



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
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WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

Communion of the People: All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

For the latest news and events at Epiphany, visit our website at epiphany.org or subscribe to our weekly newsletter. There are newcomer cards available in the pew in front of you and on the newcomer page of our website. We hope that you will fill one out while you're here and hand it to one of the clergy so we can welcome you personally.

Children of all ages are invited to participate fully in our liturgy. We welcome wiggles and giggles as signs of life and understand that sometimes children need to move about during worship. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available. Ask an usher to help you locate those near the entrance to the worship space.

If you do not have a nametag, please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the Gallery. For today, there are stick-on nametags available.



We are passing the plate, but if you would prefer to virtually pass the plate today, use your phone's camera to scan this QR code. Visit epiphany.org/ways-to-give to learn about other ways to give to our parish or to make a pledge. You'll also find more information about Realm, our secure online community.

Recording/Livestreaming may be in progress: Liturgies and meetings at Church of the Epiphany may be live-streamed and/or recorded so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. If you prefer to sit in a location where you will be less visible to the camera, please let an usher, clergy, or staff person know.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, founded in 1898, is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop.

Clergy: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright, *Rector*; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, *Associate Rector*

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You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for worship
Use the water in the font as a remembrance of your Baptism

Voluntary—Chorale Prelude on Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BUXWV 208

Dietrich Buxtehude

Choral Introit—Let all the world in every corner sing

Erik Routley

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Processional Hymn 450—All hail the power of Jesus' name

Coronation

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise S236—Glory to you

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David: the oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Memento, Domine

- 1 LORD, remember / **David**, *
and all the hardships he en-/dured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the / **LORD** *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of / **Jacob**:
- 3 “I will not come under the roof of my / **house**, *
nor climb up into my / **bed**;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to / **sleep**, *
nor let my eyelids / **slumber**;
- † 5 Until I find a place for the / **LORD**, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of / **Jacob**.”
- 6 “The ark! We heard it was in / **Ephratah**; *
we found it in the fields of / **Jearim**.
- 7 Let us go to God’s / **dwelling place**; *
let us fall upon our knees before his / **footstool**.”
- 8 Arise O LORD, into your / **resting-place**, *
you and the ark of your / **strength**.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with / **righteousness**; *
let your faithful people sing with / **joy**.
- 10 For your servant David’s / **sake**, *
do not turn away the face of your A-/nointed.
- 11 The LORD has sworn an oath to / **David**; *
in truth, he will not / **break it**:
- 12 “A son, the fruit of your / **body** *
will I set upon your / **throne**.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall / **teach them**, *
their children will sit upon your throne for ever-/more.”

The Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Children (up to 3rd grade) are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn for the reading of the Gospel and Children’s Chapel

The Gospel

John 18:33-37

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Taylor Irwin,

A period of silence is kept

Seminarian and Director of Children and Youth Ministries

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

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Beloved God, we thank you for giving power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world; strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example.

We are your Church, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made.

We are your Church, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work.

We are your Church, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, in those different from us and those familiar to us.

We are your Church, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

We are your Church, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

We are your Church, O God.

Guide us in your grace.

Celebrant's concluding collect

We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you, O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant 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 our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Offertory Anthem—The Old 100th Psalm Tune

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Epiphany Choir

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? the Lord our God is good; his mercy is for ever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Presentation Hymn 288—Praise to God, immortal praise

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord S124

New Plainsong; David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer—traditional language

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem S154—Christ our Passover

New Plainsong; David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

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The Healing Rite

During the Communion of the People, prayers for healing and anointing with oil are offered in the Chapel for those desiring them on their own behalf, or upon the behalf of another. All are welcome.

Communion Hymn 304—I come with joy to meet my Lord
Sung by all

Land of Rest

Postcommunion Prayer—Celebrant and People

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing—Celebrant

Hymn 494—Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary—Tocatta in E minor, P. 462

Johann Pachelbel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for a month. Contact the parish office if you would like them listed for another month.

