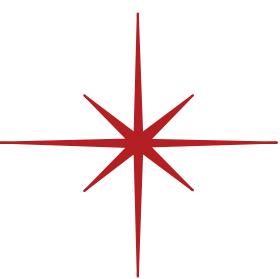




The STAR

December 2014



Something New For Advent



Most of the time, most of us don't think about the words we say together and the things we do together during worship on Sunday morning. In a certain sense, there is nothing wrong with that. We don't, for instance, think a lot about the words to "The Star Spangled Banner" when we sing them on the Fourth of July either, but we still love our country.

That approach, however, won't work very well this Advent. Starting Nov. 30 and continuing through Dec. 21, Epiphany is going to be using a new set of words, a new liturgy. This liturgy is the "Short Form" of the Eucharist from the Anglican Church in North America (our national church body). Many of the words will be familiar. It is almost exactly the same length as the liturgy from the 1979 edition of the Book of Common Prayer that we are currently using.

But some things will also be different. Here are a few changes to be aware of:

The Summary of the Law: The new liturgy includes a reading of Matthew 22.37-40 "*Jesus said you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...*" near the beginning of every service. We have used this occasionally here at Epiphany in the past, but not every Sunday. Using this every Sunday reminds us of the basic direction Jesus gives us for living as Christians.

The Nicene Creed: The new liturgy uses a slightly different (and more accurate to the original text) translation of the Nicene Creed than the one that we have grown accustomed to. While the vast majority of the English words of the creed are the same, a few phrases may trip us up until we are used to it. For instance, instead of saying, "*by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary.*" We will say Jesus "*was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary.*"

Communion: The beginning of communion and the words of the priest's prayer over the bread and the wine are probably the most markedly different parts of the new service. Many of these changes are because this portion of the new service actually represents a return (shortened and in contemporary language) to the form of the original Anglican

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communion services. This liturgy also includes “The Prayer of Humble Access” which we all say together just before we take communion. We have used this occasionally at Epiphany in the past. It begins with the words *“We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness.”*

So, why are we doing this? If there is nothing terribly wrong with our current worship services, why try something new?

We are doing it for two reasons. First is simply that this is the liturgy of our national church. While there is not a command from on high that says we must use this worship service, I think it is important for us to experience it at Epiphany and be familiar with it. It is, for instance, the worship service that is used at all diocesan events (such as our recent diocesan synod in Woodbridge Nov. 14-15) and national gatherings of our church.

Secondly, changing, even just a little bit, the words we say in church from time to time gives us an opportunity to really hear them again, and to process the message they contain. What better time to listen more closely than this Advent season of waiting and anticipation?

Finally, my own sense is that this is a good liturgy, faithful to our Anglican way of worship, and useful in reconnecting us with some elements of that tradition that aren’t always as clear in other liturgies we use. But that said, we need to actually try it for a bit to see how it sits with us, and if it is a fit for Epiphany. After we complete this short season, we will evaluate how this new liturgy worked and discuss what role it should have in our worship going forward.

So, come to church starting Nov. 30 ready to experience something a little different, something new, in the words we say together. Plan on keeping your worship book open and avoid going on liturgical “autopilot.” Hear the story of salvation through Jesus Christ in our worship, in these old, new, words of God’s love.

Going Deeper and Providing Feedback

If you are interested in understanding why the new liturgy is shaped the way it is, or have questions or comments, I will be hosting informal gatherings to listen to your thoughts, and talk through specific elements of the new liturgy Sunday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7. We will meet in the Library after the 10 am service on those two Sundays. I’m also always happy to hear from you one-on-one in person or via email (pfrank@epiphanyanglican.net). Your thoughts will help us evaluate how we use this new liturgy going forward, as well as help us understand what is working and what might need more explanation or education.

The Anglican Church in North America also has all the materials for the new services, plus a short online “Frequently Asked Questions” section available here: http://anglicanchurch.net/?/main/texts_for_common_prayer

New Adult Class Coming January 2015



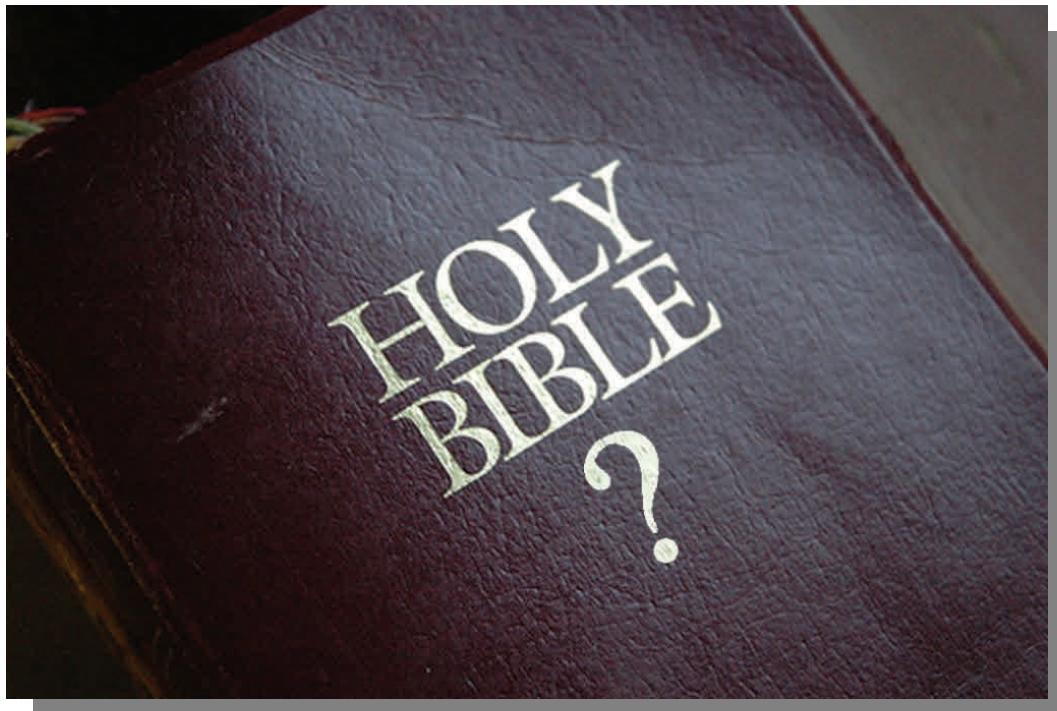
Beginning on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 I will be teaching a four-week adult education class titled, **“How to Interpret the Bible.”** Last January I taught on “What is the Bible?” in which we looked at the authority and inspiration of the Bible, where it came from, and the different English translations. (DVD copies of the class “What is the Bible?” are available in Epiphany’s library.) Now we come to the necessary task of reading and interpreting the Bible. This new class will focus on general principles for interpretation and will then dig into some tough passages to apply those principles.

Come join in for this FREE class in January 2015. Classes will meet at 6pm beginning with a FREE dinner followed by the class itself from 6:30-7:30pm. Come with questions. Come ready to discuss tough passages. Come for in-depth study of God’s Word.

This class will meet on January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 2015.

Sign-up for this class in the fellowship area at Epiphany.

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Michael".



Celebrate Christmas at Epiphany



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Musical Presentation of "Lessons and Carols"

December 21 at 10am

Children's and Family Christmas Party

December 24 at 4pm

Family Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 5pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 11pm



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

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Sunday Worship: 8 and 10 am
Children's Sunday School: 10 am

Lessons and Carols celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ through music. Join us for this special Sunday service at 10 am.

Join us for a special **Christmas Eve Party** for children and their families at 4 pm before the Christmas Eve service. We will be making a Christmas craft, sharing a snack, and talking about the Christmas message. Then stay for the Family Christmas Eve Service at 5 pm.

