



The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*Racial Justice Sunday*

February 8, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM

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## WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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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](http://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.

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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**—My Lord, what a morning  
*Alvin Blount, guest organist*

Traditional Spiritual,  
Arr. Marianne Kim

**Processional Hymn 427**—When morning gilds the skies

*Laudes Domini*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one holy and living God.

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

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 w900**—Glory to God

John Rutter

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —  
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,  
heav'n-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship  
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —  
Fa - ther, —  
Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Fa - ther, —  
Fa - ther, —  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: — have mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Collect for Racial Justice Sunday

Merciful God, you are righteous and love justice: stir the hearts of your people that, rejoicing in our diversity, we may repent of the wrongs of the past, and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor

into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9—Sung by all

Jerome Webster Meachen

*Beatus vir*



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the / **Lord** \*  
and have great delight in his com-/**mandments**!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the / **land**; \*  
the generation of the upright will be / **blessed**.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their / **house**, \*  
and their righteousness will last for / **ever**.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the / **upright**; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of com-/**passion**.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in / **lending** \*  
and to manage their affairs with / **justice**.
- 6 For they will never be / **shaken**; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re-/**membrance**.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil / **rumors**; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the / **Lord**.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not / **shrink**, \*  
until they see their desire upon their / **enemies**.
- † 9 They have given freely to the / **poor**, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with / **honor**.

The Second Lesson

I Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Children (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 V124—**Brother, sister, let me serve you

Servant Song

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'l - lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll  
 5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such  
 6 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each o - ther  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er  
 Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 of Christ's love and a gon - y.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

**The Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

*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 for Racial Justice Sunday

God of all peoples, we pray for all victims of racial hatred and discrimination. Dispel the arrogance and animosity that shatter the unity of your Church and fill your faithful people with your truth and love.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world. Free us from division, disunity, and distrust in our common life. Awaken compassion and urgency in those in authority and give them a vision of your justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for all who have lost hope. Pour your love on the lost, the least, and the suffering and bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness, and sorrow.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of eternity, we remember before you all who have died by acts of violence, war, and hatred, and honour the faithful in every generation who have worked tirelessly for justice and the equality of all peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for ourselves. Awaken in us compassion and humility as we seek and serve Christ in all people. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation in our world and use us for the work of your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

### *Celebrant's concluding collect*

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed on us your light, Christ Jesus, who is Lord, this day and forever. Amen.

### Confession of Sin—*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

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

Celebrant

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

### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

### The Welcome

**Offertory Anthem—** My Spirit longs for thee

Philip Godfrey

*Epiphany Choir*

*My Spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast though I unworthy be of so divine a guest. Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be yet has my heart no rest unless it come from thee. Unless it come from thee in vain I look around in all that I can see no rest is to be found. No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love O let my wish be crowned and send it from above.*

**Presentation Hymn 605—**What does the Lord require

Sharpthorne

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord S 130**

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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,

**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: Jesus, Lamb of God S 164**

Franz Schubert

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, 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 315**—Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

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.

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 593**—Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary—Rigaudon**

André Campra,  
Arr. James Biery

*Please join us in the courtyard immediately following the service or the dedication of our solar panels.*

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## A LITURGY FOR THE DEDICATION OF SOLAR PANELS

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### The Gathering

**Officiant** Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**People** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**Officiant** Almighty God, you have given us the sun for light by day, and have made us stewards of your good creation. As we gather to dedicate these solar panels, open our hearts to the work of your Spirit, that all we do may tend the earth, serve the common good, and give glory to your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

### Psalm 19:1, 4b–5

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Dedication**

*Officiant*    The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

*People*      **The world and all who dwell therein.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

*Officiant*    God of light and life, you set the sun in the heavens to warm the earth and sustain all living things. We bless you for the gifts of science, skill, and cooperation by which these solar panels have been designed and installed.

Bless these panels, we pray, and all who will benefit from their use. May the energy gathered here reduce harm to your creation, promote justice for future generations, and witness to our hope for a more faithful and sustainable way of life.

Grant that this work may be a sign of our commitment to love our neighbors, to safeguard the earth, and to walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

*People*      **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for the World**

*Officiant*    Creator God, renew the face of the earth. Where land, air, and water are wounded, bring healing. Where communities suffer from climate and injustice, bring relief and resilience. Inspire leaders, strengthen workers, and guide your Church to be a faithful steward of your gifts.

