

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 18, 2026 10:30 A.M



Epiphany, also known as "Theophany" in Eastern Christian tradition, is a Christian feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana.

In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas. Moreover, the feast of the Epiphany, in some denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide.

Popular Epiphany customs include Epiphany hymns, chalking the door, having one's house blessed and eating Three Kings Cake. It is customary for Christians in many localities to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve (Twelfth Night).

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S TRUE LIGHT

HYMNAL 542

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

S 279

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day and today's readings can be found in the insert

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

ISAIAH 49-1-7

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-12 Chanted by the choir. The congregation sings the antiphon when indicated.

The voice of the Lord is up - on the wa - -ters.

1. I waited patiently upon the Lord;*
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
2. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;*
he set my feet upon a high cliff, and made my footing sure.
3. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;*
many shall see and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
4. Happy are they who trust in the Lord!*
They do not resort to evil spirits, or turn to false gods.

Antiphon

5. Great things are they that you have done O Lord my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us!* There is none who can be compared with you.
6. Oh that I could make them known and tell them!*
But they are more than I can count.
7. In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;*
you have given me ears to hear you;
8. burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,*
and so I said, "Behold I come."

Antiphon

9. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:*
10. I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;*
behold I did not restrain my lips; and that O Lord you know.
11. Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;* I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
12. You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;*
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Antiphon

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS.

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

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

During the Sequence Hymn, the children may follow the cross to Children's Chapel

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

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:29-42

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

THE SERMON

PASTOR LAURA HENRIK

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

BCP 392

Lector In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Lector For Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sarah, Archbishop-elect of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey and Laura, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian; and all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In The Diocese of East Tennessee we pray for Christ Church, Chattanooga.

In The Diocese of South Dakota we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish and for St. Andrew, Cherry Creek, St. James, Bear Creek, St. Luke, Iron Lightning, St. Peter, Thunder Butte, St. Philip, Dupree, South Dakota.

In The Diocese of Haiti, we pray for St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.

We pray for those in assisted living and rehab: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby, Horia & Shafik Iskander, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades.

We pray for the following parish members: Jo Ann Baker; Bill & Margaret Baldauf; Jim Ball; Adam & Simon Ballintoy; Jean Bardorf.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Robert Manrod, Alex Mol.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lector Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Lector We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lector Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Then the Presider and People say together

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SING MY SOUL BY ALAN CLARKE

PARISH CHOIR

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 380 v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP 369

The people remain standing. The presider then says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-124

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as they are able. Then the Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, and maintains a moment of silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S-154

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us
keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to the rail to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

WLP 757

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

RECESSATIONAL HYMN CHRIST WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

HYMNAL 7

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - JANUARY 18, 2026

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Tate Cavender
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	Teddy Dantzler, Eliana Henrik
LECTORS	Jamey Kennedy	Leah Bailey
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Cyril Meredith, Courtney Manrod
USHERS	Jim Rousey, John Cox	Jerry Hanna, Alan Liby
GREETERS	Jim Rousey	Judith Delaney
COUNTERS	Beth Bailey, Bonnie Bautz	
EUCARISTIC VISITOR	Cameron Ellis	
ALTAR GUILD	Roni Boyd, Bonnie Bautz, Vicky White	
AV TECH	Brad Hillis	
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The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, January 21. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 19 - JANUARY 24

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, January 19	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, January 20	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
	2:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer (in person)
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, January 21	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 22	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, January 23		Office Closed
Saturday, January 24	11:00 a.m.	Diaconate Ordination

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

TODAY

Join us for Coffee and Conversation today after both services.

LECTIONARY STUDY

EVERY SUNDAY

The lectionary study meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Pollard Room to discuss the gospel from the day's insert. Discussion is light but informative. Each class is led by a class member who volunteers. Come experience how enriching this Lectionary class can be to your Bible study and understanding.

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION!

ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of applesauce cups and canned fruit. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

THIS MONTH

The loose plate offering for the rest of the month of January will be designated for the Blankets Campaign. Please see the E-News for more detailed information.

Please join us in room 209 at 9:30 a.m. for 6 weeks beginning January 11, 2026, for a Church Next program called “Reading the Bible through the lens of conflict.” Sure, it sounds counter-intuitive, but Padraig O Tuama says conflict is the inevitable outcome of the gift of individuality. What’s more, he’s convinced that reading the Bible through the lens of conflict can bring us to deeper places of peace, not because we agree, but because we can learn to live in the tension. Come join us for thought-provoking conversation.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND AMBRY CANDLES 2026

First – thank you to all of you who have given the flowers throughout this past year. The flowers add so much to the chancel and are then enjoyed throughout the week. One of the arrangements goes in the chapel for the weekly services there. The other is broken down and distributed around the church and out in the community. The new sign-up charts have been posted near the office. The flowers for the upcoming year will be \$90 for the two arrangements. The Ambry Candles will be \$10. If you cannot get by to sign up, please call the office.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING**JANUARY 19**