Our **5 pm Christmas Eve Service** is specially designed for families with children and a little shorter than the later service. The **11 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** includes worship with the chime and adult choirs.

Rector's Wife's Tea

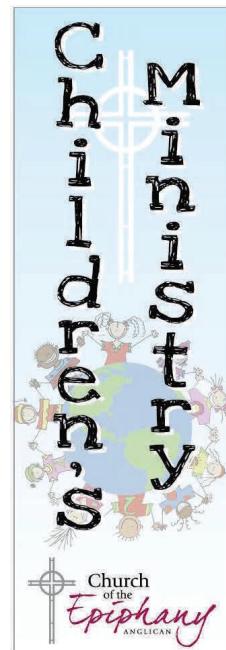


On January 31, at 10 am, there will be a Rector's Wife's Tea for the ladies of Epiphany. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Andrea Frank at andreaandpeter@juno.com.



Children's Ministry is Expanding!

We are excited to announce that beginning in December (12/7) Epiphany's children's Sunday school program is expanding with the addition of a new class! The nursery and preschool class will continue unchanged, but the current elementary class will be expanding into two classes (K-2nd and 3rd-6th). The K-2nd class will meet in the large children's classroom, while the 3rd-6th grade class will move into the slightly rearranged chapel (next to the nursery). This is a great sign in the children's ministry that we have outgrown our current configuration and are expanding!



Food for Coates Kids New Deadline: January 25!!!!

Your generosity continues to be overwhelming. Because of your giving, we now have enough meals on hand to cover all of December and January! I guess we are saying hold for now or we will run out of space to store it all. What a tremendous circumstance.

Dave Schreiner and Jan Reiter

Bishop's Annual Visit to Epiphany is Dec. 14.



Bishop John Guernsey and his wife, Meg, will be making their annual visit to Epiphany for confirmations on December 14. Bishop John will be leading worship and preaching during both the 8 and 10 am services. Confirmations will be at 10 am service. We have two candidates for confirmation this year.

"It's always a great privilege to have Bishop John and Meg with us at Epiphany. Please plan on being part of this special Sunday," said the Rev. Peter Frank, Epiphany's rector.

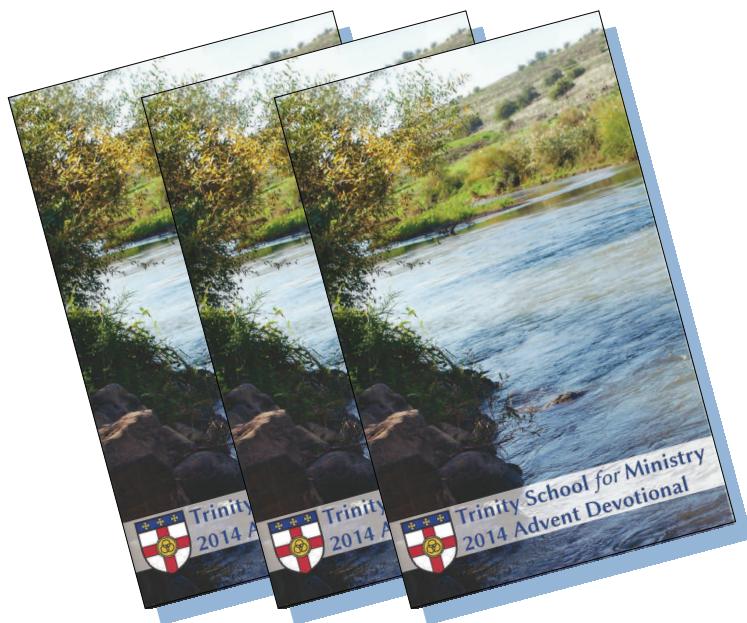


Advent Devotionals Available

Daily Devotionals from Trinity School for Ministry, an evangelical seminary in the Anglican Tradition located in Ambridge, PA, are available in the gathering area at Epiphany. The free devotionals have daily scripture readings and reflections written by Trinity's Doctor of Ministry students.

