

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

If this is your first time with us, welcome! We kindly request that you please wear a mask while in the building. Please be mindful of where people are seated and consider sitting with a more even distribution throughout the pews. Thank you for doing your part in keeping the church safe.

Prelude: O little Town of Bethlehem D. Cherwien

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Processional Hymn 74 Blest be the King whose coming

Trisagion: Holy God (Sing 3 times) Hymnal S 102

The Collect of the Day Bulletin Insert

Please be seated for the readings

The First Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

The Epistle Hebrews 10:5-10

Please stand if you are able

Sequence Hymn: 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel (stz. 1 - 4)

The Gospel Luke 1:39-55

Please be seated

The Sermon Father Andrew Reinholz

Please stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed Prayer Book 358

Prayers of the People Form V Prayer Book 389

Please kneel as you are able

The Confession of Sin and Absolution Prayer Book 360

Please stand as you are able

The Peace Prayer Book 360

During this time, share as you, and others, are comfortable

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Prayer Book 361 Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 129

The people stand or kneel

The Breaking of the Bread Prayer Book 364

The bread will be distributed from the bottom of the altar steps. Please follow the usher's guidance. All baptized Christians are invited to receive. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward, or are joining the service virtually, you may use this prayer for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

**On the Calendar
and Coming up**

Sunday Dec. 19th
10:30 am—**Sunday School**
10:30 am—**Holy Eucharist**

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

Wed. Dec. 22nd
12:00 noon—On Line Noon Day Prayers which can be found on our FaceBook page.

Fri. Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve
4:00 pm — Holy Eucharist
10:30 pm—Holy Eucharist

Sat. Dec. 25th
Merry Christmas!

Sunday Dec. 26th
10:30 am —**Sunday School**
10:30 am—**Holy Eucharist**

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by George & Suzanne Elmore in memory of her parents, Jesse & Margaret Cook.

Flowers: We have started back with putting flowers on the altar each Sunday. The cost is \$37.00. Please email me or call the office and let me know if anyone is interested in a special Sunday.

Poinsettias for Christmas! Time to place your order for a poinsettia to help decorate the church. Please give me who they are in memory of or in thanksgiving for. Cost is \$15.00. Deadline to order Poinsettias is Monday, December 20.

Christmas Eve services will be in person this year. The earlier family service at 4 pm will include a nativity storytime for the children with Father Andrew in place of a sermon. The later "midnight mass" will be at 10:30 pm.

Mark your Calendar—Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson will be visiting us on January 9, 2022. If you have any questions about baptism or reaffirmation of faith, please speak with Father Andrew.

The annual parish meeting will be held on January 16, 2022 immediately after the 10:30 am service. Chairman of the different committee's need to get your year ending report to the office by Monday, January 10th.

Attendance: December 12, 2021

10:30 am 50

Opportunities to Serve



On December 18th, the parish held the most recent diaper distribution. The diaper ministry continues to observe the CDC guidelines set regarding social distancing and have been excited that opportunities for volunteers are again extended. This is a wonderful ministry and offers our parish the opportunity to demonstrate God's love to our community, for which the community continues to appreciate.

The diaper ministry continues to be held the third Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 noon. The next diaper ministry is scheduled for **January 15, 2022**. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact Crystal Sarvay at epiphanyrvaparishnurse@gmail.com. Thank you do everyone who continues to donate diapers and wipes to support the ministry. If anyone would like to donate diapers or wipes, you may drop them off at the church office or let Crystal Sarvay know and she would be happy to pick them up. Currently, sizes 4 through 6 are of the greatest need. Thank you all so much for your continued support of this ministry.



The Influenza Vaccine

Those who are considering their Flu vaccine this year are encouraged to schedule their vaccine as soon as possible. Typically, the influenza virus is most common in the U.S. during the late fall season through the early spring (CDC, 2021). The vaccine can provide protection for those ages 6 months on up, however discussing with your primary care provider is recommended prior to receiving any vaccine. Flu vaccines can be scheduled through your pharmacy or your physician's office in most cases. In most cases the Flu vaccine can be scheduled simultaneously with the COVID vaccine, however, check with your primary care provider or pharmacist for further details regarding your personal health situation. Additional information regarding receiving the flu vaccine during the pandemic can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html>.

