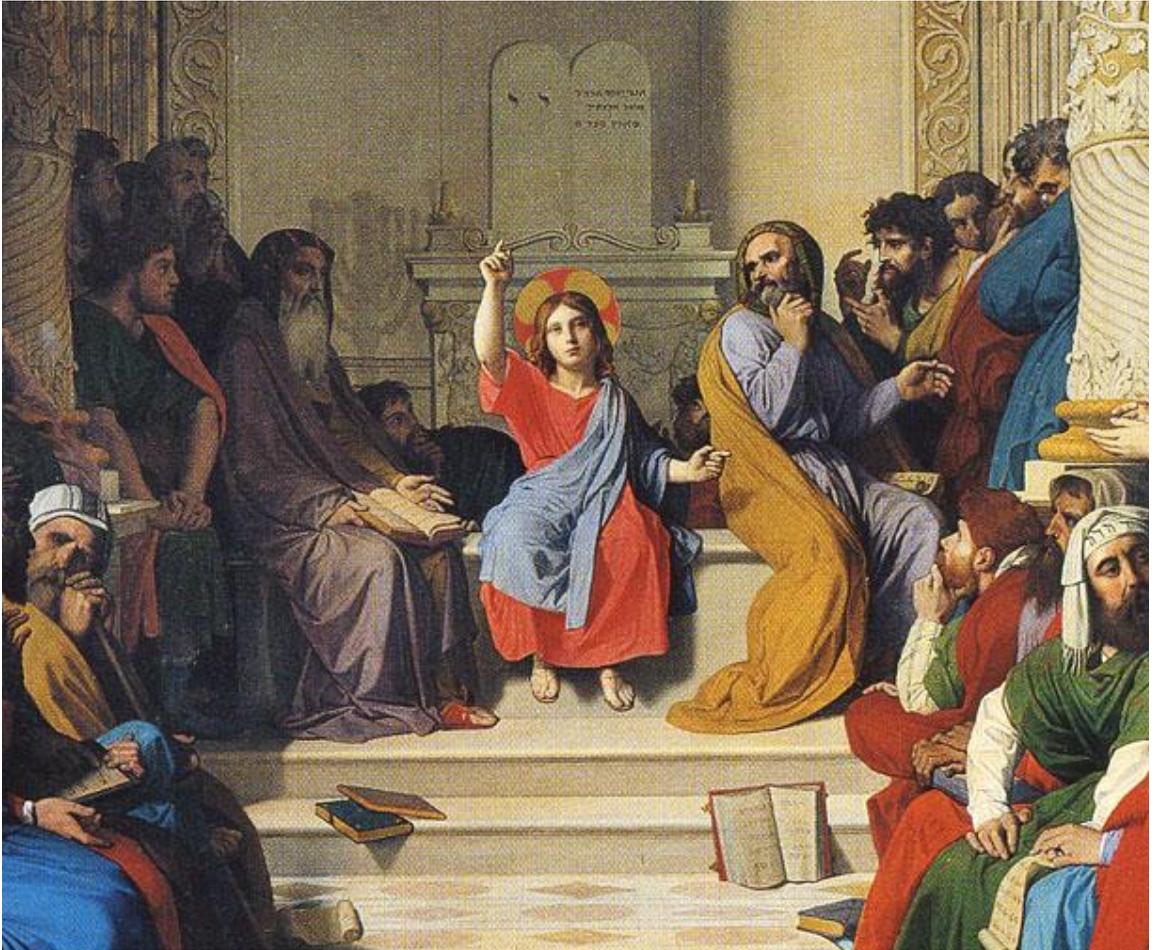


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS
January 4, 2026—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.

With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back,
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
 for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.
 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
 says the LORD.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 84 Quam dilecta!

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² **The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
 my King and my God.**

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.

**⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**¹⁰ For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

¹¹ No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

**¹² O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

**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

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that,

with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *When Jesus Left His Father's Throne* Hymn 480

THE GOSPEL *Luke 2:41-52*

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON Fr. Stace Tafoya

NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 383
CONFESSION OF SIN		BCP 360
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	<i>Ave Verum Corpus</i>	(Elgar)
	<i>Doxology</i>	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-146
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>The First Nowell the Angel Did Say</i>	Hymn 109
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	Hymn 102

NEWS

Christmas Break—There will be no Sunday School classes today.

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.

Epiphany Celebration—Everyone is invited to the celebration of our church's festival day. We'll observe Epiphany on January 11th with our annual pig roast feast after the 10:30 service. Sign up to bring a side dish using the link in the newsletter.

Annual Meeting—Join us for an overview of Epiphany's ministries and budget for the coming year on January 25th after the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided.