



# The EPIPHANY STAR

a word to the wise • The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta Georgia

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## Dear Epiphanytes,

Yes, it is Advent. And yes, this is a Christmas poem. I am reprinting it here, upon request. It is here to help us remember the CHRIST that breaks through into our world and our lives every single day.

### A Glorious Birth

Tw'as the night before Christmas, when all through the land  
A census was taken, on the emperor's demand  
The people they travel, from far and from near  
Joseph went with Mary, and some they did sneer.

Pregnant the girl was, tho they had not wed,  
They traveled together, a donkey he led.  
To an inn in the country, no room for a bed,  
she birthed the Christ child, where cattle are fed.

The Prophet Isaiah, foreseer of old  
His words are from God and they must be told  
A child has been born, a son given to all  
His light is fullness, of him we will call

Wonderful Counselor, The Prince of Peace  
Now Messiah, Now Savior, for the most and the least  
Of David he comes, the reign to fulfill  
His life will be short, but full of God's will.

And now who to tell, who will be first?  
Those shepherds abiding, their darkness he'll burst;  
Be not afraid, from the Lord do I come,  
To tell you good news, strike up a drum.

I bring word of great joy, for born this day  
in the city of David, asleep in the hay;  
The Messiah, the Savior, the Lord of all,  
Peace on this earth, from a lowly stall.

Glory to God, the shepherds proclaimed  
Let's go meet this baby, of whom is it famed  
And they followed a star, as it shined very bright  
Until it stopped over him, God's very light.

Go, now, dear ones, it's Christmas you see,  
God is very near us, abiding in you and in me  
For to you is born this day, do you hear?  
Emmanuel is with us, God has come near.

So be swift to love, make haste to be kind  
Whatever you do, keep this in mind  
Jesus is born, this story is told,  
No one is forgotten, not young and not old.

We proclaim too, like the heavenly host  
Singing praises to Jesus, the Lord, the most  
Glory to God, in heaven and on earth,  
And peace to you all, it's a glorious birth!

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The Rev. Dr. Sharon L. Hiers, Senior Associate Rector





# Mark Your Calendar

## Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

### ADVENT LITURGIES & EVENTS

- 12/3 Advent 1 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.
- 12/10 Advent 2 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. • Feast of St. Nicholas/Shoe Drive  
5:00 p.m. • Advent Lessons & Carols  
6:00 p.m. • Reception & Nativities Viewing & Cookie making
- 12/9-17 Nativities Exhibit (times vary)
- 12/17 Advent 3 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. • ECW Bake Sale  
*Emmanuel House Children's Christmas gifts due*
- 12/24 Advent 4 • 10:30 a.m.  
*One service this morning, no Sunday School*

### CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

- 12/24 3:00 p.m. • Holy Eucharist with Children's Choirs  
5:30 p.m. • Holy Eucharist with Hildegard Ensemble & the Epiphany Ringers  
*Childcare is offered for children ages 3 and under for the first two services*  
10:30 p.m. • Holy Eucharist with the Epiphany Choir  
*Pre-service music begins at 10:00 p.m. and will feature choir and organ as well as congregational carols. There will be incense at this service.*
- 12/25 10:30 a.m. • Holy Eucharist and Christmas Carols

### NEW YEAR'S EVE, FEAST OF EPIPHANY AND EPIPHANY 1

- 12/31 Christmas Lessons & Carols • 10:30 a.m.  
*One service this morning, no Sunday School*
- 1/6 Feast of Epiphany • 6:00 p.m.  
*Our Feast Day: Pageant, Baptisms & Confirmations by the Bishop followed by a potluck chili supper*
- 1/7 Epiphany 1 • 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.  
*Baptisms, Sunday School resumes*

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# Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

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A lot is about to happen. In the world around us, Christmas wreaths were hung the day after Halloween, and they will come down before the end of the year. That's how the material world around us deals with the upcoming season. (Note: one season.) But we are so lucky in the church! We have THREE seasons coming upon us.

So, here is your guide to moving through the three seasons of Advent, Christmas, and the Feast of the Epiphany. We hope it is completely user friendly. And if you want to know more, ask! Your priests LOVE this stuff, and would buy you a cup of coffee to have the chance to talk about it.