For members who are bidding our prayers: Matilda McNeely (daughter of Katie Pedersen) • Judy Jarady • John Wyman • Caitlyn Trautwein • Kathy Corcoran • Marion Curry • Pam Hall • Jerry Wall (husband of Lucy Davidson) • Clove Wroe • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Chris Belcore • Brandon Laird • Anne Warner • Kim Boswell • Eric Olson • Francis Lee • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Beth Towers • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Kitty O'Shea, mother of Kathleen Rinehart • Chris Korbesmeyer, sister of Nan Ross • Peggy Brockington, mother of Sally Brockington • Jennifer Olson, daughter of Ruth & Eric Olson • Mike Lunceford, friend of Nancy Thompson • Alice-Marie Schwenkler, friend of Susan Williams • Sandy Miller, relative of Sharon Burrow • Carrell Burton, friend of Nancy Thompson, Johanna Hinman, and Lisa Carlson • Sara & John Quinn, mother and stepfather of Amy Shipp • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Gary Davis, father of Jeremy Davis • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those who have died: Roland "Korb" Korbsmeyer, brother-in-law of Nan Ross

For all those serving in the armed forces, especially: Stewart Mundy

For those celebrating anniversaries for the week of 11/24-11/30: Stephanie Everett & Jason Wiles

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 11/24-11/30: Charlie Gibbs • Zane McKinney • Rowen Morrissey • Peggy Palmiter • Ann Lynn • Riley Davis • Maggie Schweizer • Maria Braswell • Beverly Burks

For our Haitian sisters & brothers and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For all who are displaced, distraught, and devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

For racial justice: That families served by Emmaus House and the many others across Atlanta who are dealing with separation, grief, or financial stress may experience God's love and grace this Thanksgiving.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: The Bald Eagle—rebounding since the 1972 ban of insecticide DDT.

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send the full date of your anniversary and/or your date of birth to the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org so that we can update our records.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | **Children's Chapel**—during the service

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the reading of the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join them.

FORMATION | **Adults**—join us at 11:30 a.m. • parish hall

Please join us for Adult Formation on Sunday, November 24 as Epiphany's Iona Pilgrims present reflections about the trip and share their takeaways from this spiritual journey.

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

- Room 205—Godly Play (children 3 years old through 3rd grade)
- Room 206—Searching the Scriptures (4th and 5th grade)
- Lower-Level Classroom / Donut Den—Youth Formation (6th through 12th grade)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**—now showing until December 18

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes paintings and small works by Sherry Cook. Her show in the gallery features Angels from her "Growing Toward God" series. Items from the tables may be taken home when purchased. Hanging items need to remain in place until the close of the show on December 18. Remember, 25% of all sales benefit Epiphany. *The artist is visiting us today—please greet Sherry in the Gallery.*

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**

Tonight we are having a movie night and popcorn bar in the donut den! Youth are invited to come in their PJs. The movie starts at 5:00 p.m. and will end at 6:45 p.m.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND THE SANCTUARY LIGHT ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

Altar Arrangements & the Sanctuary Light can be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

NOTICE: *The sign up is empty through the end of the year, except for one Sunday for the Sanctuary Light.*

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

WORSHIP | **Weekday Services**—visit epiphany.org/worship-services for details

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel
- Wednesday Noonday Prayer— **will NOT take place this week**

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS | **Due on Monday, November 25**

11/25—Due to the office closing for the Thanksgiving Holiday, bulletin announcements for this coming week are due by NOON on Monday, November 25. Reminder that 40 words or less for the bulletin is preferred. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to parishadmin@epiphany.org.

PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care—Last Mondays at 6:00 p.m. • parish hall
11/25—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please login to Realm to contact Ann Fowler.

PARISH GROUP | Men's Breakfast Group—Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service
11/26—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Log into Realm to contact John Yntema with any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | Trivia Group—Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Wild Heaven in Avondale Estates
11/26—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Tuesdays at Wild Heaven in Avondale. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Questions? Log into Realm to contact Edie Brush or Jacob.

MUSIC | Choirs
11/26—Only the Epiphany Ringers will be meeting this week, **BUT ON TUESDAY**, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.

ADMINISTRATION | Office & Building Closure
11/27-29—Staff will not be present on Wednesday, November 27 and the office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Appleton Ministries Offering
12/1—The Thanksgiving Offering for Appleton Ministries is collected the Sunday following Thanksgiving and designated for Appleton Episcopal Ministries. This Diocesan ministry funds food pantries, community feeding programs, tutoring programs and community ministry programs throughout the Middle GA Convocation. All cash offerings will be designated to them that day. You can also give online at www.epiphany.org/ways-to-give or via check, marking "Appleton Ministries" in the memo field.

FLOWER GUILD | Advent Wreath-Making Workshop—reservation required • Parish Hall
12/1—The Flower Guild will lead an Advent Wreath-Making Workshop after the service on December 1 in the parish hall. The cost is \$20 for materials which include everything that is needed for making an advent wreath: (1) oasis wreath, (4) candles with holders, and greenery. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

FORMATION | Contemplative Practice—will meet the FIRST Sunday of December
12/1—Come gather with us at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson, Elizabeth Ura and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright at adillswright@epiphany.org if you have any questions.

