



The Herald

January 9, 2011

First Sunday after the Epiphany: Baptism of Our Lord

From the Rector: Of Wintry Hearts

There are crises in our family right now... In my immediate family and among the families of my siblings. In the Koine Greek the word for crisis literally means 'remaking'. Somehow in our culture we think, I think, that crises are avoidable; just follow the rules, be a good parent, study hard, be honest, carry a little humility along the way, do one's work well, and life is reasonably negotiable... that if we play our cards right we might avoid the conundrum of passing between Scylla and Charybdis, those proverbial devourers of sailors with whom Odysseus contended. It is not so.

Life is about change and transformation.... sacred crossings over from what passes away to what is new... death to life... and such crossing over, such transformation never occurs without pain... never... like the pangs of childbirth, not a coincidence... life forever modeling the truth of the universe which is a dance between death and birth.... a conspiratorial mystery to say the least... Nature tells us so: the dry leaves scuttling across a cold and lifeless landscape driven by what seems an indifferent wind... but we know with foresight that the green shoots of Spring come yet again... just in time to spare our leaden wintry hearts... hearts betridden by the cold of life... but to be sure, made ready for new life... opened up... battered perhaps... prepared.

At this Christmas tide this promise is but a flicker of light... a small, vulnerable, an at risk child, the tenuous metaphor... a child hustled back and forth from Egypt to Palestine for survival's sake... There are times in the winters of our lives when we must just do what we can to survive... there is honor in that... and there is honor in recognizing when we are in such a winter... None of us are exempt, we have plenty of company, the blessed wintry of heart.

But there is good news to be sure... We have proof of it if we but pay attention to the rhythm of our lives: "When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love has come again like wheat that springeth green." (*Hymnal* 1982, #204) Let us claim this holy hope that life comes again, this marvelous re-making... and maybe, just maybe, it comes on eagles' wings.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, January 4

11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place
No rehearsal for St. Michael or St. Cecelia choirs

Wednesday, January 5

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 6

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
6pm Epiphany Eucharist & dedication of chapel reredos, followed by reception
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, January 8

10:30am PFLAG

Sunday, January 9

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30am Holy Eucharist & Baptism
Reception following

Tuesday, January 11

11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place
3:30pm St. Michael and All Angels choir
5:30pm St. Cecelia choir

Wednesday, January 12

7:30am Race Relations Committee
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

The Feast of the Epiphany Eucharist will be held at 6pm on Thursday, January 6 in the chapel. This is a special service that calls specific attention to the transfiguring power of the light of God which has come into the world through the incarnation of Jesus Christ. During the service, the new reredos which has been installed in the chapel will be dedicated. Please join us for the service and the reception to follow!

We offer prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of the following people who have died over the last several weeks:

- * Brian Montgomery, husband of Kay Montgomery
- * Margaret Abbot, wife of J. Lloyd "Doc" Abbot
- * Leila Hollowell, friend of many parishioners
- * Robert Drew, brother of Pinky Drew

May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

Thanks to all those who helped 'hang the green' and made the church look so beautiful during Christmas, and thanks to those who made donations to provide the flowers and greenery! Thanks to Clayton Ryan for the donation of a beautiful, larger crèche. The smaller crèche now has a home in the chapel. Also, many thanks to everyone involved in our various liturgies: choirs, lectors and intercessors, acolytes, ushers, chalice bearers, flower and altar guilds, and congregation.



Photo by Emily Conte



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Stewardship Report Update

Last year, 2009, our total number of pledges made was 140, for a budget of \$444,000.00. To date we have received 126 pledges with the total being \$412,575.44. We have received 18 new pledges, 49 increased pledges, 43 with no change and 16 decreased. There are still a few outstanding pledge cards, which we need to have turned in as soon as possible so the vestry can complete the 2011 budget. PLEASE make every effort to complete this process!!

St. Michael & All Angels and St. Cecelia Choirs will NOT practice this week. Rehearsals will resume next week on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the scheduled times.

The EYC has chosen the location for their Summer, 2011 mission trip! They will be going to Tulum, Mexico to work with the Hands and Feet Ministries from June 5-12. This is the organization with which they have worked in the past in Juarez. To kick off the fund-raising that will be necessary to make this trip, the EYC will be helping to cook breakfast this Sunday between services. Breakfast starts at 9am. All money that is donated for this breakfast will go toward the Mission Trip fund. Please join us for a delicious meal and good table conversation, and please give generously!

January Food Share will begin with preparation of the food bags on Friday, January 14, at 5:30pm in Stirling Hall. Distribution of food will take place on Saturday, January 15, at 8am. Please come by 7:30am to help unload and bag frozen food items.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day falls on the regular Vestry meeting day in January. Since that is a day that the church office is closed, **the Vestry will meet instead on Tuesday, January 18, at 6pm.**

Just what is Epiphany about?

An **epiphany** (from the ancient Greek *ἐπιφάνεια*, *epiphaneia*, "manifestation, striking appearance") is the sudden realization or comprehension of the (larger) essence or meaning of something. The term is used in either a philosophical or literal sense to signify that the claimant has "found the last piece of the puzzle and now sees the whole picture," or has new information or experience, often insignificant by itself, that illuminates a deeper or numinous foundational frame of reference.

Epiphanies of sudden comprehension have also made possible leaps in technology and the sciences. Famous epiphanies include Archimedes' realization of how to estimate the volume of a given mass, which inspired him to shout "Eureka!" ("I have found it!"). The biographies of many mathematicians and scientists include an epiphanic episode early in the career, the ramifications of which were worked out in detail over the following years. For example, Albert Einstein was struck as a young child by being given a compass, and realizing that some unseen force in space was making it move. An example of a flash of holistic understanding in a prepared mind was Charles Darwin's "hunch" (about natural selection) during The Voyage of the Beagle.

