



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026 ✩ 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*

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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 Crucifer

Rebecca Groom te Velde

Processional Hymn 473—Lift high the cross

Crucifer

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD. With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15—Sung by the Choir

Thomas Atwood

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Lesson

I Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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 571—All who love and serve your city

Charlestown

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A period of silence is kept

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

The Nicene Creed—Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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

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

The Prayers of the People 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—Blessed are the pure in heart

H. Walford Davies

Epiphany Choir

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God: the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Presentation Hymn 605—What does the Lord require

Sharphorne

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

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The top staff features a soprano vocal line, the middle staff an alto vocal line, and the bottom staff a basso continuo line. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the corresponding vocal parts. The score is in three systems, each ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer 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 Motet—Simple Gifts

Shaker Tune, Arr. Robert Lehman

Epiphany Choir

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gain'd, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Communion Hymn 656—Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

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 557—Rejoice, ye pure in heart (verses 1-5)

Vineyard Haven

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—Simple Gifts

Shaker tune, arr. Jon Spong

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for the Society of St. Anna the Prophet by the sisters of the SSAP, and in memory of Audrey Banfield, by Rod & Michele MacLeod.

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.

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: 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 • Joey, sister of Evelyn Stewart • Joan Siefker, mother of John Wierwille • Claiborne Jones • Nancy Hopkinson, mother of Susan & Jarrod Moody and grandmother of Jordan & Jessica • 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 • Bill Foege, friend of Nancy Thompson • Anita Crosby, friend of Craig McDonald and Carlos Quiroz

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 2/1-7: Linda Parisi • Nancy McCord • Charity Terrell • Susan Moody • Ripley Prikkel • Carol Moser • Mary Braswell • Jim Rabb • Lindsay King

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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Art Ministry—Today Only!

FOR TODAY ONLY, Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes "Loud Italians Jewelry" by local artist Kim Arenas. Visit the display of resin earrings in the gallery. Remember, 25% of all sales benefit Epiphany.

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

2/1—Bible & Poverty: This series explores biblical views on and responses to material poverty. We are examining the causes and dimensions of economic inequality in the biblical world and how that reality is addressed by various parts of Scripture, from the Law and Prophets to the Gospels and Epistles. In addition, we are considering the nature and scope of the problem 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. **Remaining Sessions:** 2/1 & 2/8.

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

Children 3 years old through 2nd grade will meet for Godly Play in Room 206. The rest of the children and youth will take part in the Acolyte Training in the nave.

WORSHIP | Acolyte Training—Sunday, February 1 at 11:30 a.m. • nave

2/1—On February 1, during formation hour, all acolytes are encouraged to attend acolyte training with Cecilia & Tom Democko. This training is a great chance to review an acolyte's roles during the service and to connect

with those you serve with. For details, or if you are an adult or youth who would like to join this ministry, contact Cecilia Democko.

Provide donuts for Youth Formation: Help sweeten up Sunday mornings for our youth by bringing one dozen donuts to the lower-level classroom (Donut Den) before 11:30 a.m. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp if you would like to take a turn to provide the donuts.

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

This Sunday our youth group event will be youth group dinner with Holy Trinity Parish (HTP). We will meet at HTP at 5:00 p.m. to walk to dinner in downtown Decatur. Pick up is at 6:30 p.m. Please bring \$15-\$20 (cash preferred). **Next Sunday—Super Bowl Sunday 2/8:** 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.

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.

NOTICE | Epiphany Endowment Grant Submission Period is NOW OPEN!

Applications for the Epiphany Endowment Grant are available online at 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 GROUP | Men's Breakfast Group—Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service

2/3—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.

MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth Resume—Tuesday, February 3

Choir rehearsals for Children & Youth will resume on Tuesday, February 3. Times are listed below. New members are welcome! If you have not done so already, please register your child for choir. The link can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp.

- 2/3—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.
- 2/3—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

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

2/3—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.

MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth—Wednesdays

- 2/4—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 2/4—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*

2/5—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 contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group—six-week book study Thursdays beginning 2/5 • *Room 201*

2/5—The Contemplative Book Group will begin a new study on February 5 at 11:00 a.m. on the book *A Midwinter God: Encountering the Divine in Seasons of Darkness* by Christine Valters Paintner. This book study will run for six weeks. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

2/5—The Fireside Sit and Sip at Epiphany 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 with other women on the journey. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, February 5 at

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UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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), and 6:15 p.m. for the start of the service.

WORSHIP | Absalom Jones Service—*Holy Trinity Parish*

2/15—Join the Union of Black Episcopalians, Atlanta Chapter, on February 15 at 3p 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.

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 or read the most recent edition of the *Friday eNews*.

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. Youth interested in helping cook should reach out to Taylor Irwin / 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.

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* 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.

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.

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.

LENT PRACTICES - February 22 through March 22

GIVING | United thank Offering (UTO)—make a practice of thank offerings during Lent

In 1889, two Episcopal women envisioned a way to collect small thank offerings in homes as a personal expression of gratitude. Today, UTO contributions from Episcopalians around the world support more than 5,300 Episcopal missions and ministries. UTO boxes/envelopes are in the Gallery. Make checks out to The Episcopal Church Women, noting UTO in the memo. Ingathering will be Sunday, April 12, but checks can be made out to the ECW anytime between now and April 12.

DEVOTIONALS | From Living Compass—free in the gallery, limited supply

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

MEDITATIONS | From Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)—free online

This year, Episcopal Relief & Development is offering Lenten Meditations with spiritual reflections from author and TikTok influencer Sister Monica Clare, on the holy habits that bring us closer to God. Visit episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/ to sign up for daily meditation emails, read them online, or download their booklet.

THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION is available during the season of Lent. This rite, also known as confession, invites the confession of sin to God in the presence of a priest, followed by the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution. Contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright at adillswright@epiphany.org or the Rev. Carmie McDonald at cmcdonald@epiphany.org if you would like to schedule a time for this sacramental rite.

PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

PARISH GROUPS | Social Justice Action Group—virtual group

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

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

2/8—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 and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact Amy if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group—2nd 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 GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd 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.

PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Support Group—2nd 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.

FORMATION | Epiphany Earth & Soul—3rd 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.

PARISH GROUPS | The Munch Bunch—3rd 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. Contact: Jeanette Hanson.

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

2/23—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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—40 words or less— are due by NOON on Wednesdays. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to parishadmin@epiphany.org.