*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **The Blessing**

*Officiant*    May God, who said, "Let there be light," shine in your hearts and guide your steps. May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, give you grace to live as children of the light. And may the Holy Spirit empower you to care for creation and one another; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People*      **Amen.**

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## **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.*

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**For members who are bidding our prayers:** Richard Shirah • Kim Boswell • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Laraine Fraijo-Paul • Chris Miller • Ellen Mintzmyer • Philip Anderson • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Sally Brockington

**For friends and family:** Pearl & Tom McHaney, friends of Sara Cushing • Sally Williams, daughter of Susan & Loren Williams • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • 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 • Bruce Fort • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris

Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

**For those who have died:** Gus Thierry, cousin of David Thierry • Louise Bennett, relative of Michele & Rod MacLeod • Dr. Alan Hinman, father of Johanna Hinman

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 2/8-14:** Susan Bridges • Sharon Burrow • Hayes Wagner • Dan Mundy • Jeanette Hanson • Terry Howell • Alix Janke • Lindsey Mitchell • Caitlyn Trautwein • Kelli Gantt • Amy Shipp • Makayla Stadler

*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](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) so that we can update our records.*

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## TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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

Children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Bible & Poverty:** Please join us for the final class in our series exploring biblical views on and responses to material poverty. We will continue our consideration of the nature and scope of poverty in America today, including how we can cultivate more just, effective, and transformative responses to poverty in our own churches and communities. Facilitated by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Executive Director of the Candler Foundry.

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

Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to register your children and youth for formation.

- Room 206—Godly Play for children 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Room 205—Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade—a lectionary based curriculum for older children

**FORMATION | Youth**—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • lower-level classroom / donut den

The Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) curriculum, *Current: Seeking God Together*, explores 13 spiritual practices that can deepen and transform our relationship with God and others using interactive, age-appropriate strategies to help children and youth connect with God and the church as whole.

**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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) if you would like to take a turn to provide the donuts.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group**—5:00 to 6:30 p.m. • varies

This Sunday our youth and their parents are invited to meet in the Donut Den for the first half of Super Bowl 60! Wings are provided; families are invited to bring sides to share.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Happening and New Beginnings**

Our diocesan retreat weekends for youth at Camp Mikell are fast approaching! Today is the final day to register for Happening 83 for high school students, taking place February 20–22. Registration for New Beginnings 51 for middle school students closes February 23 for the March 6–8 retreat. Visit [eycdioatl.com](http://eycdioatl.com) for details and registration.

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THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Anne Warner, by Tarshia Stanley, mentee of Anne from St. Olaf College.

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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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

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**WORSHIP | Weekday Services**—visit [epiphany.org/worship-services](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

**NOTICE | Epiphany Endowment Grant Submission Period is NOW OPEN!**

Applications for the Epiphany Endowment Grant are available online at [epiphany.org/endowment-fund](http://epiphany.org/endowment-fund) and in the gallery tract rack. Grants may be for capital improvements; scholarships or grants to members; or community outreach projects. Application deadline is February 25, 2026.

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

2/9—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For February: *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman (Zoom). March: *Citizens of London*, by Lynne Olsen (Epiphany). All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

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

2/10—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)**—2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 9:30/11:00 a.m. • *parish hall*

2/10—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. The speaker for February is Darlene Schultz, President and CEO of Georgia Works, a program that serves chronically homeless men and women, providing housing and a path to self-sufficiency.

**MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth**—Tuesdays

If you have not done so already, please register your child for choir at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

- 2/10—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.
- 2/10—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

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

2/10—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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp)), and 6:15 p.m. for the start of the service.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Parents Listening Session**

2/10—On February 10 during our monthly service project, parents of children (up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to a listening session with the Rev. Carmie McDonald. Listening sessions offer a chance to share both your children's experiences in our programs and how you as parents feel about these experiences. This feedback helps us develop our programming and we are very eager to hear from you!

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

2/10—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Tuesdays at Wild Heaven in Avondale. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Contacts: Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

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

2/11-13—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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth**—Wednesdays

- 2/11—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 2/11—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

**FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group**—Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. • *Room 201*

2/12—The Contemplative Book Group are studying *A Midwinter God: Encountering the Divine in Seasons of*

*Darkness* by Christine Valters Paintner. Join us in Room 201 at 11:00 a.m. This study will end on Thursday, March 12. Register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

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

2/13—The Caregiver Support Group meets monthly over Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist. Contact Nancy if you are interested in joining this group.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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**YOUTH MINISTRIES | Sandwich making for Common Ground**

2/15—On February 15 during formation hour, youth are invited to make sandwiches to be delivered to Church of the Common Ground.

**WORSHIP | Absalom Jones Service**—Holy Trinity Parish

2/15—Join the Union of Black Episcopalians, Atlanta Chapter, on February 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish in Decatur for the celebration of The Feast of Absalom Jones, honoring the life, witness, and legacy of the first Black priest in The Episcopal Church. Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright, acting executive director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing, will preach, and the Rev. Rylan Andre Harris will serve as the Minister of Music. Immediately following the service, Holy Trinity Parish will host a reception in their Parish Hall.

