

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: Adagio J. Bennett

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Announcements

Processional Hymn: 408 Sing praise to God

Gloria: Glory to God Hymnal S 280

The Collect of the Day Bulletin Insert

Please be seated for the readings

The First Reading Amos 8:4-7

Psalm Psalm 113

The Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Please stand as you are able

Sequence Hymn: 601 O day of God, draw nigh

The Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Please be seated

The Sermon Mtr. Kristin

Please stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed Prayer Book 358

Prayers of the People Form 1 Prayer Book 383

The Confession of Sin and Absolution Prayer Book 360

Please stand as you are able

The Peace Prayer Book 360

The Holy Communion

Prayer Book 361 Eucharistic Prayer A

The Offertory

Anthem: Christ Hath a Garden G. Near

Presentation of Gifts (sung by all) Hymnal 380 vs. 3

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 128

The people stand or kneel

The Breaking of the Bread Prayer Book 364

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNICATION CARD

September 18, 2022

Welcome! You have blessed us with your presence. Please tell us how we can best serve you by completing the Communication Card.

Please place in the offering basket, hand it to an usher, or place on the table in the vestibule.

- I'm looking for a church home
- I'd like to speak with a clergy member
- I'm ready to become a member
- I'm just visiting today

Name & Address Please update

Phone _____

Email _____

Children's names and ages

Please give me more information about:

- Children's / Youth Programs
- Social events
- Outreach opportunities
- Classes and Small Group Studies
- Baptism or Confirmation
- How I can get involved

How did you hear about Epiphany?

(over)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

New to the Prayer List: Chris Tignor; Billy Callahan—friend of Karen Holden



Parishioners: Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Fran LaVigne, Buddy Dunn, Milton Jenkins, David Skinner, Chip Dunn, Herb Williams, Marion Magruder, Martha Jenkins, George Baynes

Homebound: Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Charlotte Lovelace, Joyce Melton, Ina Stickel, Betty Van Valkenburg, and Irene Morris

Family & Friends: Joyce Matchunis—Irene Morris' daughter-in-law, Dave Schulte—friend of Wayne & Lucy Whitlock, Nancy Baynes Rojas—daughter of George & Joy Baynes, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Buster & Janet Magruder—Marion Magruder's son & daughter-in-law, Carolyn Hall—friend of Kathy Jimerson, Lynn Selfe—friend of Gray & Frosine Corbett, Deb—cousin of Jeri Anne Townley, David Thabet, Elizabeth Mickel,—relatives of Denise Russell and Sandy Ruder, Christian Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Easton Guyer—Cheryl Lineberry's grandson, Mike Marcial—friend of Cory Isemann, Kelly & Steve Schaaf, Emily, Stephen Bruke—son of Scott Blackwell's friend, Karen Rood—Jeri Anne Townley's sister, Melissa Matthews—friend of Kim Ludwig, Jack Nance, friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Judy Watson—Martha Jenkins niece & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's cousin, Janie Dunnlevy—friend of Lucy & Wayne

Prayers for the departed: Rev. Adam Nygren—friend of Mtr. Kristin

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Today's Ministers

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Weekly Worship

Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

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Lessons: Crystal Sarvay

Prayers of the People: Crystal Sarvay

Sun. School Helper: Rejoice Pita

Altar Guild: Lucy Whitlock, Cheryl Lineberry, Ann Poates

Coffee Hour:

Counters: Kim Ludwig, Denise Russell

The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022



Welcome—we are glad you are here! Know that whoever you are, and where ever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place here. If you are new, or haven't yet given us your contact information, please complete the attached communication card and place it in the plate so that you can learn more about Epiphany's community.

Introducing the Lessons

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The Hebrew prophetic lesson is a judgment on social injustice and religious hypocrisy. During celebrations like the New Moon and Sabbaths, no work was allowed. Yet traders were so full of greed that they only mechanically observed the festivals and could not wait for them to be over so that they might again swindle the poor. Such offenses are also sins against the Lord, and will not be forgotten.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

In this lesson disciples are called upon to pray for all, including political rulers, so that Christians may lead peaceable and moral lives. It is God's will that everyone should find salvation. Jesus is the mediator between the one God and humanity; he has sacrificed himself for the freedom of all. Paul has been appointed an apostle to make his saving work know to the Gentiles. During this period the newborn Christian movement was a tiny part of society and Christians felt that they needed peaceful conditions to spread the gospel. They usually took a positive view of the functions of the state in maintaining peace and justice.