History: The word's secular usage may owe some of its popularity to James Joyce, who expounded on its meaning in the fragment *Stephen Hero* and the novel *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* (1916). Referring to those times in his life when something became manifest, a deep realization, he would then attempt to write this epiphanic realization in a fragment. Joyce also used epiphany as a literary device within each short story of his collection *Dubliners* (1914) as his protagonists came to sudden recognitions that changed their view of themselves or their social condition and often sparking a reversal or change of heart. For the philosopher Emmanuel Lévinas, epiphany or a manifestation of the divine is seen in another's face.

In religion: In Christianity, the Epiphany refers to the realization that Christ is the son of God. Western churches generally celebrate the Adoration of the Magi as the Incarnation of the infant Christ, and commemorate Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Traditionally, Eastern churches celebrated Epiphany (or Theophany) in conjunction with Christ's baptism by John the Baptist and celebrated it on January 19; however, many have begun to adopt the Western custom of celebrating it on January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas. Protestant churches often celebrate Epiphany as a season, extending from the last day of Christmas to Ash Wednesday.

In more general terms the phrase religious epiphany is used when a person realizes their faith or when they are convinced that an event or happening was really caused by a deity or being of their faith. In Hinduism, for example, epiphany might refer to the realization of Arjuna that Krishna (a God serving as his charioteer in the "Bhagavad Gita") is indeed representing the universe. Or in Buddhism, the term might refer to the Buddha finally realizing the nature of the universe, and thus attaining nirvana. The Zen term *kensho* also describes this moment, referring to the feeling attendant on realizing the answer to a *koan*.

Popular culture: FOX's *House, MD*, makes frequent usage of epiphanies where the title character often comes to a full realization of a problem from a seemingly irrelevant event, which leads to the solution of the episode's medical puzzle.

In CW's *The Game*, Jason Pitts has an epiphany after he realizes that he messed up and cheated on his ex-wife, Kelly Pitts, so he speaks out at God for forgiveness.

In *The Simpsons Movie*, Homer has an epiphany, after visiting a strange Inuit shaman, and realizes he has to save the town from Russ Cargill's plans to destroy Springfield.

In *Ugly Betty*, Wilhelmina Slater has an epiphany after having a conversation with a woman when she was hospitalized. She then realizes she wants to aim higher by owning the magazine company that she is employed by.

This information came from Wikipedia at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_\(feeling\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(feeling)). If you want to know even more about Epiphany, go to the link above.

EYC NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The high school EYC Mission Trip will be to Tulum, Mexico with Hands and Feet Ministries from June 5-12!!!
Email Catherine for more details.

I will be gone from January 2nd - March 3rd. I will have limited access to email, but will be checking periodically. There will be a different person to contact each week for questions regarding EYC.
I will miss you all, but will see you in March!

January 9th

Mission Trip Fundraiser. EYC will be serving Sunday breakfast between services.
Be there at 8am to cook.
Contacts for this week: Bess Nichols 251.402.0528
and Carol Mackey 251.402.9448

January 16th

Mission trip to New Orleans. If you signed up to go on the high school trip to New Orleans, please talk to Karen McDonald 251.533.0296

January 23rd

Taylor Park. We will be teaming with Ashland Place again this spring to play with the neighborhood kids. Meet at the park from 2-4.
Contact for this week: Kate Kelly 251.487.0525

January 30th

Mulherin Home. Coloring, baking cookies and playing with the residents.
3-5pm Contact for this week: Renea Greene 251.533.1536

Contact Info

Catherine Mackey - SCatherineMackey@gmail.com

Sunday Lectionary: 1st Sunday after Epiphany

[Isaiah 42:1-9](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler, LaVada Raouf, Burl Ratcliffe

Flower Guild: Kathy McKenzie, Stella Hester

Breakfast: EYC, Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Woody Hannum, Betsy Schneider

Reception: Barbara Brewster

8:00

Lector: Serena Willcox

Intercessor: Jeff Clearman

Chalice bearer: Keith Winkler

Ushers: Mark Taylor, Caroline Coker

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Charlie Bailey 2) Laurie Bailey

Intercessor: Cart Blackwell

Chalice bearers: Ben Harris, Jayne Carson

Acolytes: Lizzie McDonald, Liam Gray, Trevor Thiel, Emma Gray

Ushers: Don Mosley, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday, Jan. 9

Voluntary Dietrich Buxtehude *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, BuxWV 223

Processional Hymn 135 *Salzburg*

Percy Buck *Psalm 29*

Sequence Hymn 444 *Thornbury*

Asperges Hymn 294 *Point Loma*

Offertory Anthem Hector Berlioz *The Shepherd's Farewell*

Presentation Hymn 116 *This Endris Nyght*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens S-167 *The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus*

Communion Hymn 139 *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*

Motet John T. Sakellarides *En Iordani Vaptizome nu su Kyrie*

Post Communion Hymn 121 *Caithness*

Processional J. S. Bach *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684*

Refugee Pantry Items

We need items such as **bar soap** (regular size), **toilet paper**, **toothbrushes**, **toothpaste**, **paper towels**, **dish soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!

Please keep in your prayers:

Pauline Danner

Butch Boyington

Bette Coan

Clayton Ryan

George Weaver

Bill Mayhall

Betty Torbert

Dot Casey

Devanie Ellison

Barbie Driver

Patsy Childress

Marion

Debbie Davis

Chris

the White family

Brenda

Tillye Semple

Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Glenn Foster, Jr.

Soren Rodning

Zack Hadley

T. J. Sherman

Jamie Pontious

Haley Jones

Theford Daniel Jones, Jr.

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.



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All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Catherine Mackey
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
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IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)