



Feast of the Epiphany, obs.
Holy Eucharist
9:00am January 11, 2026

Prelude How Bright Appears the Morning Star by D. Buxtehude

Tolling of the Bell & Welcome

Opening Hymn How Great Thou Art

Standing, sung by all

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *[Refrain x2]*

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

Collect for Purity

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

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

Collect of the Day

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.**

Psalm 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**

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.**

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

Standing

After each bidding the congregation is invited to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. See page 7 for a list of prayer requests.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. We pray for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.

We pray for our Nation and all in authority.

We pray for the welfare of the world, especially those regions troubled by violence or unrest.

We pray for the needs and concerns of our local community.

We pray for all who are sick or in need, and those we name at this time...

The People may add their own petitions

We remember those who have died in the faith.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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 or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

Offertory Music We Fall Down

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.**
 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 intinct (dip) your wafer instead of drinking from the chalice, lay ministers with small intinction cups will be available on both sides. The larger chalices are only for drinking.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please pass the lay ministers and return directly to your pew.

Communion Music

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.

The Blessing

Standing, sung by all

Closing Hymn #497 vv. 1-2 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

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Benjamin Phillips, Rector
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. William Sangrey, Deacon
Organist	Dr. David Crean, Director of Music
Praise Team	Charles Kennedy, Jeff Haas, Holly Litfin, Catherine Phillips
Verger	Beth Hard
Lay Ministers	Nan Miller, Nick Brusky, Sue Cissel
Acolyte	Ryan, Bea
Ushers	Kathy Simpson, Nancy Wilda, Marilyn Judd

The Weekly Messenger

TODAY at St. George's ...

EPIPHANY BRUNCH—January 11

Join us in the Undercroft for an Epiphany Brunch TODAY, Sunday, January 11 at 10am. Visit the Welcome Lounge and sign up to bring a dish to share.

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 **Sunday, January 25 at 10:30am**. Visit 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

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