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## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

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THIS IS THE FIRST SEASON OF THE CHURCH YEAR. A season of preparation. Not only do we spend time anticipating the birth of Jesus Christ in the first century, we look forward to Jesus's second coming. This is a legitimate season. It isn't Christmas yet, so our hymns are Advent hymns, and we read bible stories of anticipation and waiting and expectation and we sit in the wonder of it all. And there are the beautiful blue vestments! Our days get shorter, nights get longer, and hopes get bigger.

Here are the opportunities for the season of Advent, in order as they will appear on our calendar.

### *Saturday, December 9*

#### **1 Savior, 2 Stories, 300 Nativities**

*Narthex, Gallery, Jones Hall*

Advent at Epiphany means that once again we welcome the community to our exhibit of 300+ Nativities. Most of the collection was bequeathed by Dr. William Lemonds in loving memory of James Lattimer Anderson Belcher in 1995. Other nativities have been given by parishioners and friends of the parish over the years.



Our former Rector the Rev. Claiborne Jones along with Epiphany Laura Keys designed the exhibit telling the stories of Jesus's birth from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. In our narthex are 23 nativities arranged to illustrate the birth story in Luke, and in our gallery, 35 nativities are arranged to illustrate the birth story in Matthew. Each scene is accompanied by scripture and hymn texts. In Jones Hall are all the other nativities.

The visitors who come to view our collection each Advent season enjoy a special experience. The nativities are from

all around the world, in every size from that of a chicken's egg to 3-foot-tall, some are elegant, some are, well, a bit kitschy, but all of them are wonderful.

How to participate:

- **Help Host the Exhibit:** The exhibit opens Saturday, December 9, and runs through December 17. We need teams of two for two-hour shifts to be on hand to greet visitors and take admission for this popular community event.
- **Help pack it all away again:** Please sign up to help pack them all back up again on either December 18 or 19. Packing up goes much faster than the set up!

### *Sunday, December 10*

#### **Advent 2—The Second Sunday of Advent**

The Second Sunday of Advent brings many ways to experience the season. Who knew not-yet-Christmas would be so much fun?

**How to participate:** Show up and wait! Services are at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.



## Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration & Shoe Drive 10 a.m. in the Nave

On Sunday, December 10, we will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas. All children and families are invited to *remain in the nave immediately after the 8:45 a.m. service*. Children will place their shoes in the back of the church and bring forward donations of new shoes before our annual visit from "St. Nicholas." After a brief story, children and adults will proceed to their regular Sunday School classes. Children's Chapel will take place during the 8:45 a.m. service, as usual.

### How to participate:

- Purchase shoes in the following sizes: Men: sizes 11-15, Women: all sizes. When you bring your shoes, please take them out of the box/bag and tie the shoe strings together.
- Join us in the Nave after the 8:45 a.m. liturgy. Sunday School to follow.



## Advent Lessons & Carols Nativity Event

*5 p.m. in the Nave*

### Advent Lessons & Carols in the Church

At 5 p.m., The Epiphany Choirs will present Advent Lessons and Carols in the Nave.

### Reception & Viewing in Jones Hall

Following the liturgy, join us in Jones Hall for a reception and to view the Epiphany Nativity Exhibit. Wine & Cheese for the adults, and kids will have cider along with Christmas cookies that they can decorate.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery for children ages 3 and under.

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### How to participate:

- Join us in the Nave for a beautiful offering from the many choirs of Epiphany.
- Then join us in Jones Hall afterwards for festivities

## Sunday, December 17

### Advent 3—The Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent is when we really get into the groove of waiting, and yet the anticipation is unsettling. Who knew not-yet-Christmas waiting would be so complicated?

**How to participate:** Show up and keep waiting! Services are at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

### Annual Bake & Craft Sale

*10 a.m. in Jones Hall*

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold their annual Christmas Bake & Craft sale Sunday morning. Please support the ECW's many outreach projects by purchasing sumptuous baked goods and other handcrafted items to enjoy at home with family, share with co-workers, or to offer as gifts. Some items to look for include delicious cookies in decorative containers, freshly baked cakes, muffins and loaves, canned jellies and sauces, and items for beloved pets.



