

# Church of the Epiphany

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

according to

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

### Rite II

and The Hymnal, 1982

*Welcome to the Church of the Epiphany. The Anglican tradition values common prayer. Praying together shapes our faith, binds us together, and helps us grow closer to God. We invite you to pray with us today. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 (the red book). Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal, 1982 (the blue book). Hymns noted with an S are Service Music and are located in the frontmost section of The Hymnal.*

*The half-hour before the Mass is a time of quiet prayer and preparation.  
Please wait quietly for the service to begin.*

*Please silence or turn off your electronic devices.*

Prelude: Thou, Whose Almighty Word – F. Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

THE ENTRANCE RITE

BCP 355

*All stand for the entrance procession*

Hymn: 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

*The people standing, the Celebrant joins the people in facing the altar and says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.*

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.*

*The Gloria in Excelsis is sung by all, standing*

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant faces the altar and says the Collect.*

BCP 214

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of  
the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and  
Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he  
may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP 357

*All sit for the Readings.*

*Reader* A Reading from 1 Samuel [3:1-20]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he

did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence.*

### *Directions for Reciting the Psalter*

*The Psalm is read Responsively, the minister alternating with the congregation, verse by verse. An asterisk divides each verse into two parts. In reading, a distinct pause should be made at the asterisk. The pause is long enough to take a breath as one silently says the Name of Jesus. Commas in Psalms are not observed with a pause; a pause is observed at semi-colons. The Psalms are best able to be said when the readers both lower the pitch and volume of their voice.*

BCP 583

*Reader* The Psalm for today is a portion of  
Psalm 139, *Domine, probasti*  
We will read responsively  
by whole verse, pausing at the asterisks.

BCP 620

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \* *(pause)*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places \***  
*(pause)*

**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* *(pause)*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before \* *(pause)*  
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* *(pause)*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \* *(pause)*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
*(pause)*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**14 My body was not hidden from you, \* *(pause)*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the  
womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \* *(pause)*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \* *(pause)*  
how great is the sum of them!**

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in  
number than the sand; \* *(pause)*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be  
like yours.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said by All*

THE GLORIA PATRI

BCP 406

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Reader* A Reading from 1 Corinthians [6:12-20]

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial.  
“All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by  
anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for

food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence.*

*The people stand for the Gospel procession*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Tune: Hymn 559.

Words: Hymn 122 v. 1 as follows:

**Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever raised by choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.** *Repeat.*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to John [1:43-51].

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Fr. Fred Huntington

*Silence.*

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts, there follows, all standing, said by all*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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  
Planning for Rites and Rituals, Year B

*Prayer is offered with intercession for The Universal Church, its members, and its mission; The Nation and all in authority; The welfare of the world; The concerns of the local community; Those who suffer and those in any trouble; The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate).*

*The Celebrant may introduce the Prayers with a sentence of invitation related to the occasion, or the season, or the Proper of the Day.*

*The Intercessor and people pray responsively*

*Celebrant* Let us offer prayers and intercessions to the God who knows us completely and calls us to follow him, saying, “Christ have mercy.”

*Intercessor* We pray for this congregation, Kristin, our priest, Mark, our Bishop, and Michael, our Presiding Bishop.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**



*Intercessor* For all public officials who dedicate their service to making our communities safe, tolerant and compassionate.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the work of justice and racial reconciliation; for Martin Luther King, Jr. and all those who have given of themselves and who have sacrificed their lives on behalf of the marginalized and the oppressed.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all those in this world experiencing oppression, poverty, and isolation.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the concerns of this congregation; for those needing care, employment, or healed relationships.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For those needing healing and all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For those we love but see no longer and for all the departed. For those who mourn, that they may be consoled by your loving presence.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Intercessor* I invite any additional prayers, silently or aloud.

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

You have freed us from all domination and made us one body in your Spirit, O God: Give us childlike faith to listen to what you are speaking and to follow you in faith, through Jesus, Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

*A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

BCP 359

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel.*

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

**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 your Son 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.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and pronounces absolution.*

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

THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with some sentence of Scripture.  
During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

BCP 361

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our  
life and labor to the Lord.