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Our gospel is the story of the steward who, when dismissed for mismanagement, showed himself to be very shrewd. This is followed by teaching about Mammon, that is, worldly wealth. The joke would be on us if we fastened on the details of the story. The man's obviously dishonest behavior forces us to look more deeply for what is admirable about him—his readiness to face up to reality, together with his unquenchable hopefulness in the face of calamity. This is to be the attitude of Jesus' followers as the kingdom with its time of challenge and judgment approaches. The teaching on money suggests that disciples must know its significance, while never serving it.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. Sept. 18th

8:15 am—Holy Eucharist
10:30am—Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

Tue. Sept. 20th

6:00 pm —Vestry Mtg.
7:00 pm—JRRingers

Wed. Sept. 21st

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm—Bible Study begins

Thur. Sept. 22nd

6:15pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm—Handbell Rehearsal

Fri. Sept. 23rd

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

Sat. Sept. 24th

8—12:30 —JRRingers—workshop
3:00 pm—Jan Lawrence Funeral

Sun. Sept. 25th

8:15 am—Holy Eucharist
10:30am—Holy Eucharist

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

LAMB's Basket has asked for the following items to fill some bare spots on their shelves: **cereal and canned vegetables!** Of course, all other food items are always welcome—let's help our neighbors and keep those shelves stocked.

Don't forget to **sign-up for Coffee Hour** on the board outside the kitchen!

To the Congregation of Epiphany: Ellie & David Tuck would like to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy after the passing of his sister, Linda Tuck Stansell. They especially appreciate the attention Mtr. Kristin gave to Linda during her final days, and for the hard work and abundance of food provided by the ladies of the church at the reception. Epiphany has always been there in their lives.

Please wear your name tags! If you need a new name tag please let me know in the office so I can make one for you. Thanks!

From the kitchen: Thank you to all who helped with our first Second Sunday Lunch, especially Karen, Rand and Frosine. Due to the Blessing of the Animals our next Second Sunday Lunch will be on the third Sunday in October. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming lunches and kitchen events.

Oct. 16: Taco Bar
Nov. 20: Baked Potato Bar
Dec. 11: Soup & Bread
Jan. 8: Church Pot Luck

Also, a huge thank you to Karen & Randy Holden for the new kitchen trash cans.

Mark your Calendars: Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, October 9 in the outdoor chapel, weather permitting.

Attendance: September 11, 2022
8:15 am 5
10:30 am 50

Outreach Opportunities



On September 17th, the diaper ministry held the most recent diaper distribution. There have been between 35 and 60 families in attendance, with new families continually attending. The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12:00 noon. Through this inspiring ministry, we continue to share God's love and develop relationships within our community. Our next diaper distribution day is on **October 15th**. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. If anyone would like to donate diapers, sizes 4 through 6 continue to be the greatest need.

Recently the Henrico County, St. Mary's Hospital School of Practical Nursing, PN2 students held a diaper drive and collected 78 packages of diapers to donate to our ministry. A big THANK YOU to them! If anyone is interested in holding their own diaper drive for their club, company or for any other purpose, I would be happy to help set that up, there is also a poster that can be printed off the church website that can be filled out to suit your needs and used for this purpose. Additionally, thank you to everyone who continues to donate diapers and wipes. Please, contact Crystal Sarvay if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions at epiphanyrvparishnurse@gmail.com.

Homeless Lunch Ministry: A copy of the **homeless lunch** schedule is available on the bulletin board in the parish hallway if anyone would like a copy. If anyone is interested in participating in this ministry, all are welcome! Contact Mary Sam Abernathy (msabernathy88@gmail.com) or the team lead for the team you are interested in helping. The next scheduled lunches are set to be prepared and delivered on **October 1st by the Green Team**. The Vestry recently prepared and delivered lunches on September 3rd. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry. If anyone would like to make **donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and napkins, they can be dropped off at the church office**. Additionally, if you have further questions or concerns, I am always available to answer any questions. Crystal Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator (crystalsarvay@gmail.com)

Outreach opportunities are posted on the outreach bulletin board in the parish hallway outside of the nursery. Please check regularly for updates. Thank you so much for all that you do!

Care Notes Corner



The parish nurse ministry continues to promote a healthier faith community through spiritual support and healthy life choices, while supporting ministries already in place within the church. If there are any special needs that can be accommodated through the parish nurse ministry, please contact Crystal Sarvay, MSN., RN at epiphanyrvparishnurse@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATION CARD

September 18, 2022

Our Communication Card is for **all people at The Church of the Epiphany** so that you can share your thoughts and prayers, and request information.

If you are new, please complete the opposite side so we also have your contact information.

I'd like more information about an upcoming event or program

I am RSVPing or signing up for:

I am interested in learning more about how to be part of the following ministries or programs:

- Music
- Altar Guild
- Office help
- Christian Ed
- Outreach
- Ushers
- Chalice Bearer
- Greeters
- Pastoral Care
- Readers
- Prayer Team
- _____

Prayer Requests / Comments