**How to participate:** Bring cash and buy things

## Sunday, December 24

### Advent 4—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning turns to Christmas Eve in the afternoon! But don't let that keep you from experiencing the full season of Advent. We will have one service in the morning.

**How to participate:** Show up at 10:30 a.m. for ONE service this morning

## Christmas Flowers & Music

To make a monetary contribution for poinsettias, decorations, or Christmas Music, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the parish office with your check made payable to Church of the Epiphany. Please note Christmas Flowers or Music in the memo field. This form with check attached must be returned to the parish office no later than Sunday, December 18, for the donation to be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



(PLEASE PRINT TO MINIMIZE ERRORS)

I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Decorations - and/ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Music.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
and/or

In thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF THE CHRIST! This is the season we remember the birth of Jesus, the Nativity of our Lord, and we gather around the manger to get a peek at what God looks like when God becomes human. The season of Christmas is 12 days long, beginning on December 25 and continuing until January 5.

### ***STILL Sunday, December 24***

#### **Christmas Eve—three services**

**3 p.m.** we will have a family celebration, children's choirs will sing, and the homily will be preached from the steps with kids all around.

**5:30 p.m.** the Hildegard Ensemble & the Epiphany Ringers will help us make our music, and we will light candles at the end and sing Silent Night.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery for children ages 3 and under for the first two services.

**10:00 p.m.** An extended prelude begins at 10:00 p.m. and will feature the Epiphany Choir and Organ as well as congregational carols.

**10:30 p.m.** we will sing it all, swing the incense and have the Epiphany Choir as we celebrate God with us.

**How to participate:** Come and worship with us at any or all three services

***Monday,  
December 25***



#### **Christmas Day**

Christmas Day service will take place at 10:30 a.m.

**How to participate:** Come and worship with us

### ***Sunday, December 31***

#### **Christmas 1—The 1st Sunday of Christmas Christmas Lessons & Carols**

Please note that this service will take place at 10:30 a.m. and is the only service on Sunday.

#### **Year End Gifts**

Gifts need to be received at the church or postmarked by December 31 and stock contributions must be delivered to the church brokerage account by December 31 to be recorded for 2017.

### ***Wednesday, January 3***

#### **Rehearsal for Epiphany Pageant**

*6 p.m. in Parish Hall and Nave*

Anyone who wants to participate in the pageant is encouraged to join in. The church has some costumes which will be available if you can come to the rehearsal on Wednesday, January 3. Otherwise, get creative with scarves, bathrobes, wings and anything else you can think of! Volunteers are needed for this fun event. Please contact Laraine Fraijo-Paul, Director of Children's Ministries, at [laraine@epiphany.org](mailto:laraine@epiphany.org) if you are able to help! Remember to sign up for supper if you would like to eat at church before we rehearse.

#### **Pageant**

Saturday, January 6, at 4 p.m. Feast of the Epiphany service (please arrive by 3:30 p.m.)

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# THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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AFTER THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS, WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, our feast of title, also known as the Feast of Lights. This is the day scripture tells us magi arrived at the manger following the star. This season will last until Ash Wednesday, and will include manifestations of Jesus, epiphanies including Baptism of our Lord, the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus.

## *Saturday, January 6*

### The Feast of the Epiphany

Our Feast Day is celebrated on Saturday, January 6, at 4 p.m. Save the date for the Pageant, Baptism & Confirmations with Bishop Rob Wright with a potluck dinner to follow (details below).

#### Epiphany Pageant

An online signup to volunteer to participate in the pageant for roles of all ages will be posted soon. A rehearsal for speaking parts will take place on Wednesday, January 3, at 5:30 p.m. with dinner. Click the RSVP link on the homepage to reserve a dinner.

#### Epiphany Dinner

Join us after the pageant for Chili Potluck Supper in Jones Hall. Bring chili and/or dessert to share. Cornbread and chips are on us!

How to participate:

- All children and youth (age 3 – grade 12) are invited to participate in our Epiphany Pageant! Please see rehearsal on Wednesday, January 3, for more details.
- Bring your potluck chili for dinner after the service!