*At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the Bread and Wine and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Epiphany's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a thank offering as the plate is passed. The offerings are then brought to the altar to be blessed by the priest.*

*The people sit*

Anthem: Star in the East – W. Pasch

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or celebrant.  
The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

BCP 361

Hymn 43 All praise to thee (v. 4)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
*Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*The people remain standing.  
The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S-124

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*     **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

BCP 364

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.*

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S-164

**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.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians who come seeking the Body and Blood of Christ, who earnestly repent of their sins, are in love and charity with their neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing from the priest. Indicate this at the rail by crossing both arms over your chest.*

*The Sacrament is celebrated using wheat bread and fermented grape wine.*

*We do not permit the practice of intincting the Holy Sacrament, or dipping the bread into the consecrated wine. If, for any reason, you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, please cross your arms as the minister approaches. Although we encourage reception in both kinds, the grace of God present in the Holy Sacrament is fully available in the Body or Blood alone.*

*You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. The consecrated Bread is received in the hand, the right hand laid flat and placed on top of the left. To receive the consecrated Wine, grasp only the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips.*

*If you would like Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.*

*If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

BCP 365

*Celebrant*           The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

*Communicant*       **Amen.**

*Celebrant*           The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

*Communicant*       **Amen.**

*The people join the choir in singing the hymns during Communion.*

Hymn WLP 812 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Taizé Chant. The Lord is my light.

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust.**

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust.**

CONCLUDING RITES

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant and People*

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

*The people stand for the blessing.*

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The people remain standing for the dismissal.*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 371    Thou, whose almighty word

Postlude: How Bright Appears the Morning Star – J.C. Bach



# An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism

## The Church

Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?

A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

- Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?  
A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.
- Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?  
A. The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson, D. Min. *h.c.*, Bishop Diocesan  
The Rev'd Kristin P. R. Wickersham, Priest-in-Charge  
The Rev'd Canon John F. Rice, D. Min., Retired Priest in Residence  
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Mrs. Anita Williams, Director of Music Ministries  
Mrs. Lucy Whitlock, Parish Administrator  
Mrs. Crystal Sarvay, R.N., Parish Nurse  
Mr. Timon Kenyi, Sexton  
Marty Shephard, Treasurer

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John Sarvay (Sr. Warden)  
Randy Holden (Jr. Warden)  
Jeri Townley (Register)  
Scott Blackwell, Gray Corbett, John Norris,  
Mirendy Smith, Billy Tucker

### Ministers

The ministers of the Church are all lay people, bishops, priests, and deacons.

**COMMUNICATION CARD**  
January 14, 2024

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

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children's names and ages**

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**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?**

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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**New to the Prayer List:** John Sarvay, Linda Whitlock —sister-in-law of Wayne & Lucy Whitlock 

**Parishioners:** Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Martha & Milton Jenkins, Fran LaVigne, Marion Magruder, Joyce Melton, Ina Stickel, Irene Morris, Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Shirley Hughson, Chris Tignor, Jeannie Riddick, Dottie Strabley, Oscar Aderholt

**Family & Friends:** Marie Patterson— Crystal Sarvay's mother, Jean Stone— John Stone's mother, Caitlin & Fr. Kyle Bomare & their family, for all those called up to Military Service in Israel, especially Adam, Evan, Jared, Omri—nephews of Joy Baynes' son-in-law, Brian, family of Frosine Corbett living in Jerusalem, Melanie Goodpasture— Carol McElhinney's daughter, Ed Morrow —friend of Bob & Kathy Jimerson, Rush Middleton—friend of Kim & Dwight Ludwig, Barbara Doty—friend of Susan Fenn, Karen Rood—sister of Jeri Townley, John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother,

**Prayers for the departed:**

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**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Today's Ministers**

**Weekly Worship**


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

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**Prayers of the People:** Florian Jones-Stamm  
**Chalice:** Florian Jones-Stamm  
**Sun. School Helper:** Cory Isemann  
**Altar Guild:** Karen & Randy Holden  
**Coffee Hour:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Luncheon  
**Counters:** Kim Ludwig, Denise Russell



# The Church of the Epiphany

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 14, 2024**

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 Lesson

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

In our opening lesson we hear how Samuel learns that the Lord is calling him to make him God's prophet. Three times the boy Samuel misunderstands and thinks that it is his mentor Eli summoning him during the night. Finally Eli realizes it must be the Lord, and tells Samuel to be ready. In the morning Samuel informs Eli of the punishment that is about to come upon his house. As Samuel grows, all Israel recognizes that he has been chosen by God to prophesy to the people.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

In this lesson Paul is required to criticize a misguided understanding of Christian freedom that has been adopted by some of the Corinthians. "All things are permitted me," is what some are saying, and evidently then interpreting their freedom in Christ to mean that they are so "spiritual" they can join with a prostitute without doing any harm. But our bodies, Paul contends, like all the rest of us, have now been dedicated to Christ. They are temples of the Holy Spirit through which we may glorify God.

