

# The Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

## February 8, 2026

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*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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*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Kathryn, Stephen and Jacob Butler in memory of Phillip Butler.*

*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** – Bill Breed & Terry Brydon
- ACOLYTE** – Cameron Goodwyn
- ALTAR GUILD** – Diane Mahoney, Tricia & Gunnar Kohlbeck, Pat Rock, Claire Stauffer
- GREETER** – Sue Daniels
- CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER** – Roy McLeod
- COFFEE HOUR** – in Denny Hall
- NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk
- USHER** – Scott Eckmann
- VIDEO STREAMING TEAM** – Gunnar Kohlbeck

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

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Rhett duPont, Trey Harrington, Carol Timmons and Katie Cole.

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

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, 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, Bobby Perkins, Charlie Chitwood, Tom Green and Jerry Lowe.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

Abby Gates	2/9	Betsy Chester	2/13
Ronnie Rice	2/9	Lenora Goodwyn	2/13
Lillie DiStanislaw	2/10	Larry Rock	2/13
Bennett Goodwyn	2/10	Donna Wohlford	2/13
Harrison Ruby	2/11	Becky Aldred	2/14
Wyatt Schepker	2/12	David Gates	2/14

**Happy Anniversary to the following:**

Beth & Jack Norton	2/8	Becky & Bob Aldred	2/12
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**Announcements**

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Souper Bowl of Deliciousness: Today.** Join us in Denny Hall for Souper Bowl of Deliciousness! Celebrated nationwide as Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Please bring a can or two of soup for the Powhatan Food Pantry. You may also make a monetary contribution if you wish. Come over to Denny Hall after the 10 AM worship service for fellowship and your choice of eight delicious soups. Crackers, cornbread, cheese, desserts and beverages will also be provided.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhlMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;> 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.
- ❖ **EFM: Monday, February 9, at 7 PM.**

- ❖ **Ladies Night Out: Wednesday, February 11, at 5:30 PM** at Palermo's Westchester Shopping Center. Please contact Beverly Whitley if you plan to attend.
- ❖ **The Burial Service for Randy Blunt** will take place **Thursday, February 12, at 1 PM.**
- ❖ **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 17, at 5:30 PM.** As in years past, the Men of the Church will prepare a wonderful pancake supper for the congregation and money raised will go to support Manakin's youth activities and outreach efforts. Our youth will participate by setting up, greeting guests, collecting donations and cleaning up. Help make this year's supper as successful as it has been in the past.
- ❖ **Ash Wednesday Services: Wednesday, February 18 at noon and 7 PM.**
- ❖ **Family Forum: Sunday, February 22.** Getting to know our new Christian Formation Minister, Dana Blackman.
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club: Tuesday, February 24, at 7 PM via Zoom.** We will be discussing Jim DeFede's book The Day the World Came to Town. The novel "tells the true story of how the residents of the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, Canada opened their homes and hearts to thousands of stranded airline passengers after the 9/11 attacks." It is a heart-warming story in tragic circumstances. Please download the Zoom application onto the electronic device of your choice prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or via email at [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **Lenten Dinner and Program: Wednesday, February 25, at 5:30 PM. Potluck supper.**
- ❖ **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: Pop Tarts, coffee, canned pineapple, Rotel, Manwich/Sloppy Joe mix, alfredo sauce, barbeque sauce and ketchup.** 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.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as fruit cups, applesauce cups, Go Go squeeze applesauce, snack crackers packets 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 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.

❖ **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.**

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**February 18** – Ash Wednesday - Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at **12 PM and 7 PM**

Each Wednesday during Lent we will offer Morning Prayer in the Nave at 8:45 AM starting on **February 25.**



Last year we had such great success with watching C. S. Lewis’ The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe that we decided to continue with that momentum. This year our movie will be a continuance with The Chronicles of Narnia – Prince Caspian (Rated PG). We will watch segments of this movie each week and discuss the Christian themes. This is a great movie for all ages!

**February 25** – Lenten Supper and Movie - We will have a potluck supper starting at **5:30 PM** – Bring a dish to share!

**March 4** – Lenten Supper and Movie - Dinner will be provided

**March 11** – Lenten Supper and Movie - Potluck – bring a dish to share

**March 18** – Lenten Supper and Movie - Dinner will be provided

**March 25** – Lenten Supper and Movie - Potluck – bring and dish to share

Please sign up in Denny Hall to help with set-up and clean-up. Thank you!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After The Epiphany

### The Collect

#### Contemporary

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### Traditional

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### Old Testament: Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

## The Psalm

### Psalm 112:1-9, [10]

#### *Beatus vir*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
  - 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
  - 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
  - 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
  - 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
  - 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
  - 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.
  - 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
  - 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- [10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

#### **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God

decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.]

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

#### **The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Processional Hymn #48 - O Day Of Radiant Gladness

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and  
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most  
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ  
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through  
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and  
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -  
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -  
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,  
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and  
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from  
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.  
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.  
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.  
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Sequence Hymn #7 – Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Communion Hymn #497 – How Bright Appears The Morning Star

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right-eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Continued



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

### Communion Hymn #302 – Father, We Thank Thee



1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,  
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -  
Sons to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,  
didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy  
Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

## Closing Hymn #488 – Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.