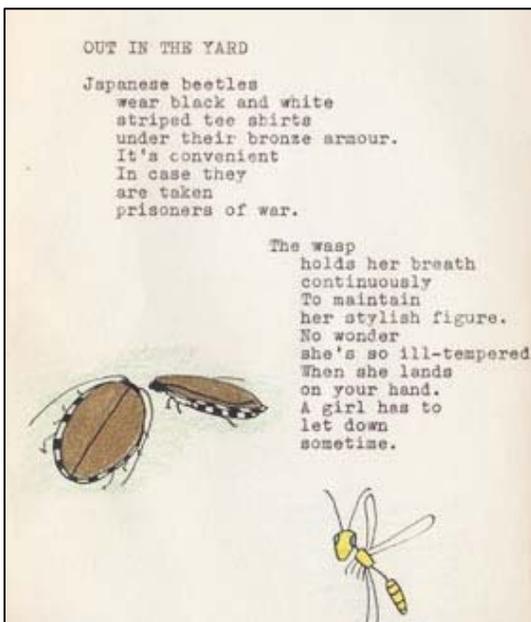


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# Parish Life

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## Now Showing

### Epiphany's Art Ministry *welcomes for the month of December* photos of drawings and poetry by Epiphanite Arlen Gray

Arlen's friend Deborah Monroy writes: I think of those words from Emily Dickinson's poem "in vision and in veto" as Arlen resides now at Sunrise Assisted Living. She remains committed to helping others in any way she can, since as always this is her vision, yet she is also challenged these past years with declining memory.

#### Arlen Gray's Art/Work—"in vision and in veto"

In 1934 Arlen was born in the Bay Area, in the state of California. She went on to complete graduate studies and then worked for the Department of Labor. She left her successful career with the Federal Government to serve for more than 20 years within the order of Saint Margaret.

After leaving the convent she came to Egleston Children's Hospital where she first served as chaplain, and then moved up to become the Coordinator of Egleston's Family Library. In this work she flourished. Arlen created a welcoming environment where families could learn more about their child's health care. Grown-ups and visiting siblings alike found a generous, playful space at the Family Library which Arlen kept stocked with informative books—along with the best children's books, and toys.

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She remains committed to helping others in any way she can, since as always this is her vision, yet she is also challenged these past years with declining memory.

Arlen's sister, Daryl Gray, who is also an artist, helped with these notes. **The pictures in this exhibition are mostly from an illustrated book of poems that Arlen created for her mother.**

25% of all sales benefit Epiphany

Please make checks to Deborah Monroy

To make a purchase, sign up on the list in the Gallery, fill out an envelope and put it with your check in the box on the round table. No cash please. Be sure to note the title and number of the art piece. All paid for items will be left in the office area at the end of the month.

## Wednesday Night Supper

The meal from Bridge Catering is served from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 10 and under. Sign up on the RSVP link at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) by 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

## Flex & Stretch

The Stretch and Flex class is meeting Thursdays in Jones Hall at 10:30 a.m. while there is construction at Glenn Memorial. This class is led by Epiphanyite Ellen Mintzmyer who is a certified SilverSneakers instructor. Cost is \$5 per class, no charge for SilverSneakers card holders. Join us!

## Announcements

Announcements: Notices – 40 words or less – are due 9 a.m. Wednesdays. Contact the parish office at 404.373.8338 | [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

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# Adult Education

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## Sunday Adult Offerings:

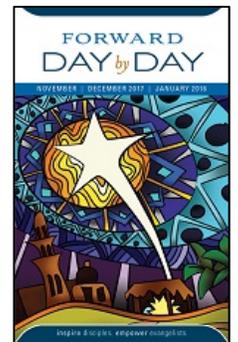
- **The Reclaiming the Bible** class visits pivotal stories and themes in the Bible, noting God's passionate interest in humanity and all creation. Each session includes facilitated group engagement with a scriptural passage, lively discussion, and even a coloring book page! Taught by the Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers and Shirley Banks. Jones Hall Room A.
- **Introduction to the Incarnation** class chooses one topic each semester to study from a number of different angles. We dive deep into biblical texts, the history of Christianity, and contemporary scholarship. Pick up a syllabus in the Gallery tract rack. Taught by Brennan Breed. This Sunday, we will meet in the Nave.