Join us on Monday, January 19th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall for the Evangelism Committee meeting. This ministry works together to help ensure St. Stephen’s is a welcoming and inviting environment for both parishioners and newcomers. If you enjoy creating an inviting environment, welcoming others, and building meaningful connections, we would love to have you be part of this committee! Please contact Brittany Shassere at Brittany.Shassere@knoxschools.org for more information

MLK CELEBRATION**JANUARY 19**

St. Stephen’s parishioners are cordially invited to a public MLK celebration at the Historic Grove Theater, 123 Randolph Road, on Monday, January 19, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Organized by Alpha Kappa Alpha, the celebration will include a guest speaker, student performances, scholarship awards, and a light lunch. St. Stephen’s Outreach Committee supports the scholarship program. School-age students as well as adults are encouraged to attend.

MONTHLY PARISH POTLUCK**JANUARY 25**

Our Monthly Parish Potluck on Sunday, January 25th after the 10:30 service will be a Celebration of the Ordination to the Diaconate of our Seminarian, Adam Ballintoy! Parish Life will provide the entree, beverages, and a cake. Please begin thinking about what sides you want to bring to round out the meal and plan to join us for this wonderful event in the life of our Parish.

ADAM BALLINTOY'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE!

JANUARY 24 @ 11A.M.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, KNOXVILLE

After nearly three years of seminary and many years before that in discernment, a big moment has come for our seminarian Adam Ballintoy! Adam will be ordained to the Order of Deacons on Saturday, January 24 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral in downtown Knoxville. He will be ordained with two other colleagues from the diocese by Bishop Brian Cole. St. Stephen's parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Please keep in mind that parking at the cathedral is limited. For those who may need a ride, or for those who are willing to drive and take passengers, please let Fr. Bailey know. We will try to set up a carpool as drivers are available for those interested in going. Please keep Adam and Simon in your prayers as they get ready for this glorious day!

We would like to present Adam with a purse on January 25, 2026 to celebrate his ordination as Deacon. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this wonderful accomplishment. You may make a donation by adding a check or cash to the offering plate or stop by the church office. **Please be sure to note that the check or cash is for Adam Ballintoy's purse.**

BUNCO

JANUARY 31

Ladies!! Let's plan Bunco on January 31st from 3:00-5:00 in the Parish Hall! There is a \$5. buy-in for the game, which will be donated to the Clergy Discretionary Fund. This event is co-sponsored by DOK and Parish Life. Please sign up on the website or by contacting Leah Bailey at leah.bailey@ststephensor.org so that we know how many tables to set up.

HOUSE BLESSINGS FOR EPIPHANY

During the season of Epiphany, it is very appropriate for the church to offer house blessings. House blessings go back to the ancient church in which the church actually met in people's homes before special places were consecrated for worship. Fr Bailey is delighted to come out and offer this blessing, both for the blessing itself and the opportunity to have fellowship with you in your home. It is appropriate for anyone, but it is especially fun for families with kids as we can include them in part of the service. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Fr Bailey directly at rector@ststephensor.org to schedule a time for the blessing.

ECUMENICAL CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

TUESDAYS

All are invited to an ecumenical Centering Prayer group every Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the chapel. We will begin with a brief time of introduction and checking in followed by a period of sitting silence for 20 minutes. For more information, contact Carol Gardner, 865-304-2093 or gardnerwc73@gmail.com

COMING IN FEBRUARY! LENT COMES EARLY THIS YEAR!

Our 4th Annual Mardi Gras Family Fete will be **February 7th** from 5:30-8:00 in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy Gumbo, Jambalaya, Etoufée, Kings' Cake and other cajun delights. If you would like to contribute any Cajun/Creole style items to the menu, contact Leah Bailey (leah.bailey@ststephensor.org). In order to have enough Gumbo, we ask that you RSVP (insert hyperlink here!) on the St. Stephen's website or by calling the Church.

Our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be **February 17th** in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:30. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the Choir trip to Scotland in July.

Our free Wednesday **Lenten Simple Soup Suppers** will begin **February 25th** and continue through April 1 from 5:30-6:30 with a Lenten Study session to follow. If you would be willing to provide a pot of soup--with or without meat-- for one of these Wednesdays, please let Leah Bailey know (leah.bailey@ststephensor.org)

Our Monthly Parish Breakfast Potluck will be **February 22nd** from 9:00-10:15.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Because we do not have enough pre-registrants, the grief support group planned to begin this week at St Stephen's will be deferred until later in the year. If you are interested in other grief support options at this time, please contact either Fr. Bailey or Steve Herbes (865.250.9123; Stephen.herbes@yahoo.com).

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