

The Epiphany
January 7, 2024
10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

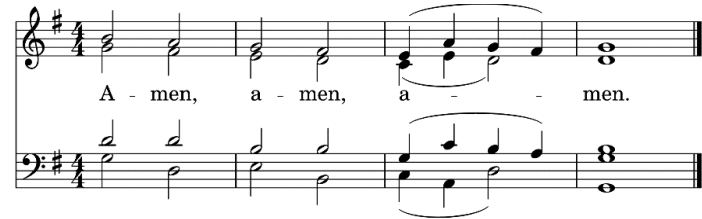
Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)
During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

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People:	We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.
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Please save your conversations until you exit the church to be respectful of those listening to the Postlude.

Healing prayers will be offered at the altar railing following the service.

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Martha Redstom-Plourd and Peter Plourd in honor of their Manakin Episcopal family.

- OFFICIANT** – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao
LAY READERS – David Martin & Terry Brydon
ALTAR GUILD – Leslie Eckmann, Lea Emory, Sharon LaLiberte, Lynn Novak
MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen
COFFEE HOUR – in Denny Hall
NURSERY TEAM – Jenny Karluk & Marrica Hazelwood
USHER – Michael Walker
VIDEO STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens



Receiving Holy Communion

The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again. (BCP p. 859) We are eager to share this remembrance with you. God welcomes you to receive His body and blood for forgiveness of our sins, and to be strengthened in our relationship with Christ and one another.

- † At the appropriate time, people in your pew will come forward to the altar railing. We will begin on the left side facing the altar with the first pew. Please proceed forward on the right side of the aisle, returning on the left side.
- † Please fill the altar railing in from the right side to the left.
- † Once you have arrived at the altar, you may stand or kneel to receive. Both hands, with one hand supporting the other are put forth.
- † The sacramental bread (wafer) will be placed in your hands with words such as “The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.” A response is not necessary, but some may say “Amen”.
- † The chalice will be offered to those who have consumed the bread. Please help the Chalicist by placing your hand on the base of the cup to take a sip of the wine.
- † If you wish to intinct the bread, please hold it up and the Chalicist will pass you and a bowl for intinction will be offered. Please do not intinct in the common chalice from which others drink.
- † After you have received, it is customary to wait until the person next to you has received before returning to your seat. You do not need to wait for all at the railing to receive before returning.
- † When you return to your seat, you may kneel or sit in prayer and reflection of the wonderful gift that you have just received. Please join in singing of the communion hymns.

If for any reason you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. At the altar railing cross your arms over your chest signifying that you are there to receive a blessing only.

When you pray, please remember the following:

Anika Kapur, Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Holly Dean Schlotterer, Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Anne Dull, Sue Stroson, Harry Bowen, Jr., Nick Hanak, Michael Foreman, Kaitlin DeCesare, Phil Frank, Verity Jones, Jane Gerring, Lynn Shepley, Ben Durrant, Parker Ann Martin, Nancy & Tom Dawson, Jake Anderson, Amanda Looney, Robert Johnston, Eddie Oliver, Lee & Janet Showalter, June Stertz, Michelle Fisher, David Wolcott, Larry Rock, Viola Muller, Tom Walker, Sharon Hoyle, Marcy, Connie Rosenbaum, Alan Rosenbaum, Barbara Akers, Christy Darlington, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Lawrence Mitchell, Sally & Jay Fiedler, Harry Broaddus, Jim Smith, Bentley Wetzel, Brad Rose, Goldie Groom, Sandy Litz, Jamie Owens, Carol Perenzin, Mickey Stokes, Elizabeth Felicetti, Don Akers, Carolyn Burns, Grady Hebert, Brent Hodges, Judy Jones, Brian, Chip, Laura, Ed Mulreany, Peggy Loeper, Christy Allen, Donna Crane, Dennis McArdle, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Marissa, Jean Duke, Guy Ross, Tommy Collins, Barry Akers, Hersch Goldberg-Polin, Susan & Dave Woods, Jamie Owen, Polly Akers, David Wilson, Carol Migacz, Travis Scarborough, Karl Grotos and Peter Plourd, Katie McFadden, Lindsay Rodrigues, Davis Spain, Billy Florence and Glenn Webster.