PARISH LIFE | The Nativities Display—help set up our annual display
12/3 - 5—This year, in addition to the main exhibit in the narthex and gallery of the stories of Luke and Matthew, we will be setting up a smaller curated selection of the rest of our collection in the parish hall. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the display the first week of December. Then we'll need folks to help pack it all back up on January 6 and 7. If you would like to sign up for a shift, please sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp.

FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group: A Fresh Look at the Hope of Advent—Room 201
12/5—The Contemplative Book Group is studying the book *The First Advent in Palestine* by Kelley Nikondeha, led by Paul Hinson and Suzanne Yoder. Nikondeha puts the story of *God-with-us* into its original embodied context, provoking comparisons to our own, in a beautiful narrative spanning scripture and experience.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Cookie Baking—Saturday 12/7 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. • parish hall
12/7—Children and youth and their parents are invited to join us Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Epiphany to bake cookies and talk about Advent together! We will decorate the cookies the following evening after Lessons & Carols.

PARISH GROUPS | ECW Christmas Craft & Bake Sale—purchase homemade goodies and crafts
12/8—The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold their annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale Sunday

December 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please stop by the parish hall before or after the 10:00 a.m. service. The proceeds from our bake/craft sale support our service projects during the year. Login to Realm to contact Kathleen Rinehart if you would like to contribute an item to this event.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Feast of St. Nicholas—Sunday, 12/8 at 11:30 a.m. • Room 203

12/8—On Sunday, December 8, our children's formation classes will celebrate the feast of St Nicholas! Children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome to join this event taking place in 203. Youth are invited to attend and to help stuff children's shoes with clementines and chocolate coins.

WORSHIP | Advent Lessons & Carols—5:00 p.m. with a reception following • cookie decorating will be happening!
12/8—The Epiphany Choir, Beginning Choristers, Junior Choir, and Epiphany Ringers will present Advent Lessons & Carols on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in a liturgy much like Christmas Lessons & Carols made popular in the 20th century by Kings College, Cambridge. The promise of the coming Messiah is told in lessons from the Old and New Testaments interspersed with Advent carols, hymns, and choir anthems. The service takes place in the nave followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

WORSHIP | Family Eucharist Service & Service Project—all activities in the parish hall

12/10—Join us for a Family Eucharist (6:15 p.m.) after choir practice or the Family Service project. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. if you'd like to eat pizza together, or come at 5:00 p.m. to take part in the Family Service Project. RSVP for the pizza at epiphany.org/rsvp.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—worship at Common Ground from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

12/15—The youth group will be attending worship at the church of the Common Ground. This "church without walls" is located downtown and focuses on ministry to unhoused individuals. We will gather after the 10:00 a.m. service at Epiphany to ride together. Worship is at 1:00 p.m., followed by lunch. Please note this is an outdoor event so dress warmly!

GIVING | Christmas Flowers & Music—submit names by Monday, December 16

Deadline by 12/16—If you would like to make an offering in thanksgiving or memory of someone for Christmas, please fill out the form at epiphany.org/Christmas-flowers-music. From there you can choose to make your donation via online giving, or if you can also mail a check payable to Church of the Epiphany noting Christmas Flowers and/or Christmas Music in the memo line. To be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins, submissions must be received in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 16.

PARISH GROUPS | Emmaus House Seniors Luncheon—hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

12/19—The ECW we will host a luncheon for the Emmaus House Seniors. This is an annual event and a lot of fun for the seniors and the ECW Members. Login to Realm to contact Kathleen Rinehart if you would like to help with this event.

LITURGY | Service of Light—Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. • in-person & live-streamed

12/22—The Christmas season is a time of joy and expectation but it can also deepen the pain and isolation experienced by those who are grieving. The Service of Light is a worship service with Holy Eucharist meant to speak to the needs of those experiencing grief and loss. It offers a time of prayer and meditation and a reminder that we are not alone. This service is hosted by the Grief Group, the Pastoral Care Committee and Community of Hope, all of whom provide care to Epiphany parishioners who would like pastoral support. The service will also be live-streamed.

ADMINISTRATION | Office & Building Closure

12/24-1/2/25—The Parish Office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and open again on Wednesday, January 2. Outside of worship services, no other services or programs will take place during that time.

LITURGY | Sacrament of Holy Baptism—for all ages

1/12/25—The sacrament of Holy Baptism for adults, infants and children will be administered during the service on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Contact the parish office (parishadmin@epiphany.org) by Monday, December 23 if you or a member of your family desires to be baptized.

HOLIDAY GIVING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Gateway Center Meal Ministry**—*meals served 2nd Fridays of the month*
12/11-13—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Toy Drive for Emmaus House**—*bring unwrapped gifts by December 15*
12/15—This Christmas, we have the opportunity to share God's love with the children and families of Peoplestown. Our donations of unwrapped gifts or gift cards for infants through teenagers can help bring joy to the over 500 children served by Emmaus House. Click the "Toy Drive" button on the home page for the complete list of gifts by ages. Bring unwrapped gifts to Epiphany by December 15.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Gifts for Life**—*give a gift with lasting impact*
Through Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD), *Gifts for Life* gives communities all over the world the chance to transform lives. Empower a community in need while honoring a cherished loved one with a gift today. To see all the *Gifts for Life* options, please visit: episcopalrelief.org/gifts. Your gifts are fully tax deductible.

NOTICE: Our Annual Shoe Drive for the Church of the Common Ground will take place after the first of the year.

YEAR END GIFTS, REIMBURSEMENTS & PLEDGING

FINANCE | **Submit Reimbursements**—*submit by Monday, December 16*
12/16—If you have expenses that should be reimbursed in this fiscal year, they must be submitted and approved by Monday, December 16. Any expenses submitted after the December 16 will be applied to the 2025 budget.

FINANCE | **Year End Gifts & Pledges for 2024**
Deadline 12/31—Pledges and contributions need to be received at the church or postmarked by December 31, 2024 and stock contributions must be delivered to the church brokerage account by December 31, 2024 to be recorded for 2024.

REMINDER: For those of you who schedule online giving, be sure to check your realm account to be sure that your online giving is set up to continue in the new year, and that the amount adds up to the amount of your annual pledge for the coming year.

STEWARDSHIP | **Make a Pledge for 2025**
If you have not already done so, please make a pledge of support to our operating budget—without which we would not be able to worship, find respite, and serve one another and all those in our community we touch through our ministries. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and gallery, or you can make your pledge online at www.epiphany.org/stewardship.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

PASTORAL CARE | **The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—*1st Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.* • Zoom
12/5—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by parishioner and trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please log into Realm to contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Book Group**—*2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.* • *location varies*
12/9—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for location. All are welcome. Log into Realm to Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

- **December 9:** Appetizers & Dessert at 5:30 p.m. and pick books for 2025 (Epiphany)
- **January 13:** *Still Fooling 'Em*, by Billy Crystal (Zoom)

PARISH GROUPS | **The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—*2nd Tuesdays at 9:30/11:00 a.m.* • *parish hall*
12/10—The ECW meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus

House. The meeting and program begins at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Group—2nd Fridays at 11:45 p.m. • Zoom

12/13—Epiphany's Caregiver Group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month, from 11:45 to 12:45 a.m. on Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one, or who are anticipating caring for a loved one, gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is facilitated by Epiphany parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist, and is co-facilitated by parishioner Anne Bucey, who is trained as a spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson to express your interest. You can find her contact information in the Epiphany directory in Realm.

PARISH GROUPS | The Munch Bunch—3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. • Thinking Man Tavern

12/18—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Log into Realm to contact Laura Keys if you have any questions.

ADVENT • CHRISTMAS • EPIPHANY

- 12/1 **Advent 1**
Holy Eucharist • 10:00 a.m.
Advent Wreath-Making (RSVP)
- 12/6 Nativities Collection goes on display
- 12/7 Advent Cookie Event • 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- 12/8 **Advent 2**
ECW Bake Sale • 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist • 10:00 a.m.
St. Nicholas Event • 11:30 a.m.
Formation for all ages • 11:30 a.m.
Advent Lessons & Carols • 5:00 p.m.
Lessons & Carols Reception • 6:00 p.m.
- 12/10 Family Dinner & Holy Eucharist (dinner RSVP) • 6:15 p.m.
- 12/15 **Advent 3**
Holy Eucharist • 10:00 a.m.
Formation for all ages • 11:30 a.m.
- 12/19 ECW Luncheon for the Emmaus House Seniors • 12:00 p.m.
- 12/22 **Advent 4**
Holy Eucharist • 10:00 a.m.
Formation for all ages • 11:30 a.m.
Service of Light • 6:00 p.m.
- 12/24 **Christmas Eve Services**
Festival Eucharist • 4:00 p.m.
Music Prelude • 7:30 p.m.
Festival Eucharist • 8:00 p.m. (incense will be used)
- 12/25 **The Nativity of Our Lord** • 10:00 a.m.
- 12/29 **Christmas Lessons and Carols** • 10:00 a.m.
- 1/5 **Feast of the Epiphany**
Holy Eucharist & Epiphany Pageant • 10:00 a.m.
Feast Day Feast • 11:30 a.m.