



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

February 2, 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.



We are passing the plate, but if you would prefer to virtually pass the plate today, use your phone's camera to 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 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.

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The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Today we will celebrate The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, sometimes called Candlemas. This feast commemorates when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem where he was greeted by Simeon and Anna, 40 days after his birth. The Feast of the Presentation is one of the oldest feast days from the ancient Christian Church, dating back to at least the fourth century and it is customary on Candlemas to bless candles for the coming year. The candlelight is an outward and visible sign of Christ who illumines our heart and inner being.

Candlemas represents the final epiphany where Jesus is revealed as the “light for revelation to the Gentiles” and the whole world. Some Christians around the world consider this the end of the Christmas season and wait to put the last of their decorations away and burn their Christmas greenery on Candlemas.

St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) offers a beautiful and insightful reflection on lighting candles: “The candles which you light reveal to you the intelligible light. Just as the church, that house of great beauty, is full of light from many candles, so the house of your soul, which is more precious than that church, should be illumined and full of light in a noetic sense – that is to say, that within you all the spiritual virtues should burn with divine fire... The multitude of burning lamps signify the illumined thoughts which should shine within you like lamps, so that there should be no dark thought in the house of your soul, but that all should be aflame and shining with the light of the Holy Spirit.”

*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 Old 120th

David Thorne

Children are invited to gather by the Children's Chapel Cross to take part in the procession

The People stand

The Celebrant greets the people with these words

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The following canticle is said, during which the candles are lighted.

Celebrant A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

People **A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised.

People **A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

People **A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**

The Celebrant then says the following prayer

Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon and Anna your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn 93—Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square

Antiphon

Celebrant We have waited on your loving kindness, O Lord,

People **in the midst of your temple.**

Psalm 48:1-2,10-13—Spoken by all

Magnus Dominus

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

Antiphon

Celebrant We have waited on your loving kindness, O Lord,

People **in the midst of your temple.**

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, 7. 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.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight~ indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84—Sung by all

Robert Knox Kennedy

Quam dilecta!



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of / **hosts!** *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / **God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / **young;** *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my / **God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your / **house!** *
they will always be / **praising you.**
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in / **you!** *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / **way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / **springs,** *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of / **water.**
- 6 They will climb from height to / **height,** *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in / **Zion.**
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my / **prayer;** *
hearken, O God of / **Jacob.**
- 8 Behold our defender, O / **God;** *
and look upon the face of your / **Anointed.**
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own / **room,** *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the / **wicked.**
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and / **shield;** *
he will give grace and / **glory;**
- 11 No good thing will the LORD with-/**hold** *
from those who walk with in-/**tegrity.**
- 12 O LORD of / **hosts,** *
happy are they who put their trust in / **you!**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 259—Hail to the Lord who comes

Old 120th

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed— and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Taylor Irwin

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 Epiphany

As we celebrate the manifestation of God's love to all nations, with confidence let us bring our petitions to God's altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For God's people throughout the world, especially for those in positions of leadership and authority, that they might spread the good news of God's indiscriminate love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For each other, the people of God gathered in this place, that we might always proclaim with our lives the praise of the Lord and so be channels of the call to God's promise and plan, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters and siblings, that together we might see in the star of Bethlehem not a symbol of division but a call to reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all victims of prejudice and discrimination, that the light of Christ might shine as a beacon in the world's darkness; and for gifts of healing and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our siblings in need; for the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the abandoned; for the sick and the dying, that they might find hope and courage in the open arms of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, 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—The song of Simeon

Orlando de Lassus

Epiphany Choir

Lord, let thy servant now depart in peace and joy and meet oblation; thy word is hidden in my heart, mine eyes have seen thy salvation. To be a light to nations shining, and to thy people Israel, glory, honor, praise combining, "God with us," Emmanuel. Glory to the Father and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost sing praises, while timeless ages ever run, world without end, Amen.

Presentation Hymn 7—Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven 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,

The Lord's Prayer—traditional language

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S163—Lamb of God

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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 277—Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

Raquel

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 657—Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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: Bruce & Ann Fort • Joey Saavedra • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Lindsey Mitchell • Linda Ryder-Wolf • Mary Katharine Williamson • Judy Jarady • John Wyman • Pam Hall • Jerry Wall (husband of Lucy Davidson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Brandon Laird • Anne Warner • Eric Olson • Francis Lee • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Beth Towers • Sally Brockington

For those awaiting the birth of a child: Bekka and Freyja DePew

For friends and family: Gloria Davis, mother of Jeremy Davis • Sullivan Sears, friends of Kim Finnegan • The Rev. Laura Bryant, former Associate Rector • 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 • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those who have died: Chris Belcore, brother of Barbara Belcore

For all those serving in the armed forces, especially: Stewart Mundy

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 2/2-8: Nancy McCord • Charity McDaniel • Susan Moody • Ripley Prikkel • Carol Moser • Jim Rabb • Lindsay King • Susan Bridges • Sharon Burrow

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For racial justice: For the night freeze shelter volunteers offering hospitality at St. John's Lutheran Church and the unhoused guests from Mercy Community Church on the coldest nights.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: The groundhog — our furry friend, who may stick his head out and see his shadow.

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.

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

Join the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright and the Rev. Carmie McDonald for part two of the three-part adult formation series, "Returning to our Roots." We will explore our Anglican/Episcopal identity including our history and governance, theology, sacraments, and spirituality. This series also serves as the formation needed for adult confirmation. Please contact Carmie for more information.

