

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 25, 2026



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, Rector

*“On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you,  
I will seek other seas.” (from our Communion hymn “You have  
come down to the lakeshore”)*

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all, especially to any guests worshipping with us at St. Matthew's today. We are so glad that you are here with us! Your presence makes the love of Christ more real to each one of us. As we worship during this season of Epiphany, we are celebrating that the true Light, now born among us, is continually being revealed to a world desperately in need of light to push back the darkness- this happens not only in our scripture stories but to all people in every time and every place. Epiphany calls us to the work of sharing this Light.

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our weekday services, and our regular Sunday worship at 10am. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes. Please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are, so that we may continue to welcome you into our community. All our contact information is listed in this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pew racks. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. **You will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- both are intended to be sung by everyone!**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. **Intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice) is not permitted.)** Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms. ***Blessings and love to you on this holy day and always- Mother Dina***

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00AM

*(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)*

### The Ringing of the Bells

*We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into a respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of Spirit-filled worship.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Music	“Fishers of Men”	Harry D. Clarke
Processional Hymn	#616, The Hymnal 1982	
“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!”		

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*  
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*The people and Celebrant say together*  
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.

The Song of Praise	#135, The Hymnal 1982
“Songs of thankfulness and praise”	

**The Collect of the Day**  
Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Celebrant Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*  
Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus

Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
    on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
    The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 27:1, 5-13    *Said in unison.***

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
    whom then shall I fear? \*  
    the LORD is the strength of my life;  
    of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

#### A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone

else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

#126, The Hymnal 1982

“The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light”

**The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their

father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

Mother Dina

*A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed** *all stand and say together*

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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.

**The Prayers of the People, Form II**

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For ++Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for +Audrey and +Kevin, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for this gathering;

and for all ministers and people. Today in our Susquehanna Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Milton. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Allentown; St. John's, Bellefonte; Trinity Pro Cathedral, Williamsport; and the Diocesan Council. For the Diocese of Kajo Keji, we pray for St. John Kim and St. John Kendiri Parishes. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially President Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver, our State Representative Mike Stender, and our Mayor Josh Broscious; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence.*

I ask your prayers for Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Nancy, Becky, Easton, Ariella, Ereda, Junior, and Brendaly, AmberLynn, Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, Fred, Tatum, Carol, Mary, Dennis, Ruby Faith, Linda, Abby, Beth, Kelsey, Cyn, Karen, Sandy, Suzy, Robert, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers, all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, especially **Ann, and Jayden**, law enforcement, and first responders. I ask your prayers for all the departed, especially for John, Renee, and Charolette.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence.*

I ask your thanksgivings either silently or aloud. *Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. Silence.  
*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Celebrant**

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.

**People** Amen.

**The Peace**

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*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn** “Will you come and follow me?” arr. John Bell

## The Summons / El Llamado



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
 1. *Si te lla - mo, ¿se - gui - rás* *Mis pa - sos*  
 2. *Si te lla - mo, ¿de - ja - rás* *Tus bie - nes*  
 3. *Si te lla - mo, ¿de - ja - rás* *Que pue - da el*



call your name? Will you go where you don't  
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 sin ce - sar? *¿Al des - co - no - ci - do j -*  
 y tu ho - gar? *¿Cui - da - rás a los de -*  
 cie - go ver? *¿A los pre - sos li - bra -*



know And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 kind And nev - er be the same? Will you  
 free And nev - er be the same? Will you  
*rás?* *¿Te de - ja - rás cam - biar?* *¿Les de -*  
 más? *¿Te de - ja - rás cam - biar?* *¿No te im -*  
*rás,* *Y cam - bia - rás tu ser?* *¿Al le -*



let my love be shown, Will you let my  
 risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -  
 kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as  
*mos - tra - rás mi a - mor?* *¿O - bra - rás siem -*  
*por - ta - rá el mi - rar* *Del hos - til an -*  
*pro - so be - sa - rás?* *¿En se - cre - to*



name be known, Will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I  
*pre\_en mi ho - nor?* *¿De - ja - rás que crez - ca\_en*  
*te tu\_o - brar?* *Pon tus sú - pli - cas en*  
*ser - vi - rás?* *¿An - te\_el mun - do mos - tra -*

4. Will you love the “you” you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.

4. *Si te llamo, ¿amarás  
Tu verdadero ser?  
¿Tu temor rechazarás?—  
Podrás en mí vencer.  
¿Traerás a mi creación  
Nueva vida, paz, perdón?  
¿Vivirás como viví  
Y vivo yo en ti?*

5. Tú me llamas, seguiré  
Tus pasos, mi Señor.  
Y cambiado estaré,  
Seguro\* en tu amor.  
Junto a ti caminaré,  
Donde vayas, yo iré.  
Por tu fuerza viviré  
En ti, y tú en mí.

\*Segura

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Eucharistic Prayer D

## BCP 367 (S-120, The Hymnal 1982)



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

**The Sanctus**

**S-129, The Hymnal 1982**

**“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might”**

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you

sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may

descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with **St. Matthew** and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **AMEN.**



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### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:  
**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.  
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## The Fraction Anthem

#333, The Hymnal 1982

“Now the silence, now the peace”

*The Celebrant says*

These are 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.

