 1 are due by NOON on Wednesday, November 19. Reminder that 40 words or less for the bulletin is preferred. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to parishadmin@epiphany.org.

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.

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.

PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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 | 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.

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

11/18—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.

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

11/19—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. Log into Realm to contact Laura Keys if you have any questions.

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.

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 | 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.

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LITURGICAL & EVENT CALENDAR THROUGH EPIPHANY

NOVEMBER

- 11/9 Veterans' Recognition • 10:00 a.m. service
Newcomers' Gathering • 4:00 p.m. | rsvp
- 11/11 Tuesday Family Dinner & Eucharist • 6:00/6:15 p.m. | dinner rsvp
- 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

- 1/6 Feast of the Epiphany & Epiphany Pageant • 6:00 p.m.
Feast Day Feast • 7:00 p.m.

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