

**The Feast of the Epiphany  
January 4, 2026  
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.*

**The Word of God**

The Voluntary: What Child Is This

The Processional Hymn #117 – Brightest And Best

Opening Acclamation & Response

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

**The Gloria, S202**

The Collect for the Day

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

**The Sequence Hymn #128 – We Three Kings** (Congregation to sing refrain only)    **Three Kings of Orient**

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

The Confession & Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem: Unto To Us Is Born A Son

Presentation of Offerings

**The Doxology – Hymn #380, verse 3**

**Our Fathers' God, To Thee – Hymn #717, vs. 4**

Eucharistic Prayer I

**Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy, S114**

The Amen



Richard Purvis  
**Morning Star**

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**Danish**

The Lord's Prayer

**The Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God, S158**

The Prayer Of Humble Access

**The Communion Hymns #115 – What Child Is This**

**#109 – The First Nowell**

Commissioning Prayer for Eucharistic Ministers

**Celebrant:** Receive these Holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood. On behalf of the Household of Manakin, I send you and your team forth bearing these Holy gifts to our brothers and sisters at Spring Arbor and Brookdale so that they may experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of this Blessed Sacrament. May you carry the prayers of all of us.

**People:** **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

**The Closing Hymn #119 – As With Gladness**

Dismissal

The Postlude: We Three Kings

*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 Susie and Kevin Baptiste in honor of their son, Matthew, upon the occasion of his birthday.*

*We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.*

**OFFICIANT** – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

**LAY READERS** – David Denson & Katie Harrison

**ALTAR GUILD** – Leslie Eckmann, Lea Emory, Sharon LaLiberte, Lynn Novak, Missy Rakes, Becky Vestal

**GREETER** – Christine Charbonneau

**MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen

**TELLER** – Roy McLeod

**NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk

**USHER** – David Martin

**VIDEO STREAMING TEAM** – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

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**Greensleeves**

**The First Nowell**

**When you pray, please remember the following church members:**

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Pat & Rhett DuPont, Trey Harrington and Tom Connor.

**When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:**

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Joelle Cosby, Paul Bubenshik, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmee Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges, Elaine Jones, Jim Dawson, Terry Royal, Phillip, Dale Custer, Becky Sido, Jan Sierk, Kjerstin Johnson and Bobby Perkins.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

Mimi Bennett	1/4	David Charbonneau	1/8
Jacquelyn Bayarski	1/5	Don Marsh	1/8
Jessi Briere	1/6	Nancy Aasen	1/9
Linda Catlett	1/6	Pat McSweeney	1/10
Christine Charbonneau	1/6	Jamie Owen	1/10
Lucy Edwards	1/6	Holly Walker	1/10
Emma Bayarski	1/7		

**Announcements**

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Sit & Stitch: Monday, January 5, 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.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Tuesdays 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: Wednesdays 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 is for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.

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- ❖ **Men of the Church: Saturday, January 10, at 8 AM.** The speaker will be Mr. Bryan Truzzie, Historic Sites Supervisor of the Chesterfield Parks & Recreation. Mr. Truzzie will present "Chesterfield: A Historical Perspective," which will focus on the history of Chesterfield, its community events and programming opportunities for older adults. Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, the presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **Family Forum: Sunday, January 11, at 9 AM** – Please join us for a hands-on family focused activity of making Vision Boards. If you have not done this before, it is a great way to look and plan for the year ahead with vision and dreams. Please bring magazines to use for cutting out pictures, if you have some.
- ❖ **EFM: Monday, January 12, at 7 PM.**
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club:** We will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 13, at 7 PM** to discuss Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller. The book is described as "a wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything." Please be sure to have the Zoom application downloaded onto the electronic device of your choice if you'd like to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or via email at [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **Nursery Help Needed:** We're looking for volunteers to help in the church nursery! We need people to assist our full-time nursery provider. If you enjoy spending time with little ones and want to support the families in our congregation, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please reach out to Marion about being added to the nursery rotation.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items. **Current needs are: canned lima and butter beans, instant grits, beef and chicken broth and Vienna Sausages.** If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Mary Kay an email at [marykatherinegates@gmail.com](mailto:marykatherinegates@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult "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!

## Plastic Bag Recycle Program

We have joined The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags now through November 2026 or until our goal is met. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic! Drop off at church can be in the bin located in room number 5 in Denny Hall. Any questions? Please contact Jean Hillsman at [jmhillsman56@gmail.com](mailto:jmhillsman56@gmail.com). Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench for an organization in need.

**What can be recycled?** Grocery bags, shipping envelopes, bread bags, Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper), newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags. **No plastic bottles please.**

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## **The Feast Of The Epiphany**

### **The Collect**

#### **Contemporary**

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### **Traditional**

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.

### Processional Hymn #117 – Brightest And Best

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

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.

Sequence Hymn #128 – We Three Kings – Congregation sings refrain only

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!

## 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 estate, 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 the Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -  
  
an - them 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.

Communion Hymn #109 – The First Nowell

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.

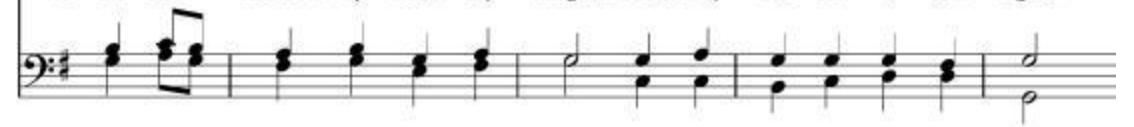
6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

## Closing Hymn #119 – As With Gladness



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger - bed;  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly King.  
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