Happy birthday to the following:

David Charbonneau	1/8	Holly Walker	1/10
Don Marsh	1/8	Julianne Hott	1/12
Nancy Aasen	1/9	Stephany Breed	1/13
Pat McSweeney	1/10	Charlotte Ann Howell	1/13

Announcements

- ❖ **Inquirer’s Class:** Today at 9 AM in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Confirmation Class:** Today at 11:15 AM.
- ❖ **Sit, Stitch and Craft Night:** Monday, January 8, at 5 PM. Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **Tuesday Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, January 9, at 9:30 AM. Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09>; Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Men’s Bible Study – Wednesday, January 10, at 9:15 AM:** Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and lively conversation. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This study will be for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast – Saturday, January 13, at 8 AM.** The program will be “Recommended Self-Defense Measures and Appropriate Weapons for Personal Protection.” The program speaker will be Chris DeHart. Chris served Powhatan County in law enforcement for 28 years and is married to our own Wendy DeHart. Please plan to attend this very informative presentation, and of course enjoy a great breakfast!

- ❖ **Manakin Book Club:** Our next Manakin Book Club will meet at Manakin on **Tuesday, January 16,** at **5:30 PM.** We will be discussing The Measure by Nikki Erlick. This thought- provoking book should provide some great discussion! All are welcome to join us. Bring a friend. Dessert will be served!
- ❖ **Choir Practice:** The **Chancel Choir (adults)** rehearsals **Thursday,** at **7:30 PM.** If you would like to join the choir, call Rita Gulliksen (804) 272-0505.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as individual bags of chips and Pop Tarts and proteins (pop-top cans of beefaroni/ravioli are especially welcome). Please place these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. **Join us on the first Friday of the month.** You can meet us at Manakin at **9 AM** or at the site at **9:30 AM,** 3035 Lower Hill Road, Powhatan. If you have any questions, contact Penny Sawyer at 804-794-5609.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are in the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items and current needs beef and chicken soups and pop tarts. Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult & puppy), laundry items (detergent/softener/dryer sheets/bleach), towels, blankets, toys (such as “Kongs”), treats, medium collars/harnesses/leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note “Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund” to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

The Epiphany

The Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Deus, judicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The New Testament: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Opening Hymn #109 – The First Noel

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The Sequence Hymn #128 – We Three Kings - *Congregation to sing refrain*