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

- Godly Play—Ages 3 - 3rd grade, Room 203
- Youth Formation - 4th - 8th Grade, Donut Den
- High School Coffee Hour - 9th - 12th Grade, Room 201

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **ICM—Write a letter to help Georgia's Children**

Today is the deadline to "mail" a letter in mailbox in the Gallery as part of Epiphany's participation in the Interfaith Children's Movement's (ICM) "Have a Heart" letter writing campaign. Details about how and why to write a letter or two can be found at the "Have a Heart" in the gallery. Contact Kay Lee with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**—*today at 5:30 p.m. • Holy Trinity Parish*

Youth group meets tonight, 5:30–8:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity for dinner and a movie! We'll watch Cabrini, the story of a missionary who used her entrepreneurial skills to build an "empire of hope" for orphans and immigrants in 1890s New York.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**—*now showing for the month of February*

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes art made from recycled materials by Carol Veliotis for the month of February. The items she uses are collected from her daily walks. 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 the memory of Audrey Banfield, by Michele & Rod MacLeod, and in thanksgiving for the Society of St. Anna the Prophet by the sisters of the SSAP.

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. Dates through the end of 2025 have been posted.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Annual "Walk in Love" Shoe Drive**

Now thru 2/14—Epiphany's Youth are collecting new athletic shoes to support our friends at Church of the Common Ground through our annual "Walk in Love" Shoe Drive. You can help by donating NEW women's and men's shoes, especially men's sizes 10-13. Please bring donations to the church by February 14 and contact Taylor Irwin or Suzanne Yoder if you have questions.

NOTICE | Endowment Grant Submission Period NOW OPEN

Now through 2/26—Endowment Fund Grant Applications are available online from the homepage 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 26, 2025.

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

2/4—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. Log into Realm to contact John Yntema with any questions.

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

This is the first day of rehearsal in 2025. New members are welcome! Please register your student at epiphany.org/rsvp.

- 2/4—Beginning Choristers (pre-K - 2nd grade) meet from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- 2/4—Junior Choir (3rd grade-unchanged voices) meet from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

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

2/4—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. Questions? Log into Realm to contact Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

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

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

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

2/6—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 GROUP | Fireside Sit & Sip

2/6—This group, for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s, will next gather on Thursday, February 6 around the indoor fireplace at the home of Amy Dills-Wright. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Questions? Use Realm to contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Parent Feedback Sessions—February 9 & 11 at 5:00 p.m.

2/9 & 11—Parents are invited to join the Rev. Carmie McDonald and Taylor Irwin to discuss their experience with children and youth programming at Epiphany. Please join us to share your thoughts, ask questions, and connect with others on the parenting journey! A session for parents of youth will be held February 9 during youth group and parents of younger children will meet February 11 during choir rehearsals before our Family Eucharist. Please contact Taylor at tirwin@epiphany.org with questions.

PARISH GROUPS | Young Adults Group—Super Bowl Watch Party

2/9—The Young Adults Group will gather for the Big Game at the Geigers—a Super Bowl watch party—on Sunday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. Please see Jacob or Keri Geiger at church, or text or call one of them, if you need the address.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | ICM—Day at the Georgia State Capital

2/11—The Interfaith Children's Movement (ICM) invites Epiphanites to its Day at the Georgia State Capital on Tuesday, February 11. ICM will deliver Epiphany's "Have a Heart" letters along with those of many other faith communities. The day includes an advocacy workshop, lunch, and an opportunity to speak out on key challenges facing children and families across Georgia. The program is geared for both youth (ages 11+) and adults. ICM supplies letters for use for school absences. The link to register and for more information is at epiphany.org/rsvp.

WORSHIP | Family Eucharist Service & Service Project—all activities in the parish hall

2/11—Join us for a Family Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. if you'd like to eat pizza together, or come at 5:00 p.m. to take part in the Family Service Project. RSVP for the pizza at epiphany.org/rsvp.

DIOCESE | **Feast of Absalom Jones Service**—St. Bartholomew's Church, Atlanta • 3:00 p.m.

2/15—The Union of Black Episcopalians in Atlanta invites all to participate in a service commemorating the life and witness of Absalom Jones on Saturday, February 15, 2024, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Atlanta, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown, preacher. For more information or to carpool, contact Katharine Hilliard-Yntema or Suzanne Yoder.

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

2/27—The next Chez Epiphany Cooking Class with Joel Fowler will be Thursday, February 27 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The topic for this session is Pasta Making! We'll make fresh pasta using rolling machines and rolling pins, and then, of course, cook and eat what we've made. No previous experience is needed. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes the class and the dinner we have together from what we cook

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

FORMATION | **Contemplative Practice**—join us in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

2/9—Come gather with us on second Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson, Elizabeth Ura and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright at adillswright@epiphany.org with questions.

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

2/10—The Epiphany Book Group meets on second Mondays at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for titles and location. All are welcome. Log into Realm to contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions. Book Selections: February 10: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey (Zoom); March 10: *Soil* by Camille Dungy (Epiphany)

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

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

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

2/12-14—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

2/14—Epiphany's Caregiver Group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:45 a.m. on Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist, and by parishioner Anne Bucey, a trained spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson.

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

2/19—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 Mondays of the month • parish hall

2/24—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 login to Realm to contact Ann Fowler.

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