The Gospel: John 1:43-51

Our gospel is the story of Philip and Nathaniel becoming disciples of Jesus. Nathaniel first doubts that the one whom Moses foretold could come from the virtually unknown town of Nazareth. But Jesus astounds Nathaniel by telling him what normal sight could not have disclosed. He then promises Nathaniel that he will have his own still greater vision, a heavenly revelation of the Son of Man as an intermediary between heaven and earth.

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite 1  
9:30 am Adult Forum & Sun. School  
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Fred Huntington is our Celebrant & Preacher this morning.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday luncheon

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

**Wed. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
No Bible Study

**Thur. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
No Chancel Choir or Handbell Rehearsals.

**Fri. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 pm — AA meeting in the parish hall

**Sat. Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
10—noon—Diaper Ministry

**Sun. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
8:15 am—Holy Eucharist—Rite 1  
9:30—Children’s Sunday School & Adult Forum  
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Wayne & Lucy Whitlock in loving memory of his brother, Carl Whitlock & her brother, Larry Hanko.*

**The Bible Study** will meet on Wednesdays from 6—7:30 PM. They will read Br. David Steindl-Rast’s book, “You are Here: Keywords for Life.” We hope you’ll join us!

We welcome the Rev. Fred Huntington back again with us as Mtr. Kristin is away for Continuing Education this week. We appreciate & love his time with us!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch Today** and it is free to all who would like to join us. We welcome guests to any and all lunches! Mark your calendars for 2024.

Jan. 14 — Salad Bar  
Feb. 13 — Pancake Supper ( Tue. Night)  
April 14— Breakfast Bar  
May 19 — Sloppy Joes  
June 9 — Church Picnic  
The menu is subject to change, and meals will have a vegetarian option.

**Adult Forum returning Sundays at 9:30 am.** They will be discussing Sunday’s lessons, focusing on the readings from the Gospel of Mark. Please join us for coffee, cookies and some great conversation about how the Word of God speaks to us today.

**Stewardship:** Just like many sports, stewardship takes a team effort. A team is not just the players on the field or court. Coaches, staff, and even family members all play a part. In that light, why not ask some family members to join in our stewardship goal. It’s likely that at some point in their spiritual life Epiphany has played an important role. I had never thought of it before, but this year I asked my children to pitch in and they all do so enthusiastically. I know of other parishioners that have done the same. Regardless of how small the amount, every pledge helps. As Benjamin Franklin was once quoted, “Little strokes, fell great oaks.” Darel Gallagher

There is a pledge card in your bulletin today in case you have lost or misplaced yours.

Attendance: January 7, 2024  
8:15 am 4  
10:30 am 58


**Outreach Opportunities**

**The diaper ministry** continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 noon. This inspirational ministry has been touching families lives in our community since 2018 and continues to welcome new families each month. This ministry offers the parish an outreach opportunity to share God’s love and develop relationships within our community. The next diaper distribution will be on **January 20<sup>th</sup>**. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry!

**Homeless Lunches:** If anyone is interested in taking part 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 lunches are scheduled to be prepared and delivered by the Vestry Team on February 3, 2024.** Thanks to the Red Team who prepared and delivered the lunches yesterday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. *The 2024 homeless lunch schedule is now up on the outreach board.* We will be entering our 25<sup>th</sup> year! **Donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and napkins** are always welcome as well and can be dropped 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](mailto:crystalsarvay@gmail.com)).

**Coming soon** is our long awaited “Blessing Box” and “Little Library.” Be on the lookout for upcoming information and ways that you can help contribute!

**Lambs Basket** continues to need donations of food items, particularly cereals, peanut butter, jams, jellies, and canned foods. Please, bring in your donations and leave them in the parish hallway in the red wagon. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

*The love and kindness that our parish shares is beyond amazing!  
Love lives here! *

**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](mailto:epiphanyrvparishnurse@gmail.com)*

**COMMUNICATION CARD**

January 14, 2024

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"/> 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        |
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**Prayer Requests / Comments**

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