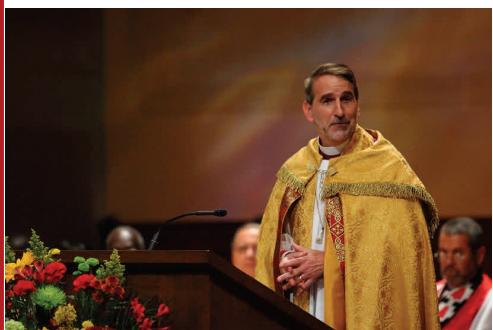
These devotionals are also available online or can be sent to your email each morning. For more information, visit [Trinity's website](#), or pick up a paper copy next Sunday.

http://www.tsm.edu/news_stories/2014_advent_devotional



What Are You Doing With Your Bible?

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach



Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

— Collect for Proper 28 from the 1979 BCP.

As Anglicans we have an incredible heritage regarding the Bible. The Collect above was put in the first Book of Common Prayer by Thomas Cranmer, and has been in every BCP since. It reminds us that the Scriptures have been written for our instruction and gives some practical ways to learn them. Based on Romans 15:4, the prayers tells us that God is the One who caused the Scriptures to be written, and as 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us: All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for correction, for reproof, and for training in righteousness so that the man (or woman) of God may be equipped for every good work.

The prayer offers five suggestions for us to “take in” the Bible.

1) Hear them – In the first century through the fifteenth century century, the main way for most people to understand the Scriptures was by hearing them read in their local church. In our modern world we still read the Bible in church but we have other ways to hear the Bible: iPods, iPads, CDs, radio, and smartphone apps. A friend of mine downloads parts of the Bible to his iPod and he listens to it every morning as he takes his morning walk.

2) Read them – In the 21st century we are blessed to have an abundance of Bibles here in North America. We have an unbelievable privilege of having the Bible available in a variety of translations and paraphrases, with study guides and notes, available for our computers, iPads, smartphones, and Kindles.

In the 1500s there was an Englishman named William Tyndale who attempted to translate the Bible from Latin into the English language. He was branded a heretic by England and went to Germany where he translated the Bible into English by hand. Pocket-size versions of his Bible began to be smuggled into England and ordinary people were able to have their own Bibles. Tyndale was burned at the stake for his gift to the human race in 1537. A few decades later in 1611, his translation was used almost word for word in the King James Version – so ordinary people could read the Bible.

You and I are blessed to have the written Word because of the sacrifice of others who literally gave their lives, preserving it, translating it, and printing it – so we could read it ourselves.

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3) Mark them – This means to underline, circle, highlight, and make notations in one's Bible. It is okay to write in your Bible. Underline important passages that speak to you. Circle key words. Highlight connecting thoughts. Put question marks by things you don't understand. Write other verses in the margin which relate to the passage. Write dates next to a verse when God speaks to you through the passage.

4) Learn them – What does the verse or passage really mean? What is the context of the passage? How does this apply today to my life and ministry? How many of the 10 Commandments do you know? How many of Jesus's Commandments do you know? Can you explain God's plan of Salvation? Do you know any of the promises of God which apply to your life now? Can you share any of the miracles which Jesus did? Can you explain any of his parables and what they mean? God's people need to learn the Word of God. Learning the Word of God includes studying and memorizing it.

5) Inwardly digest them – This means to meditate on them; reflect on them; and think on them. The Hebrew word for meditate is a word picture of a cow chewing its food. How does a cow eat the grass? Chews on it; swallows it; brings it back up; chews it some more; swallows it; brings it back up; and chews it some more. This is what we do with the Word of God. We are to inwardly digest it; think about it.

What are you doing with your copy of the Scriptures? I want to encourage you to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them— so that you may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which God has given us in His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach
Archbishop and Primate
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Welcome!