*In case you missed last week's program, you can view it in its entirety on our YouTube Channel:*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UctF82biBzNdWpHV5EXZOlrw>

## The Forward Day by Day

The Forward Day by Day quarterly booklet for Nov/Dec/Jan is out. The publication, owned by the Episcopal Church, is a pocket-size booklet of daily Bible readings and devotions. You'll find them in the Gallery tract rack for \$1 a copy.



## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Led by the rector, we read and have a free-ranging discussion about the upcoming Sunday scripture selections. We meet from 6:30-8 p.m. in Jones Hall.

## Pub Theology Thursdays

A monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday event facilitated by Dr. Brennan Breed will convene at The Marlay in Decatur at 7 p.m. Thought-provoking, accessible articles, essays and texts will be chosen to stimulate lively discussion.

## Tract Rack

Our Tract Rack is located just inside the red doors. These little booklets are for you to take home. A donation is requested, but if you don't have the means at the time, please feel free to help yourself. There is a wide variety of well written and thoughtful short booklets. We hope you will use this resource in your daily devotions, spiritual journey, or just to consider questions you've always wanted to explore.

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# Outreach

Chair: Kim Finnegan | 404.377.8036 | [kfinnegan@propertyworks.com](mailto:kfinnegan@propertyworks.com)

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## Feeding Ministry

*Friday, December 15*

We will be feeding homeless and needy and hungry at Central Presbyterian on Friday at 7 p.m. Preparation/cook begins at Epiphany at 1 p.m. and we leave at 6 p.m. Back at Epiphany afterwards for clean-up and a holiday volunteer supper. Come to serve and be served by feeding and being fed, to celebrate a year of closure and transition. Contact: Brandon Laird at [blaird373@aol.com](mailto:blaird373@aol.com).

## Gifts for Life

*Gifts for Life* is a powerful way to make an impact; your gift will help fight poverty, hunger and disease worldwide. By putting your faith into action, *Gifts for Life* empowers both individuals and communities all over the world to transform their lives. It is truly the gift that keeps on giving. With each gift you purchase, you'll receive a FREE gift card or E-card announcing you have made a generous gift in honor of a loved one and now you can share the news via Facebook and Twitter. Visit [episcopalrelief.org/gifts](http://episcopalrelief.org/gifts)

## Food Drive

January and June are our "turns" for stocking the DEAM pantry, but the bins are out year-round to accept donations of: grape or strawberry jelly, pasta sauce, canned greens (not spinach), soup, small boxes of corn muffin mix.

## Donate to the Emmaus House Christmas Ministry

Make a child's holiday brighter by donating a gift to the Emmaus House Christmas ministry. Over 900 children receive gifts from Santa on Christmas Eve at Emmaus House in Peoplestown south of Turner Field. Santa wants your help! Please bring presents wrapped and "Well Labeled" to Epiphany by Sunday, December 17.



**All Ages:** Stuffed animals, balls, w arm hats, gloves and socks.

**Infants:** Blankets, sleepers, diapers, wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo, drinking cups, educational toys and books. Clothing for 8 months and older.

**Toddlers, 1 - 2 years:** Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, tea sets, educational games, books. Boys, age-appropriate cars and trucks, soft footballs, and action figures. Boys or girls, musical & educational toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, games, back packs, art sets, building blocks, balls, crayons and coloring books, videos, and books.

**3 - 5 years:** Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, barrettes & hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump ropes. Boys, trucks, cars, and action figures. Boys or girls, sports equipment, backpacks, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, art & craft and magic sets, chalk, books, educational toys.

**6 - 8 years:** Girls, culturally sensitive dolls, jewelry, purses, hair accessories, dish/tea sets, jump rope. Boys, trucks, car collections, and action figures. Boys or girls, sports equipment, backpacks, duffel bags, sleeping bags, stuffed

animals, art & craft and magic sets, chalk, science books, educational toys and games, videos.

