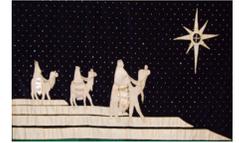


**Emmanuel
Episcopal Church
Epiphany Sunday - Holy Communion under special circumstances**

January 11, 2026, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join us in worship. Music is a part of our 10:30 a.m. service.

Please maintain prayerful silence in the Nave to prepare for worship



Prelude "Moldau" Smetna

Opening Hymn 124 (v. 1-3) *What star is this, with beams so bright* [Puer nobis]

Liturgy of the Word

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

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 *(The following is said at 8:00 am and sung at 10:30 am)*

S-280 (Powell)

**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.**

Collect of the Day

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Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Together, let us pray.

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

First Reading *(seated)*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 (*The following is said at 8:00 am and sung at 10:30 am*)

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Reading (*seated*)

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized* [Caithness]

Gospel (*stand as you are able*) **Matthew 2:1-12**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Homily

Deacon Darlene A. Jackson

Nicene Creed (*Leader and People*)

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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.

Prayers of the People (Form VI)

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Intercessor

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For those serving in the military and their families, at home and abroad, for this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop, Rhonda our rector, Darlene our Deacon and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for Lori Ann, Patty, Boyd, Sally Sue, Bonnie, Carol Sue, Tal, Jazmin, Marty, Barb, Derek, and others we name at this time;

Silence, the people may add their own petitions.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence, the people may add their own petitions.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

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.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**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

The Officiant says

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

Peace *(All stand.)*

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Deacon says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn 119 (v. 1-3) As with gladness men of old [Dix]

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving

Today's Holy Eucharist is offered from the Reserved Sacrament, previously blessed.

Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament

The Deacon stands and says

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Safety Protocols at Emmanuel - Mask wearing is appropriate anytime but not required. In close quarters, like the Vestry room and library, it may make sense to consider wearing masks depending on the participants. Hand sanitizer is available. In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.

The sanctuary flowers are given this week Margaret & Dean Seitz to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Mears.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R – Charles Walker; C – Barb Fisher, Margaret Seitz

10:30am R – Keith Harrington; C – Laura L. Manigault, Carol Bowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – The sanctuary and chapel are open for quiet prayer and reflection during office hours: This parish office is open Tuesday - Friday 8:30a – 3p.

Rector Update – Rev. Rhonda is in Maryland with her brother Derek who underwent open-heart surgery on Friday. She appreciates our prayers and the time off to be with her family.

Retirement Celebration for Paul Davidson *today at 9a* in the parish hall after the early service. Paul is graduating from full-time work at NASA and would like to mark the occasion with his Emmanuel family. All are welcome!

Fitness Class – *Thursdays at 11:30a* in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Book Club – Emmanuel’s book club is reading Adrianna Trigiani’s The View from Lake Como: A Novel. They will meet on *Friday, January 16 at 12:30p* in the vestry room. The novel follows an Italian-American woman who leaves New Jersey for her ancestral home in Italy and the secrets she discovers! All are welcome.

Bag Lunch – We are packing bag lunches on *Saturday, January 17 at 10a* in the parish hall. If you can help, please contact the parish office. Supplies needed include: 9 loaves of bread; 20 packets of cookies, 50 tangerines and 48 8oz bottles of water. If you can assist with any of these items, please contact the parish office.

Trivia Bowl – *Saturday, January 24 at 2p* (please note the time change), Emmanuel’s mission team is hosting its annual trivia bowl. Start gathering up your team members. You may use a registration form from the office foyer bulletin board or call the parish office to register. It is \$50/team. Each team can have up to 6 members. Competition not your thing? Cheerleaders & spectators are welcome; just \$3/person. There will be chili with the fixins’; snacks, and drinks; plus door prizes!! We hope the earlier start time will allow more folks to participate. We’ll be done well before sunset!! (Remember a wide range of topics are covered. Like – Can you name the Rice Krispies mascots? What two words combined to make “SPAM”?)

Vestry Nominations are now being taken. If you would like to nominate someone to serve on vestry or have been nominated, please complete the form on the foyer bulletin board. Please pray about this process and for these servant leaders.

Daughters of the King, Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter, cordially invite the women of Emmanuel to join us on the *first Saturday of February (Feb 7)* at the Chesapeake at *11a* in the activity room on the first floor. Please use the Community entrance and ask the greeter for specific directions. Lunch at the Chesapeake’s café for those who wish to join after.

In Need of Prayer — Bob, Cephise, Margaret, Carol, Lisa, Diane, Jackie, Beth, Teddie Jo, Deacon Earl, Claire, Doris, Ron, Arline, Clara, Tristan, Maria, Willie, Carol Sue, Bonnie, Iva, Paul & Taffy, Sally Sue, Diane K, Aaron, Mary, Kathleen, Kai, Art, Don, Sandra, Tal, Gina, Sabrina, Angalee & David, Elaine, Joe, Jerry W., Velma, Karen T, Nancy K, Kim, Carole, EJ, Jerry, Nancy B, Mary, Elizabeth, John, Richard, Geoff, Helen, Virginia, William, Jan, Faye, Rebecca & Vincent, Mike, Betty, Tom & Sheila, Ramon, Barbara, Jim & Susie, Leigh, Bill, Carl, Pixie, Donnie, Bobby L., Dell, Peggy, Judy, Laura, Lee Ann, Brenda, Betty F., Tim & Debra, Donna, Lamar, Pam, Nancy W., Gale, Richard H., Diane W.,

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 11 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am:	Epiphany Sunday Worship Emmanuel Café YEAs
Monday, January 12—7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday, January 13—11:00am: 4:30pm:	Prayer Shawl Discernment
Wednesday, January 14—11:00am: 12:00pm: 5:00pm: 7:00pm:	WoW Healing Service Property Compline
Thursday, January 15 –11:30am: 1:30pm: 5:30pm:	Fitness NBC Choir
Friday, January 16 – 12:30pm:	Book Club
Saturday, January 17 - 8:00am: 9:00am: 10:00am:	AA Altar Guild Bag Lunch
Sunday, January 18 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am:	2 Epiphany Worship Emmanuel Café YEAs