Bienvenido

Newcomers Ministry Beginning

Epiphany is launching a new welcoming ministry this December. Led by Jane Derrick and Fay Cochran, this ministry's goal is to welcome newcomers into the Epiphany family and help them connect to our ministries and activities. If you have a heart for hospitality and think you might be called to this ministry, please put your name on the interest sheet in the fellowship area or talk directly to Fay or Jane. Jane's email is jane_derrick77@comcast.net.

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Marriage Enrichment Day

Save the Date: Our Marriage Enrichment Day will be **Saturday, February 7** at the church. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Child care provided for ages 12 and under. Please plan to join us to enrich your marriage!

Publishing Information

The ***Epiphany STAR*** is generally published monthly and contains articles and information about what God has and is doing in us and through us as the Epiphany Family. It is intended to encourage each of us in our ministry and discipleship by relating how God is working in the midst of us.

The ***Epiphany Candle*** is published weekly by email, highlighting what is coming in the days ahead at Epiphany and other information that the staff and vestry feel is important to emphasize.

Articles and Subscription requests: star@epiphanyanglican.net
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Deadlines:

STAR: 15th of the month

Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM

Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM



BIRTHDAYS

1	Fay Cochran	12	Stephen Magill	23	Jan Coffee
2	Janice Monaghan	13	John Murphy		Paul Jennings
3	Chris Johnson	19	Michael Ellis	26	Joel Monroe
	Dan Johnson	20	Larry Davis	28	Barry Hatfield
	Will Schreiner	21	Hannah Bryson	31	Marshall Cottingham
5	Maria Murphy		Lydia Bryson		
7	Katie Miller		Michaela Turner		
10	Rex Rubis	22	Andy Baehr		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



2	Lisa & Andy Baehr	27	Rebecca & Tim Bixler
14	Krystal & Fred Apelquist	28	Kathleen & Daniel Simonds
18	Darlene & Jerry Earley		

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2014 Vestry

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 Jim Humenik*
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 Dan Johnson
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 Merle Stromberg
 Tom Will*
 Catherine Zimmerman

Newly Elected Members (2015)

George Hamlin
 Andy Plummer
 Scott Reiter
 Carol Williams

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden Tom Will*
 Junior Warden..... Merle Stromberg
 Registrar..... Maggie Marcum*
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 Chancellor David Reed

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Intercessory Prayer Letter

Requests can now be submitted by email at a secure site,

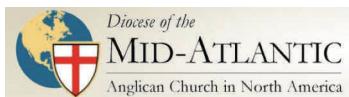
prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net

or written and left in the prayer request box in the Fellowship Area.

All prayer requests are collected after the Sunday morning services and prepared for Monday morning distribution. For more information or questions, contact Faith Fisler at 703-591-6645 or email her at mizfiz34@gmail.com.



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TO STAND for Jesus Christ, GROW TOGETHER as God's family and MAKE HIM KNOWN through the power of the Holy Spirit!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December

6	3 PM	Youth Worship Team
6	5 PM	Youth Group
13	5 PM	Youth Christmas Party
12-14		Bishop's Visit / Confirmation
21	10 AM	Lessons & Carols
24	4 PM	Children's & Family Christmas Party
24	5 PM	Family Christmas Eve Service
24	11 PM	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

January

10, 17, 24, 31	3 PM	Youth Worship Team
10, 17, 24, 31	5 PM	Youth Group
24	10 AM	Altar Guild/LEM Training
31	10 AM	Rector's Wife's Tea for Women of Epiphany

February

7	9 AM - 3 PM	Marriage Enrichment Day
7, 14, 21, 28	3 PM	Youth Worship Team
7, 14, 21, 28	5 PM	Youth Group

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:00 and 10:00 AM

Eucharist and Healing

At the 10 am service:

Nursery available for infants through 2 years old
Sunday School for children 3 years old through 5th grade

Weekdays at 9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:

Daily Morning Prayer

Wednesdays: Holy Communion