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

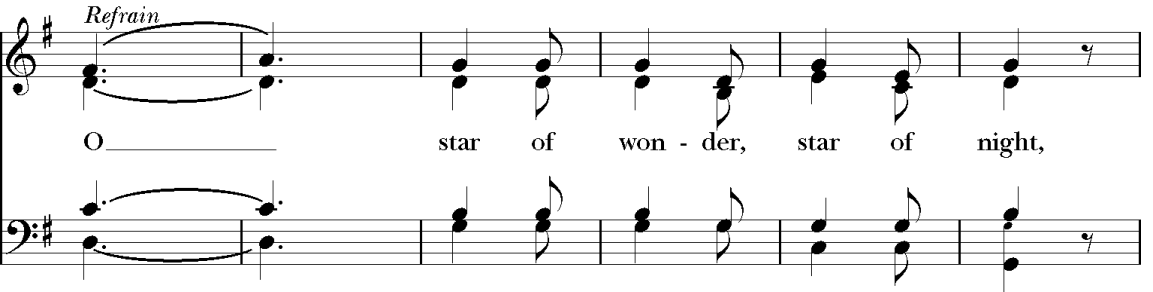


1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

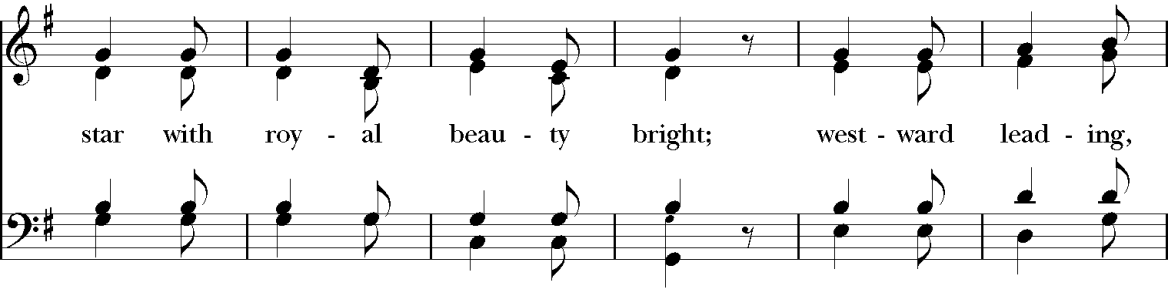


1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

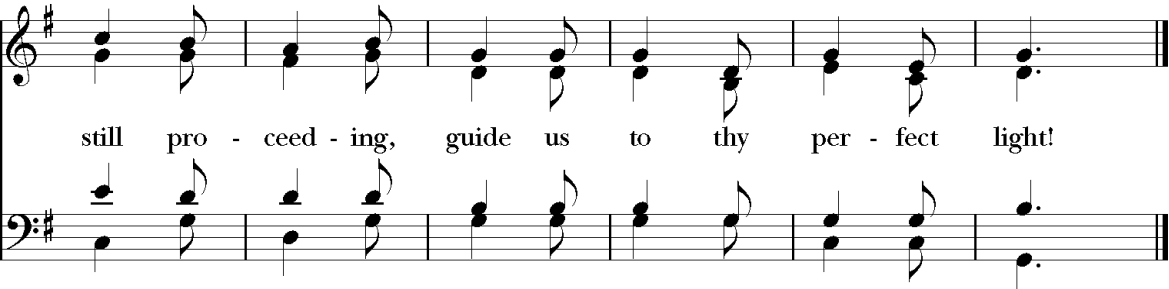
Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

The Communion Hymn #115 – What Child Is This

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in, such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

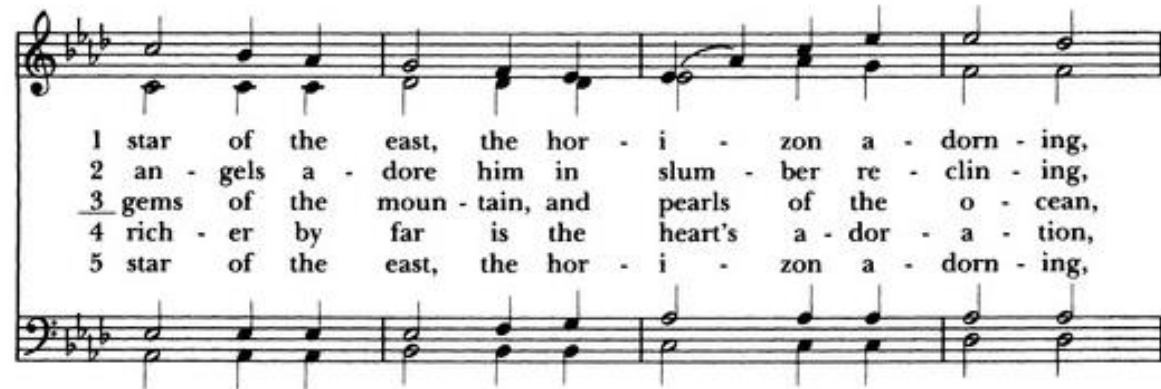
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Closing Hymn #117 – Brightest And Best Of the Stars In The Morning



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.