

Sunday, January 18, 2026 (8 & 10 am)

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry, Rector
James W. Shiell, Director of Music
Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

Prelude Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee- original arrangement by Laurie Jones

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn No. 599 Lift every voice and sing – *Lift Every Voice*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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

Song of Praise: No. S280 Glory to God in the Highest setting: Robert 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

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-12

Remain seated.

I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, “Behold, I come.
In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’ ”

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
 behold, I did not restrain my lips;
 and that, O LORD, you know.
Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: No. 550 Jesus call us; o'er the tumult – *Restoration*

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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 for Epiphany

~written by Rick Pryce and posted on Rick Pryce. <http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/>

Celebrant: Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, *Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of light and darkness, through water and Word you shine your light into the darkness of our lives. We give thanks for this incredible gift.
Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

God of love and hate, your love comes in spite of our animosity; you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. Strengthen us to be peacemakers.
Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

God of hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us.
Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence and set us free from despair.
Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, and bring your reign into being. Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place. Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice.
Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your love.

Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your promise to the dying, your encouragement to the discouraged, especially those we name before you now; Al Novak, Marge Louff, Gloria Duran, Janet Gladd, Virginia, and Raymond Takach, Leslie Gaskell, and Jean Pinti. Are there others? Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise and serve this hurting world. We pray especially for the departed soul of Lee Sullivan. Are there others? Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. Especially Laurie Jones, Carol Ann James, Jacob Dickens, and Gail Andrus. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: Gracious God, you create us and love us; You make us to live together in a community. We thank you for Martin Luther King, Jr. and all your children who have been filled with your vision for our lives and who have worked to bring your vision into reality. Fill us with your vision. Guide us to live by your vision, working to build a beloved community where everyone is welcomed, all are valued, power is shared, privilege is no more, and all your children know wholeness and well-being. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. *Amen.*

Celebrant: God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem: No. 550 Jesus call us; o'er the tumult – *Restoration*

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow – *Old Hundreth*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125 – Holy, holy, holy

setting: Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

No. S155 Christ our Passover

(*setting*: Gerald Near)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

Distribution

*All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. **Please note**: real wine is used, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Hymn Over My Head – *African American Spiritual* (Dr. Eve McPherson – Soprano)

Post Communion Prayer

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

Blessing

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

Recessional Hymn: No. 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim – *Paderborn*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Swing Low, Sweet Chariot – arranged by Robert J. Hughes

Assisting with Worship Today:

Jim Crofford 8 am & Laurie Jones 10 am – Lector
Kathi Kovacic 8 am & Karen Andrus 10 am – Lector/Chalice
Karen Andrus – Prayers of the People
Nancy Forrester & Peter Day – Ushers
Jan Henrey & Clare Adams 8am - Altar Guild
Karen Andrus & Stacey Costley, 10am – Altar Guild

Carson Buydos & Nancy Forrester - Greeters
Steve Watts & Becky Watts – Coffee Hour

Deb Murphy, Aaron Woodberry – AV/Video

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Church Theme:

Rooted in Christ. Renewed Together. Sent in Hope.

Wednesday Growing Deeper Study & Healing Service: Please come join Mother Robin and others for this great opportunity to explore God’s word and share in the Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Church Chapel. Hope to see you!!

Save the Date: Annual Parish Meeting

Please mark your calendar for our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25th**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. We’ll share a light meal together as we review the past year, look ahead to the future, and conduct essential parish business. The church will provide meat, and we are asking everyone attending to bring a dish. Last names (A-I: Dessert) (J-R: Side Dish) (S-Z: Surprise Us).



We look forward to gathering as a parish family for this important time of reflection and planning.

January Birthdays

3rd-Marjorie Louff

16th-Jacob Dickens

20th-Gail Andrus

7th-Steve Watts

17th-Laurie Jones

25th-Gloria Duran

13th -Sandy Schlecht

17th-Carol Ann Jones

30th-Zoey Tomko

Lincoln School Happy Bags Ministry

Christ Episcopal Church packs 100 “Happy Bags” each week to support students at Lincoln School—simple meals children can eat right away or prepare easily when they’re hungry. We are excited to move the packing of these bags to **Sundays after the 10 a.m. service**, beginning **February 1**, so more people can participate.

Packing takes about **45 minutes** and can be done standing or sitting. We are forming small Sunday packing teams and invite adults and youth to help. **Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after the 10 a.m. service on January 18 and at the Annual Meeting on January 25.**

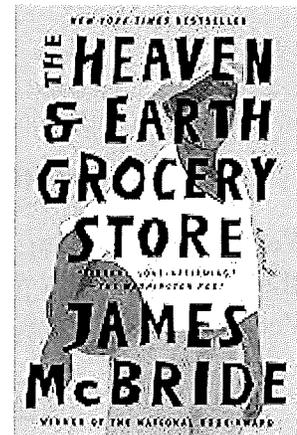
“See, I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:19) Come be part of this growing outreach ministry. *From: Lynn Petritis*

BOOK CLUB

February Discussion

The meeting will be Saturday, February 7th at 11:00am in Rooms 8 & 10.

We will discuss the book, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Don't stop reading!!



The next Coffee and Conversations will be held on **Sunday, February 22nd.**

Topic: Understanding the Old Testament: Themes & Timelines

• **Theological Infusion:** Seeing the OT as the “soil” of our faith.

Open to all levels of biblical experience.