## Communion Hymns

#653, The Hymnal 1982

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind”

#758, Wonder Love and Praise

“You have come down to the lakeshore”

1. Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
2. Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi  
1. You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
2. You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo  
bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo  
nei - ther the wise nor the weal - thy, But on - ly  
trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

*Estrillo  
(Refrain)*

Sheet music for 'Estrillo (Refrain)' in G major, 2/4 time. The music consists of four staves of musical notation with corresponding lyrics in Spanish and English. The lyrics are as follows:

quié - res \_\_\_\_\_ que yo te si - ga. \_\_\_\_\_ Je -  
re - des \_\_\_\_\_ y mi tra - ba - jo. \_\_\_\_\_  
ask - ing \_\_\_\_\_ for me to fol - low. \_\_\_\_\_ O  
fish nets \_\_\_\_\_ and will for work - ing.

sús, \_\_\_\_\_ me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; \_\_\_\_\_ son - ri -  
Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ you have looked in - to my eyes; \_\_\_\_\_ kind - ly

en - do \_\_\_\_\_ has di - cho mi nom - bre; \_\_\_\_\_ en la -  
smil - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ you've called out my name. \_\_\_\_\_ On the

re - na \_\_\_\_\_ he de - ja - do mi bar - ca; \_\_\_\_\_ jun - to a  
sand I \_\_\_\_\_ have a - ban-doned my small boat; \_\_\_\_\_ now with

3. Tú necesitas mis manos,  
mi cansancio que a otros descance,  
amor que quiera seguir amando.  
*Estrillo*

4. Tú, Pescador de otros mares,  
ansia eterna de almas que esperan.  
Amigo bueno, que as' me llamas.  
*Estrillo*

3. *You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary  
a love that's willing to go on loving.*  
Refrain

4. *You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that  
are yearning:  
As loving Friend, you have come to call me.*  
Refrain

Words: Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. trans. Madeleine F. Marshall, alt. Music: *Pescador*, Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992).

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion *All pray together*

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

### Post Communion Prayer

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The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

## The Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-Begotten One at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

#539, The Hymnal 1982

**“O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling”**

**The Dismissal** *The Celebrant dismisses the People*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Music

**“Jesus calls us!”**

William H. Jude

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; St. Matthew's Choir

Fran Zartman, *Flute*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*

Roy Casey and Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Ministers*

David Hollabaugh, *SubDeacon*; Carol Lamparter, *Lector*

AmberLynn Kuczynski, Danny & Jacob Renn, *Worship Assistants*

Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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**PARISH NOTES for January 25, 2026**

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of

volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [apistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:apistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry." **Donations of diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 are so appreciated and urgently needed- We covered 108 baby bottoms in January!**

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415, leave message to volunteer. Donations of canned soups, cereals, and canned fruit are welcome. **We fed 49 families in November!** The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, January 31, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays, 11:30am until 5pm or so. Call, text, or email me any time to plan a conversation, pastoral visit, or to share any other need you may have. **I love hearing from you!**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is always looking to include new altar servers **of all ages** for the ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.** Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or ANY of our other ministries!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us - **NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - Jerry

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - **Need Volunteer**

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - **Scouts & Breakfast**

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - **Need Volunteer**

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Anissa

**YOGA CLASSES:** Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.

**WEEKDAY SERVICE:** Our week-day service of Holy Eucharist will be held on Wednesdays at Noon. All are welcome!

**COMPLINE SERVICE:** Please join us for these evening services on Wednesdays, 8:00PM, in the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook live. David Hollabaugh will be officiating. Zoom link is listed here:  
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88684946715?pwd=xvTfSYXhJjn6ce8ANK1pqbbG6ANEeX.1#success>

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.

**CHICKEN 'N WAFFLE DINNER:** We will be having a Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner "All You Can Eat" on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM - 6:30PM. Take-outs available. Meal includes: homemade waffles, chicken 'n gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and applesauce. Dessert included. \$14.00 a meal/adults (AYCE); \$7.00 a meal/12yrs & under; under 3yrs/FREE. Take-outs a meal/\$12.00

**VALENTINE PRE-GAME PAIRING EVENT:** Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM-4:00PM, Social Hall. Light refreshments and wine tasting, \$30/person. Please RSVP by Feb. 1st.

**MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:** The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Feb. 8th at 9:00AM-10:00AM. THIS IS A CHANGE SO THAT OUR SCOUTS CAN JOIN US!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Feb. 15th. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.

**PANCAKE DINNER:** "All You Can Eat," Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026; 4:00PM - 6:30PM, FREE WILL OFFERING - Proceeds go to Episcopal Relief Fund.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:** On Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, services will be held at Noon and again at 7:00PM. We'll also be doing Ashes to Go- please let Mother Dina know if you'd like to help with this!

**VESTRY MEETING:** The monthly Vestry Meeting will be determined for a later date due to Ash Wednesday services.

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:** Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information  
Tues., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>: Chicken 'N Waffle Dinner, 4PM-6:30PM, Social Hall  
Weds., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Eucharist, Noon; Compline, 8:00PM  
Weds., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Eucharist, Noon; Compline, 8:00PM  
Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>: Valentine Pre-Game Pairing Event, 2:00PM-4:00PM

Sun., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: Scout Sunday **AND** Morning Breakfast, 9:00AM  
Weds., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Eucharist, Noon; Compline, 8:00PM  
Sun., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 9AM  
Tues., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>: Pancake Dinner, Free Will Offering, 4:00PM-6:30PM  
Weds., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist, Noon and 7pm. Ashes to Go, details to follow.  
Wed., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: Weds., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Eucharist, Noon; Compline, 8:00PM

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Nate Blanchard; Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, Ric Haines, Carter Ishler, Dana Kelly; Pete Kistler, Tina McGee, Matthew Strauser.                    **SEXTON:** Sharon Baney

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