

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 4th, 2026 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

The Word of God

8:00 AM

The Opening Sentence (*Stand at the bell*)

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

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

Amen.

Hymn 109: *The first Nowell the angel did say* (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

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The Collect of the Day

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading

Isaiah 60: 1–6

The Psalm

Psalm 72: 1–7, 10–14

The Gospel

Matthew 2: 1–12

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Askew

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People – Form VI

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The Peace

The Offertory Sentence & Offertory

The Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*
(Hymn 380, v. 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

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Proper Preface

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn 124: *What star is this, with beams so bright*

(v. 1 & 2)

Postlude: Toccata on O Morning-star

Christopher Wicks (b. 1975)

10:30 AM

The Opening Sentence (*Stand at the bell*)

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

Amen

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The Collect for Purity

Opening Canticle: *Gloria in excelsis*

(S 280 Powell)

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The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come

The Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*
(Hymn 380, v. 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface

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 Lord.

10:30 AM Holy Communion *continued*

The Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* (S 129 Powell)
The Lord's Prayer

The Communion Anthem Harold Friedell (1905–1958)
Saw you never in the twilight

Communion Hymns:

125: *The people who in darkness walked*
119: *As with gladness men of old*

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

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Postlude: Toccata on O Morning-star
Christopher Wicks (b. 1975)

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Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Church and Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Armistead Smith by Sandra Smith

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Lay Ministries

8:00 AM
Usher John Melnick
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Chris Copelan
Acolyte Jarrett Vance

10:30 AM
Ushers Steve Brewington-Lead, Jay Baker, Adam Brock
Brooks Clark, David Jones

Greeters Mary Keller, Anne Wilson
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Rick Jenkins
Lector / Chalice Bearer Joseph Duncan
Chalice Bearer Mercy Hankins
Crucifer Becca Burress
Acolytes Ewan Ownby, Liam Ownby, Emmett Kimzey
Nate Kimzey

Thurifer Edward Campbell
Verger Lloyd Terry
Safety Tom Dolinak

Broadcast Team Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell
Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross

Altar Guild Suzanne Rogers & Team
Flower Guild Karen Gilbertson & Martha McClellan

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:15 AM Daughters of the King - Haslam Rm
9:20 AM Donuts & Discussions - Jr./ High School - 2nd Floor
9:20 AM Nursery & Childcare Opens - 2nd Floor
9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study - Rm 9, Bottom Floor
10:30 AM S.K.i.P. Children's Church - 5 y.o. & up - 2nd Floor
11:30 AM Cookies and Coffee - Ross Hall

2025 End of Year Giving

The Finance Office has set Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 as the last financial day for the 2025 year. If you have a pledge to complete or would like to wrap your 2025 giving, please do so by the date above. Thank you for your incredible generosity throughout this year!

Memorial Service for Hank Bertelkamp

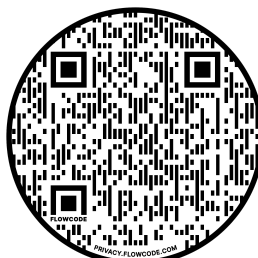
Wednesday, January 7th at 4:00 pm
Reception follows in Ross Hall

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 18th during Worship Services

Confirmation Classes

Sunday, January 11th at 9:30 - Haslam Rm
Ages 13-17



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The Reading
Isaiah 60: 1–6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 72: 1–7, 10–14

8:00: The Psalm is read in unison by ALL.

10:30: The Psalm is sung by the choir.

- 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.

The Gospel
Matthew 2: 1-12

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

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.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

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Offertory anthem: *Arise, shine, for thy Light is come*
(Healey Willan)

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations,
and laud Him, all ye people!
For his merciful kindness is great toward us,
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
Alleluia!

Communion anthem:
Saw you never in the twilight (Harold Friedell)

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun
had left the skies, up in heaven the clear stars
shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So
of old the wise men, watching, saw a little
stranger star, and they knew the King was
given, and they followed it from far.

Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright
and morning star? He who came to light the
Gentiles and the darkened isles afar?
And we, too, may seek his cradle; there our
hearts best treasures bring; love and faith and
true devotion for our Savior, God, and King.