**9 - 12 years:** Girls, inexpensive MP3 players w/batteries, head set, MP3 speakers, science sets, jewelry, arts & crafts supplies, slippers, sports equipment, stuffed animals, backpacks, board games, educational items, sleeping bags, books and DVDs, socks, gloves, scarves, and warm hats. Boys, inexpensive MP3 players w/batteries, head set, MP3 speakers, sports equipment, science sets, watches, arts & crafts supplies, DVDs, backpacks, board games, educational items, books and videos, socks, gloves and hats.



**13- 16 years:** Girls, inexpensive MP3 players w/batteries, head set, MP3 speakers, watches, jewelry, makeup kits, hair brush and comb sets, DVDs, slippers, pajamas, perfume, purses, sports equipment, backpacks, books and videos, socks, gloves and warm hats. Boys, inexpensive MP3 players w/batteries, head set, MP3 speakers, DVDs, sporting equipment, backpacks, board games, playing cards, cologne, shaving items, nail clippers, sunglasses, crew/sports socks, gloves and warm hats.

**Please do not wrap:** stuffed animals, book bags, sleeping bags, basketballs, footballs and other balls.

**All other gifts should be wrapped AND labeled** to indicate the age/gender suitability. Use a white adhesive label to write the age range and a colored dot to indicate the gender. Include a brief description.

**The age categories are:** Infant, 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13-16, and 17-18.

**The three gender categories are:** boy (blue), girl (red), either (yellow).

**Description:** board game, doll, arts and craft, etc.

Questions? Contact Jeanette Hanson, 404.982.9134, [isjch@emory.edu](mailto:isjch@emory.edu) or Roberta Long, 404.378.2069, [rlong25@bellsouth.net](mailto:rlong25@bellsouth.net).

## AmazonSmile program

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Church Of Epiphany. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0838713> and support us every time you shop.

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# Children's & Youth Ministries

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## Sundays

- **Nursery** for newborns and children ages 3 and under is offered Sunday mornings.
- **Children's Chapel** is held during the 8:45 a.m. service. Children gather during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn, follow the cross to chapel after the Gospel and return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join.
- **Sunday School classes** at 10 a.m. for children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet upstairs.

## Parent's Newsletter

Sign up to receive the e-newsletter for Epiphany Children's Ministries by e-mailing [laraine@epiphany.org](mailto:laraine@epiphany.org).

## Youth Sunday School

Jr. High (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) meet in Room 201 and High School (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) meet in the basement classroom at 10 a.m.

## Epiphany Youth Group

Sunday nights during the school year, youth and dedicated adults gather for activities from putt-putt to planting trees, laughing and eating, sharing stories and their lives in a relaxed setting.

5 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group
6 p.m.	Jr./Sr. Youth Group Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group

## December

12/10 Lessons & Carols 5 p.m.  
12/17 Christmas Party 5 p.m.

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# Ongoing Meetings

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- **The Epiphany Book Group** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. December will be our Christmas Gathering and choosing of books for 2018.
- **Atlanta Veterans' Acupuncture Clinic** offers free acupuncture for veterans and family members to relieve stress, insomnia, PTSD and pain Mondays at Epiphany from 6-7 p.m. No appointments or ID needed. Visit [acupunctureforveterans.org](http://acupunctureforveterans.org).
- **Haiti Meeting** takes place at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month in Jones Hall. Anyone interested in our partnership with the Bishop Tharp Institute, a college of the Diocese of Haiti, is welcome to attend.
- **Meeting Night:** Committees meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. We gather in Jones Hall, pray together and then go our ways. Committee Chairs, please be sure to let your committees know each month if they are meeting.
- **Women's Book Group** meets at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's home and is currently discussing *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown. Email Catherine at [breed.catherine@gmail.com](mailto:breed.catherine@gmail.com) for directions and to RSVP.
- **The Daughters of the King (DOK) usually** meet 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence, but this month they will meet on Thursday, December 21. For directions, email [banfieldn@bellsouth.net](mailto:banfieldn@bellsouth.net). We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.
- **ECW Meeting:** The Episcopal Church Women meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month. This month the ECW welcomes Emmaus Seniors Program as their guests for a luncheon at noon and to view the Nativities exhibit.

