



**ST. GEORGE'S**

Episcopal Church  
Dayton, Ohio

**Feast of the Epiphany, obs.**

Holy Eucharist

**11:00am** January 11, 2026

**Prelude** How Bright Appears the Morning Star by D. Buxtehude

**Entrance Hymn #616** Hail to the Lord's Anointed *Standing, sung by all*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

**Gloria Hymn S280**

*Sung by all*

*Sanctus* "S" denotes "Service Music" section at front of Hymnal

**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.**

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

**Collect of the Day**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 60:1-6

*Seated*

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 72:1-7** *Deus, judicium*

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.  
*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Lesson** Ephesians 3:1-12

*Seated*

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Standing, sung by all*

**Gradual Hymn #119 vv. 1-3** As with gladness men of old

**Gospel** 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.**

**Gradual Hymn #119 vv. 4-5** As with gladness men of old                      *Sung by all*

**Sermon** The Rev. Benjamin Phillips    *Seated*

**The Nicene Creed**    *Standing, BCP p.358*  
**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 III BCP p. 387, Standing*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a closing Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Kneeling, BCP p.360*

**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.**

## **Absolution**

### **The Peace**

*Standing*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

**The Offering** *You may give your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or give online [stgeorgesdayton.org](http://stgeorgesdayton.org) or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429.*

## **Offertory & Presentation Hymn #128** We three kings

*Congregation sings refrain after each verse, and remains seated until verse 5, then all stand.*

*vv. 1-4, sung by soloists (Offertory)*

**v. 5, sung by all, standing (Presentation)**

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord;  
*People* And of your own have we given to you.

### Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer C) *BCP p. 369, 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.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

*Celebrant* **By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* 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 we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Hymnal S129** Sanctus (Powell) *Standing, sung by all*  
*Sanctus "S" denotes "Service Music" section at front of Hymnal*

**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.**

*Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...*

... Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...*

... Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us  
in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant concludes the prayer. The people join, Amen.*

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 & Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

*People* **Grant us your peace.**

### Directions for receiving Communion

- All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.
- If you prefer to drink from the chalice, please remain at the rail after receiving your wafer.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer, please hold up your wafer and a lay minister with a small intinction cups will come to you.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please return directly to your pew after receiving your wafer.

**Communion Music** With Wondering Awe by Neil Harmon

**Communion Hymn #127** Earth has many a noble city *Sung by all*

**Prayer after Communion** *Kneeling, BCP p.366*

**Almighty and everliving 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 for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

**Closing Hymn #497** How bright appears the Morning Star

## Dismissal

*Deacon says a dismissal*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** In Thee is Gladness by J.S. Bach

*Standing, sung by all*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Benjamin Phillips, Rector
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey, Deacon
Organist	Dr. David Crean, Director of Music
Verger	Jen Stephens
Lay Ministers	Lisa Sweeney, Elayne Tribble, Leanora Keeton, Bill Rike
Acolytes	Arianna, Jacob
Ushers	Laura Abbott, Russell Jones, Patricia Okocha, Marilyn Judd

# The Weekly Messenger

**TODAY at St. George's ...**

## **DISCERNMENT YEAR UPDATE**

The Rev. Dr. Cal Lane is leading worship at St. Francis' today. The next opportunity to join Cal for a visit at St. Francis' is **Sundays, January 25 at 10:30am**. Visit [stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/](http://stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/) to learn more.

**Upcoming and Ongoing ...**

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS—January 18**

The Rev. Benjamin Phillips will lead this one-time class for those who have joined the church recently, those who are considering becoming members, or those who simply want to know more about our church. **Sunday, January 18 at 10am** in the Undercroft.

## **EDUCATION FOR ALL RESUMES—January 18**

Full programming resumes for all ages on Sunday, January 18 at 10am!

## **JANUARY OUTREACH DRIVE—January 18, CityHeart**

CityHeart is a downtown Dayton non-profit that meets a wide range of needs for homeless and low-income individuals and families. On **Sunday, January 18 from 9am-1pm** we will be collecting new extra warm hats, gloves, heat pack handwarmers, and socks. Additionally, we will collect toiletries such as wipes, shampoos, toothbrushes/paste, soap, razors, lotion and Chapstick.

## **CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF—January 25**

St. George's will hold a confirmation class that officially **kicks off on January 25, 2026**, with dinner at 5pm in the Parish Hall. Please complete the [registration form online](#) or pick one up in the Welcome Lounge and turn it in in advance of the kick-off. Questions? Email [rector@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:rector@stgeorgeohio.org)

## **PARISH ANNUAL MEETING—February 1**

We will be meeting in the Undercroft on Sunday, February 1 at 10am to elect leaders, receive the budget for 2026 approved by the vestry, and hear a few short reports. Please plan to attend! Refreshments will be provided.



The Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

And in thanksgiving for the  
blessing of family and friends  
by Joseph and Debra Schenk

And in thanksgiving for the  
White and Coy families  
by Carolyn Medford



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