**FORMATION | Contemplative Practice**—this month we will meet on February 15 in Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

2/15—Come gather with us 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. We will continue our practice of RAIN, learning to be open-hearted to the present as it is. RAIN grounds us for loving kindness in action. Led by Bobbi Patterson and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact Amy if you have any questions.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Prisontown Live Performance at Epiphany**—Sunday, February 15

2/15—Please mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, February 15 at 5:00 p.m. for a performance of *Prisontown*, part of Out of Hand Theater's 25th Anniversary season, *Imagining an America for ALL*. *Prisontown* tells the story of a writer who returns home to Lumpkin, Georgia—site of one of the nation's largest immigration detention centers—and bears witness to the harsh realities of our immigration system and a small town shaped by poverty and the prison industry. Following the performance, El Refugio will guide a brief discussion and share meaningful ways to take action toward a more just world. For more information and to get tickets, visit [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) or read the most recent edition of the *Friday eNews*.

**FORMATION | Epiphany Earth & Soul**—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • Hybrid

2/17—This group focuses on practicing Celtic Spirituality, where we gather to discuss and experience the beauty of nature and celebrate the divine in all creatures, including ourselves. Led by the steering group of Carol Bartlett, Nan Ross, and April Maa. Contact April for more information, to be placed on the email list, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting. In-person meetings are in Room 201. To learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general, one resource is [www.earthandsoul.org](http://www.earthandsoul.org).

**PARISH LIFE & LITURGY | Shrove Tuesday**—Pancakes and/or Cajun • Register by 2/13

2/17—Come at 5:30 p.m. to help decorate the Alleluia Banner. All ages welcome! Then join us at 6:00 p.m. for pancakes (cooked by our Youth) and/or potluck Cajun (you bring it). There will be King Cake for dessert. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will follow. Please RSVP for the pancakes so we know how much to cook. Adult volunteers are needed to help the youth set-up, cook, or clean up. Both sign ups can be found at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp). Youth interested in helping cook should reach out to Taylor Irwin / [tirwin@epiphany.org](mailto:tirwin@epiphany.org). Gluten-free options will be available.

**LITURGY | Ash Wednesday**

2/18—We will observe the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. in the nave and online.

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

2/18—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Contact: Laura Keys.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Our Quarterly Wednesday Dinner for Holy Comforter**

2/18—Holy Comforter is a unique worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta. About 60% of this congregation lives with mental illness. We prepare a meal during the afternoon and take the meal to the church, leaving at 6:00 p.m., and 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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp). Contact: Jeanette Hanson.

FORMATION | **Opportunities During Lent**

- **Sundays – February 22, March 1, 8, 15, and 22**

This Lent we will journey with Jesus on the way to Jerusalem using *Walking the Way: Following Jesus on the Lenten Journey of Gospel Nonviolence* by John Dear as our guide. We will reflect on the nonviolence of Jesus as he sets his face toward the cross—teaching, healing, practicing civil disobedience, sharing bread and wine, praying, and meeting suffering with steadfast love. Drawing connections to figures like Gandhi and Dr. King, John Dear invites us to consider what it means to follow the nonviolent Jesus today. This course will be led by the Rev. Amy-Dills Wright, the Rev. Carmie McDonald, Paul Hinson, and Suzanne Yoder.

- **Midweek Lenten Bible Study: February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25**

Join the Rev. Carmie McDonald on Wednesdays at noon during Lent—February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25—for a midweek Bible study centered on prayer, reflection, and conversation. Together we will engage a five-part video series led by Bishop Wright, *We Confess*, which explores the Old Testament lectionary readings for the season. All are invited to pause in the middle of the week as we join with others on the Lenten journey.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Men's Fellowship Dinners**—*Gumbo Rescheduled* • *Register by 3/5*

3/7—The Epiphany Men's Fellowship Dinners (EMFD) group rescheduled the Gumbo gathering for Sunday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. No agenda—just a gathering to prepare a meal and enjoy conversation. Cost including drinks, is \$30 per person. We are asking everyone to bring a new pair of sweat pants and/or a sweat shirt for those in need at a local psychiatric hospital. Register by Friday, March 5, so we know how much food is needed. For questions or suggestions, contact Brian Wright or Joel Fowler.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Art Show in the Gallery this Spring**

SUBMISSIONS DUE 3/15—This spring the Epiphany Art Ministry will include an exhibit featuring work from the Epiphany Youth! Youth are invited to bring up to three pieces of artwork in any medium. Funds will be split 50% to the artist / 50% to the Youth Group fund. All submissions are due by Tuesday, March 15. For questions, contact Liefy Smith or Page Love Smith.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Pilgrimage to Camp Mikell**—June and July

This year, our youth pilgrimage takes a new shape as students are invited to attend Camp Mikell's Intermediate Camp (June 16–22 for rising 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> graders) and Work Camp (July 12–18 for rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders through recent graduates). Money raised during youth fundraisers in the coming months will help offset registration costs, and we will travel together to and from Toccoa. Taylor will join students for check-ins and some evening meals. Visit [campmikell.com](http://campmikell.com) to register and experience the Mikell magic this summer!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | **Vacation Bible School**—June 27, July 11, July 25

This year's VBS will take a new shape! Families with children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to gather for three Saturdays this summer for a shared experience of storytelling, service, and Sacrament. Join us on June 27, July 11, and July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information about youth counselors and adult volunteer opportunities.

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