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# Diocesan News & Community Events

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## A Cherry Log Christmas Carol

On Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m., Oakhurst Presbyterian Church invites the community to "A Cherry Log Christmas Carol." This full-length theatrical

performance sets Charles Dickens's classic tale of redemption in the Georgia mountains for a distinctively Appalachian flair. This captivating one-man play features artist, musician, teacher, and actor Clark Taylor who performs all the characters—dozens of them—in this familiar but original interpretation of A Christmas Carol. Admission is free so please bring along your neighbors and friends. A love offering will be accepted to benefit the church's Youth Program, and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome! The church is located at 118 Second Ave., Decatur, GA 30030. If you have questions, email [info@oakhurstpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@oakhurstpresbyterian.org).

## Vivaldi 2X: The Choral Guild of ATL Sings Vivaldi's Gloria & Magnificat

*Saturday, December 9, 2017, 4:30 PM 7:00 PM,*

*St. John's Episcopal Church 3480 E Main Street College Park, 30337*

Antonio Vivaldi's two great canticles of the Christmas season—the Gloria and the Magnificat—is "must hear" holiday music. The Choral Guild of Atlanta, the city's oldest community choral ensemble, will present both pieces, which are replete with choruses, solos, and small ensembles, along with string orchestra. After the concert, performers and concert-goers are invited to a holiday reception in honor of the CGA, which will be held in the parish hall immediately after the performance. This event is free and open to the public. Please join us!

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is an inclusive community called to seek and follow Jesus Christ. We welcome all people in the Eucharistic fellowship of Christ's Body. We receive strength and encouragement at the common table to carry out Christ's work of reconciliation in our broken world. Nourished by worship and witness, learning and teaching, fellowship and service, we strive to live out the Gospel's radical values with gladness of heart.

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## For Our Prayers...

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Prayer intentions for The Epiphany Star and for Sunday Services should be directed to the parish office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org). For Pastoral Emergencies, text or call the clergy on call at 404.939.2137. First names are read aloud Sunday and Wednesday for a month and remain in the newsletter for two months. Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors on the listings below.

### *Heal your sick servants*

- Richard Bassett
- Bill Braswell
- Lea Crawford
- Ron Hutcheson
- Hugh Keenan
- Mary McCall Cash
- Chris Miller
- Charlie Overstreet
- Jaye Rudolph
- Evelyn Stewart
- Wes Wright

### *Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers*

- Neil Banfield
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

### *Rest eternal grant them*

- Vivian Stokes Fidler, mother of Lee Fidler
- Mary Pugh Alligood, friend of Bill & Pat Graves
- Kim Howell, friend of Kelli Shadwell

### *Those in the armed forces*

- Matthew Howells, nephew of Audrey & Neil Banfield
- MSG Stewart Mundy, son of Dan & Diane Mundy
- Brandon Pattison, nephew of Benno Pattison
- 1LT Elizabeth Tankovich, sister of Catherine Breed
- Nick Watts, brother of Chris Booth

### *Family and friends who request our prayers*

- Ellen, friend of Lisa Daily
- The Newsom-Smith Family, friends of the Ryder family
- Jeni, Carolyn & Bill, family of Jewel Allen
- Margaret Robbins, grandmother of Jeremy Davis.
- David, Susannah, Sidney and Dr. Rice, friends of Caroline Driebe
- Evelyn Daily, mother of Lisa Daily
- Sherri Sharp, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder
- James Harrell, friend of Brittany Baum
- Comfort Afolabi, mother of Lola Oyesiku
- Tim English, friend of Richard & Susan Messner
- Mary Pugh Alligood, friend of the Graves family
- Luke Hanson, friend of Terri Lawrence
- Bill & Carolyn Allen, parents of Jewel Allen
- Candi & Judy McElhannon, friends of Sally Smith
- Kirk Tcherneshoff, brother of Amy Shipp
- Kira Sloop, friend of Nancy Thompson
- Margaret Bridgeman, grandmother of Kristin Lennon





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#### **Worship Schedule—Sunday**

8:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

#### **Worship Schedule—Weekdays**

Tuesday at 7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist w/Healing

Thursday at 7 a.m. — Shared Silence

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