The parish nurse ministry continues to promote a healthier faith community through spiritual support and healthier 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 epiphanyrvaparishnurse@gmail.com

COMMUNICATION CARD

December 19, 2021

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Prayer Requests / Comments

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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: Blake & Karen Sheppard —daughter & son-in-law of Wayne & Lucy Whitlock



Parishioners: Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Irene Morris, Jan Lawrence, Fran LaVigne, Buddy Dunn, Milton Jenkins, David Skinner, Chip Dunn, Herb Williams, Marion Magruder, Martha Jenkins

Homebound: Sarah Fore, Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Charlotte Lovelace, Connie Neal, Ina Stickel

Family & Friends: Dave Holsapple—Stacy Mitchells friend, Joyce Matchunis—Irene Morris' daughter-in-law, Mydina Thabet, David Thabet—cousins of Denise Russell and Sandy Ruder, Dave Schulte—friend of Wayne & Lucy Whitlock, Nancy Baynes Rojas—daughter of George & Joy Baynes, Kim Hyatt—Chris Tignor's sister, Mark Tignor—Chris Tignor's brother, Susan Williams and Jack Reeves—friends of Karen Holden, Randall Fegley—Father Andrew's step- father, Linda Stansell—David Tuck's sister, Karen Rood—Jeri Townley's sister, Lisa & Johnny Hensen—friends of Cheryl Lineberry, Ellie Tuck's nephew, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Buster & Janet Magruder—Marion Magruder's son & daughter-in-law

Prayers for the departed:

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Today's Ministers

10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist

Weekly Worship

Usher: Kim Ruder

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Acolytes: Camryn Whittlesey, Kiden Kenyi

Wednesday at noon: On Line Noon Day Prayers found on Facebook

Lessons: Crystal Sarvay

Father Andrew Reinholz
Rector

Prayers: Crystal Sarvay

Phone: 610 -780-1420 (cell)

Sun. School Helper: Stephanie Norris

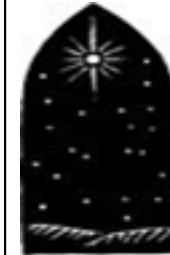
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Counters: Gray Corbett, Lucy Whitlock

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**The Church of the Epiphany
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

December 19, 2021

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: Micah 5:2-5a

Our opening lesson presents an ancient prophecy which foresees the day when a new ruler shall come forth for Israel out of David's city of Bethlehem in Ephrathah. The prophetic poem looks forward to the restoration of the Davidic dynasty after a time of hardship. In the Lord's strength the ruler will be like a shepherd to his people, and his dominion will be great. The early church heard the prophet's words as an oracle concerning Jesus.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

This New Testament reading describes the purpose of Jesus' coming into the world—to make an offering in his body for our sanctification. The opening words are taken from the fortieth Psalm. Repeated ritual sacrifices are of no delight to God in comparison with the once and for all offering which Jesus made in obedience to God's will. So does Jesus cancel the rule of the law, on which ritual sacrifices were based, and establish a new kind of obedience.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

The gospel tells of Mary's visit to her kinswoman Elizabeth, and this humble woman's song of thanksgiving to the savior God who has called her to be the mother of the Lord. Elizabeth is herself pregnant with a child who will be John the Baptist. Even in her womb this baby is joyful in Mary's presence. All generations will call Mary blessed by the just and merciful God.

Communion Anthem

Postcommunion Prayer

Prayer Book 365

A Blessing

We ask that you please wear a mask if you wish to join in the singing

Recessional Hymn 438 Tell out, my soul,

Dismissal

Postlude: Savior of the Nations, Come J. Buttstedt

The Rev. Andrew Reinholz, Rector
Mrs. Anita Williams, Music Director
Mrs. Lucy Whitlock, Parish Administrator
Mr. Timon Kenyi, Sexton

The Vestry

Carol Cullinan, Senior Warden
Herb Williams, Junior Warden
Marty Shephard, Treasurer
Gray Corbett, Register
Dwight Ludwig, Becky Card, Cory Isemann,
Stacy Mitchell, John Sarvay, John Norris

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10:30 am

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