






CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Lectionary B</i> <i>Daily Office Year 2</i>	1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4 7:00 p.m. — Rapidan Community Orchestra practice in Parish Hall	5	6 The Epiphany 
7 Epiphany 1 The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ	8 Mandy Boisvert Birthday 6:30 pm — Girl Scout 854 in Parish Hall	9	10 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting	11 Trent Parrish Birthday 7:00 p.m. — Rapidan Community Orchestra practice in Parish Hall	12	13
14 Epiphany 2 <i>Marla Small Birthday</i> <i>Russ & Gail Martin</i> <i>Anniversary</i>	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17 Fred Nichols Birthday	18 Confession of St. Peter <i>Andrew Small, Bill Small</i> <i>Birthdays</i> 7:00 p.m. — Rapidan Community Orchestra practice in Parish Hall	19 Allen & Annie Carpenter Anniversary	20
21 Epiphany 3	22 6:30 pm — Girl Scout 854 in Parish Hall	23	24	25 Conversion of St. Paul 7:00 p.m. — Rapidan Community Orchestra practice in Parish Hall	26	27
28 Epiphany 4	29	30 Susette Goodwin Birthday	31		Every Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	

When and what is Epiphany?

The word 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek and means 'manifestation.'

Epiphany falls 12 days after Christmas Day on January 6 and is a very important date in the Christian calendar. Christians use to celebrate Christmas for 12 days straight and it marks the end of the festive season. The ancient Christian feast day is significant as it is a celebration of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist and is also regarded as a more general celebration of his birth.

The 12th night also marks a visit to the baby Jesus from the three kings or Wise Men. Epiphany has been celebrated in Europe since the 4th century and is associated with the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. The Gospel of Matthew says the three kings—named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar—followed a star across the desert to Bethlehem, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold represented Jesus's royal standing, frankincense his divine birth and myrrh his mortality.

The Catholic Church observes Epiphany as a single day, however Protestant churches say the season of Epiphany extends from January 6 until Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. During the medieval period, Christmas was celebrated for the 12 days from Christmas Eve on December 24, until the Epiphany. Some Catholic churches in the US mark the Epiphany feast on the Sunday after January 6 and Orthodox Christians celebrated the day on January 19. The Six Sundays which follow the Epiphany are known by Christians as the time of manifestation.

Celebrations of Epiphany vary around the world and in many countries it is a public holiday. In Bulgaria people jump into the icy water of the Black Sea to celebrate the annual feast day. Other countries exchange presents and have fireworks and parades. In the Spanish speaking world, Epiphany is known as Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings' Day) and in Mexico crowds gather to taste the Rosca de Reyes—Kings' bread.

- taken from an article by Amani Hughes

Your participation is needed:

2018 Altar Flowers: Please confirm your contributions last year on the form provided in the narthex or sign up for a new Sunday. We ask \$50 per Sunday.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour sign up sheet is now available in the Parish Hall. Please pick some Sundays to provide simple refreshments after the 10 am service.

Sunday School: Teachers take turns teaching our children each Sunday at 11 am. Curriculum is emailed each week. More teachers are needed. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the basement Sunday School room.

Ushers, Acolytes, Nursery, Counters, Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers are all needed for our Sunday Services. Please let the church office know if you are interested in any of these important voluntary ministries within our church.

January Service Schedule

Altar Guild:

Counters: Penn Bowers, Tom May

**Sunday, January 7 The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

LEM/Lector 1: Nelson Tucker

Lector 2: Lorrie Pollard

Usher: Floyd Hill

Acolyte: Macon Smith

Nursery: Susette Goodwin

Sunday School:

Sunday, January 14 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

LEM/Lector 1: Gale Martin

Lector 2: Millie Travis

Usher: Nelson Tucker

Acolyte: Eva Shifflett

Nursery: Carolyn Smith

Sunday School:

Sunday, January 21 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

LEM/Lector 1: Penn Bowers

Lector 2: Ben Armistead

Usher: Floyd Hill

Acolyte: Gabby Goodwin

Nursery: Liz Shifflett

Sunday School:

Sunday, January 28 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

LEM/Lector 1: Pauline Vismer

Lector 2: Alex Goodwin

Usher: Nelson Tucker

Acolyte: Morgan Boisvert

Nursery: Dorsey Comer

Sunday School: Jo-Anne McCausland



LOOKING AHEAD...

February 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 14 Ash Wednesday
March 25 Palm Sunday
March 29 Maundy Thursday
March 30 Good Friday
April 1 Easter Sunday

