

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 28, 2021—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! You are also invited to sign a pew card.

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. The “BCP” page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, the black book. The “S” numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. But we invite you into worship and just to enjoy the service. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s Table. If you prefer not to receive, 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

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

Morning Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 9:30 am

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

SILENT MEDIATION

Psalm 96:9

*Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before Him.*

PROCESSIONAL

Once He Came in Blessing

Hymn 53

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

GLORIA

All Glory Be to Go on High

Hymn 421

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 25:3-9

All **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**

Cantor Show me your ways ,
O LORD, and teach me your paths.
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

All **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**

Cantor Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

All **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**

Cantor He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

O Very God of Very God

Hymn 672

All Sing Alleluia

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Lector
People

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

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Lector
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All Sing Alleluia

SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

SILENT MEDITATION

Habbakuk 2:20

*The LORD is in His holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before Him.*

THE NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 388
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	<i>Como Estrella En Claro Cielo (As a Star on Cloudless Evenings)</i>	
DOXOLOGY		
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
GREAT THANKSGIVING		BCP 361
SANCTUS		Hymn S-128
GREAT AMEN		Hymn S-147
FRACTION ANTHEM		Hymn S-264
	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.	
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Jesus Came, Adored by Angels</i>	Hymn 454
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	Hymn 67

Advent & Christmas

Dec 5	Advent II	St. Nicholas' Visit
Dec 12	Advent III	Lessons & Carols at 10:30am
Dec 19	Advent IV	
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Candlelight Service 4:00pm

—Hymn & Verse of the Month—

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Hymn

¹ There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod;
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

³ But the word of our God endureth,
the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations,
and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
the lambs he'll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he'll lead them,
and bring them safe to his fold.

² O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their king.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away;

Isaiah 25:9

It will be said on that day,
"Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

*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

Hymn & Verse of the Month for December—Pick up your bookmarks in the commons!

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying - Hymn 75

Isaiah 25:9

Fall Sunday School—continuing through Advent

Teen & Adult Class—Join us for in-person classes from 9:30-10:15am to discuss *The Imitation of Christ*. Outside reading is encouraged but not necessary; each class will be self contained.

Elementary Age—Fr. Stace will check-in with elementary kids over Zoom from 9:15-9:30am to discuss what they've been reading in the Biblical literacy program. Use the Zoom ID: 950 217 2940

COVID Delta Variant—We ask that all unvaccinated people wear masks inside the church.

Anyone who is medically compromised or lives or works with vulnerable people is also encouraged to mask up.

Stewardship—Pick up your 2022 pledge cards in the commons and prayerfully consider if you can contribute your time to church ministries. Or, you may email our bookkeeper directly with your pledge amount at: LesleyWilliamsCPA@gmail.com

Spiritual Formation—Suggested Calendar for the week of November 28th

<i>The Story Bible</i> (Engelbrecht) Ages 2-8	<i>The Child's Story Bible</i> (Vos) Ages 9 and Up	<i>Growth in the Word</i> (Shafer) Grades 7-12	<i>Experiencing the Presence of God</i> (Tozer)	<i>The Imitation of Christ with Commentary</i> (àKempis/Billy)
Suggested pace: about 2-4 stories per week	Suggested pace: about 4-6 chapters per week	Suggested pace: about one lesson per week	Suggested pace: about one chapter every 2 weeks	Suggested pace: about 3 chapters per week
<i>Jehoiachin's New Clothes, Daniel in the Lions' Den, Daniel Sees Heaven, The Lord Leaves the Temple</i>	<i>More Stories About David & Saul, David the King Whom God Loved, How the Good King Sinned</i>	Chapter 5 Lesson 5	Chapter 8 (continued)	Book 3: 13. <i>Of obedience & humility, 14. Of seeing ourselves through God's eyes, 15. Of what we are to do & say above all our desires</i>