

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 21, 2025—10:30 am

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A Note To Our Guests:

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us this morning as we celebrate Holy Eucharist!

Guests sometimes worry about what to do next...where to turn in the book and whether to stand, sit or kneel. From time to time you will receive page number guidance from the clergy, and you may watch to see what others do. In the following order of service the “BCP” page numbers refer to the black Book of Common Prayer. The “S” numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. We invite you into worship with us! All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s Table. If you prefer not to receive communion, but wish to come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.

We are blessed to have you with us! So, sing the hymns, join in, and celebrate the joy of our Lord’s life, death, and resurrection!

Again, welcome ... We wish you God’s peace and joy!

Faithfully,
The People of Church of the Epiphany

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
Sunday 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Morning Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

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Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to the service.

Please silence your phone.

PROCESSIONAL

Hark! The Glad Sound

Hymn 72

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

MAGNIFICAT

Song of Mary

Hymn S-242

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Qui regis Israel

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- ³ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- ⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- ¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- ¹⁸ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

All

**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.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 383

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Far Away in a Manger

(Keil, Kirkpatrick, Murray)

**Far away, in a stall, Jesus was born for all.
Sheep and cattle gather 'round. Angels sing this song:
“Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.
Glory be to God on high; peace on earth.”**

¹ Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

² The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

³ Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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Doxology

Hymn 380 v3

GREAT THANKSGIVING		BCP 361
SANCTUS	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	Hymn S-128
All	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Bessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.	
GREAT AMEN		Hymn S-147
LORD'S PRAYER		BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM		Belmont
All	Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast; Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him, in remembrance of Him.	
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	Hymn 112
	<i>How Bright Appears the Morning Star</i>	Hymn 497
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Hymn 66

*We are a community of discipleship, healing and worship.
We are committed to God, one another and
the transformation of the world in Jesus Christ.*

News

Adult Education—The adult Sunday class is diving into Handel’s *Messiah* during December. Join us at 9:30 in the St. Martha’s room!

Christmas Break—There will be no Sunday School classes on December 28th or January 4th.

Year-end Giving Reminder—According to IRS rules, contributions are effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the offering in January cannot be deducted in the previous year even if it is backdated. The one exception is for checks that are post-marked in 2025 even if it is not received by the church until 2026.

<i>Advent & Christmas Events</i>		
Dec 24	4pm	Christmas Eve candlelight service
Dec 25	10:30am	Christmas Day service
Jan 11	10:30am	Epiphany Celebration & Pig Roast

	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES
VOLUNTEERS	12/21	Shirley	Shirley	Outshine, Excel
	Xmas Eve 4pm	Shirley	Shirley	
	Xmas Day 10:30am			
	12/28		Don	
	1/4	Shirley	Shirley	