

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26, 2025



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

*"Open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and
praises." (From today's sequence hymn, #440, the Hymnal 1982.)*

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all and 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- that 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 regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our occasional evening services. 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. 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 I, 10:00 am

(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 “Peace like a river” arr. Jason Tonioli

Processional Hymn #365, The Hymnal 1982

“Come, thou almighty King”

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

The Celebrant continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy
God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like
unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two
commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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 with thy spirit.**

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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So, they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep."

For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (*Said in unison*)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Church at Corinth:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior

member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

#440, The Hymnal 1982

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

Mother Dina

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

The Nicene Creed *all stand and say together*

BCP 327

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

The Reader says Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us

to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Audrey, our Bishop, and Dina, our Rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Today in our Susquehanna Convocation Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Berwick. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Sunbury, and The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Mayor Josh Brosnious, and our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And for the special needs and concerns of this congregation,

including those names we now lift up before you: Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, Richard, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Stan, Nancy, Frank, Tammy, Becky, Marley, Tanner and family, Tyanne, Adam, Richard, Easton, Barry, Ariella, Ereda Garcia and Junior Jimenez, Bena, Marge, Gale, Dot, Janice, former President Jimmy Carter's family, the McCarthy family, Lila and family, Linda, Arabelle, Ashley, Karen, 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. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, including Logan, and law enforcement.

Silence, during which the People may add their own petitions.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially *former President Jimmy Carter, and Joan,* beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Matthew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. *Silence* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee 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 thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus

Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *The Celebrant says to the people* **BCP 332**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn #437, The Hymnal 1982

“Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

The Presentation of the Offerings #380, vs. 3, The Hymnal 1982

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer II **BCP 340**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

The Sanctus S-125, The Hymnal 1982

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

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of

thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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 people and Celebrant say together **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

#318, The Hymnal 1982

“Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face”

The Sacrament is distributed to the people with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

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

BCP 339

The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Epiphany Blessing

The Celebrant says

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

#780, Wonder, Love, and Praise

“Lord, you give the great commission”

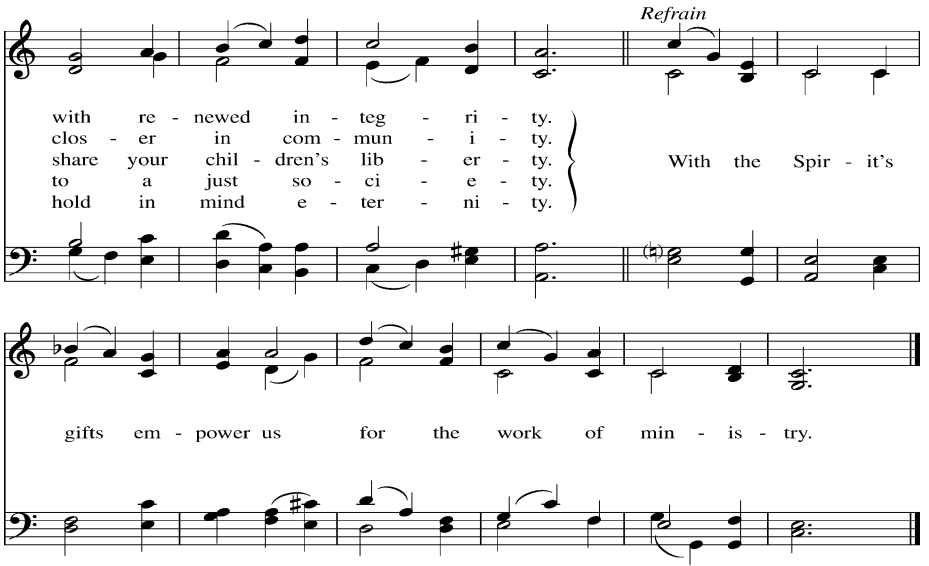
1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my
 4. Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; “I am

sick and preach the word.” Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach.” That the world may
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Refrain



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gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934). Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

The Dismissal *The Celebrant dismisses the People*
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Postlude “Festival Canticle” **Richard Hillert**

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*
 Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister, and St. Matthew's Choir*
 Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*; Roy Casey, Dana Kelly, David
 Hollabaugh, *Eucharistic Ministers*
 Tina McGee, *Lector*; Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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**PARISH NOTES for January 26, 2025**

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Feb. 1st, 2025 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@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 116 baby bottoms in January!**

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 36 families in December!** Contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415 (leave message) to volunteer.

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.** Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.  
**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS:** **TUESDAYS, 11:30- 5:00pm** (or text/call (717) 481-0708 to plan a time to share together.) **I LOVE** hearing from you!

**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:

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| Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup> - Tina McGee | Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Scouts (Scout Sunday) |
| Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup> - Karen P.    | Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> - Lori and Carol       |
| Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Carol B.   |                                              |

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

**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 the next upcoming Sunday.

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** If you are purging your closets/attics/garage or cellar to make space for your Christmas goodies, please remember that our March 1st Indoor Yard Sale/Soup and Bake Sale (a joint event with our Scouts), 9AM-2PM, will take those items! Items may be left in the Parish (Social) Hall. Any questions, please ask Cyn Reid.

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| <b>ECW MEETING:</b> A meeting for ECW will be held on Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish (Social) Hall. All are invited.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>CANDLEMAS HOLY EUCHARIST:</b> Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of our Jesus Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas, a name which connects it with the Epiphany theme of light and the declaration of Jesus as “a light to lighten the Gentiles.”<br>It falls forty days after the Nativity of Jesus and is a significant day in the calendar of our church year. Bring your home candles to be blessed and we will bless the candles we'll use in the church as well! |
| <b>MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:</b> The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 9:00AM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>SCOUT SUNDAY:</b> Our Cub and Boy Scout Troops will be joining us for breakfast and worship on Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:</b> Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more info:<br>Tues., Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> : ECW meeting, 7:00PM, all are invited<br>Sun., Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Monthly morning breakfast, 9:00AM<br>Sun., Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Scout Sunday<br>Sun., Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Candlemas service, 10:00AM                                                                                                                        |

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden and vestry member*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Martha Bohner; Ric Haines, Carter Ishler, Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Tina McGee, Lynda Schlegel-Culver.  
Charlie Schlegel, *Senior Warden Emeritus*    Sharon Baney, *Sexton*

**DONATIONS:**

**All tithes and offerings are most greatly appreciated, as we rely on your prayerful generosity to care lovingly for our physical space and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence.**

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