



January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Eucharist — Rite II

10 a.m.

Welcome!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. You may receive from the common cup by drinking directly from the cup or handing the host to the LEM (the person giving you the cup). They will then dip the host in the wine and place it in your hand. You may also choose to just consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward. Cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

Nametags are available in the pews. Please participate by wearing one so we can know the names of those people who sit next to us.

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Jesse Hogg, Jr. by Jay and Paula Hogg.*

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

Children's worship bulletins and bags are located in the vestibules.

PRELUDE

Concerto II - Adagio

J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal # 135 v1-3

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

GLORIA

Mathias

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther. we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ; on-ly Son of the Fa-ther.
Lord God, Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa-ther re-ceive our prayer. For



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON (*seated*)

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,

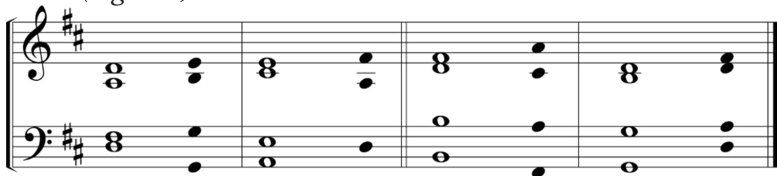
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM (*together*)

Psalm 27:1,5-13



- 1 *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I/fear? **
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be a/fraid?
- 5 *One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I/seek; **
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my/life;
- 6 *To behold the fair beauty of the/Lord **
and to seek him in his/temple.
- 7 *For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his/shelter; **
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a/rock.
- 8 *Even now he lifts up my/head **
above my enemies round a/bout me.
- 9 *Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation*
*with sounds of great/gladness; **
I will sing and make music to the/Lord.
- 10 *Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I/call; **
have mercy on me and/answer me.
- 11 *You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my/face." **
Your face, Lord, will I/seek.
- 12 *Hide not your face from/me, **
nor turn away your servant in dis/pleasure.
- 13 *You have been my helper; cast me not a/way; **
do not forsake me, O God of my sal/vation.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal #652

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

THE GOSPEL LESSON (*remain standing*)

Matthew 4:12-23

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

A brief silence is observed following the report.

NICENE CREED *(stand as able)*

BCP 358

LEM Let us stand and affirm our faith by saying together the words of the Nicene Creed.

***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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—FORM II

BCP 385

(remain standing or kneel as able)

*In the course of the silence after each bidding,
the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Susan; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSIO*N* (*kneeling*)

BCP 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 (*kneeling*)

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*seated*)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jane Marshall

He Comes To Us

DOXOLOGY (*stand as able*)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP 369

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

Celebrant And 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:

Sanctus

Mathias

Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow-er and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. 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.

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

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*together*)

BCP 364

*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 (*Silence is kept*)

BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

THE DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*kneel or stand as able*)

BCP 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

TRANSITIONAL HYMN

1982 Hymnal # 675

Take up your cross

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LEMs Jim Klotz, Linda McMahon

Ushers Dave Messersmith, Darden Barrett

Altar Guild Debbie Woodward, Emily Klotz

Acolyte Master Connie Heath

Organist Deborah Carr

Special Music St. John's Choir

Flower Delivery Anne Abraham

CALENDAR

January 25 — 31, 2026

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting
& Meal

8:00 p.m. AA

Monday

4:00 p.m. Book Club
8:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Mens Study Group

Wednesday

6 p.m. Handbells
7 p.m. Choir

Thursday

8:00 p.m. AA

Friday

8:15 a.m. Women's Al-Anon

Saturday

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*Staff pray for people on our prayer list by
name weekly.*

We pray for healing in the lives of Ruth Purinton, Mary Scalisi, Charlotte Weber, Diana Youngclaus, John Hutson, Bill Saunders, Don Klovstad, Jane Price, Carol Conway, Stocky Hobart, Shirley Nunn, Sandy, Niecsa Chisum, Shirley Price, Kay Locke, Inmates and Staff at Hampton City Annex, Bob Ridle, Regina Cicchetti, Mike Fox, George Edmonson, Dave Forrest, Paige, Bobby Phillips, Mary Jane Long, Cathy Curtis, David, Donald Crandol, Bishop Haynes, Canon Hoffman, Bishop Curry, David Copley, Warren Petri, Steve, Bob Cumming, Linda Seely, Grace Taylor, Jennifer C., Marianne, Josh, Glenn Irwin, Dee Kloskin, Gail Conway, Cindy Jannone, baby Autumn

Gwendolyn, Anne-Henley, Max Scharnhorst, Rick Allison, Devin, Lewis, Sally, Meg Hoffman, Jay Horne, Anita Holmes, Joan Nicol.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Bill Leath (1/25), Sue Eley (1/25), Janice Markham (1/25), Norma Sellman (1/27), and Martha Clark (1/28).

We give thanksgivings for the anniversary of Shannon & John Olson (1/26).

SAVE THE DATES

January 31: Planning Ahead: A Practical Workshop
February 18: Ash Wednesday @ 12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

German Concert February 15: The Tidewater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Brad Norris, organist and Dan Waddill, tenor in an all German program Sunday, Feb. 15, 4pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 45 Main St., Newport News. The Tidewater German-American Society will help with the reception after the concert.

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, January 26, at 4:00 PM on the parish house stage. For that meeting we will finish reading *At Midnight Comes the Cry* by Julia Spencer-Fleming. Our next book will be *Saving Savannah* by Patti Callahan. New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at **edmonson4@cox.net** or at 757-287-7440.

Planning Ahead: A Practical Workshop: Saturday, January 31 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Planning ahead is an act of care—for yourself and for the people you love. Designed for adults of all ages, this workshop invites participants to reflect on and prepare for important decisions with clarity and intention. To reserve your spot or for more information, please contact the church office.

Chanco Chatter: Help support Chanco on the James with just a few clicks, but voting Chanco on the James as the best Summer Overnight Camp. Visit: **bov2026.virginialiving.com**; then select Eastern Region, then Summer Overnight Camp, then vote for Chanco on the James.

Pledge Envelopes: Pledge Envelopes for 2026 are now available in the Parish House!

Altar Flowers: Available Altar Flower dates are March 1, March 8, May 31, June 7, June 14. Contact Anne Abraham at **acabraham@charter.net** or at 757-714-8215 if you are interested in sponsoring flowers.

The Nursery is Open! The Nursery, available for children up to age 5, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday mornings.

**St. John's Church
Elizabeth City Parish
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Welcome

Senior Warden Report

Junior Warden Report

Recognition of retiring Vestry members:

Darden Barrett, Ron Kindley, Brad Norris

Appointment of Election Judges and Affirmation of new Vestry slate:

Wendy Cumming, Dory Holder, Jon Wallner

Financial Report

Funds Information

Trustees (Robert Shuford, David Bishop)

Mary Williams Trust (James Shoemaker)

Endowment (Nancy Beach)

Charitable Trust (Dan Clark)

Grace and Dismissal

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ST. JOHN'S VESTRY

2025 — Darden Barrett, Sr. Warden; Ron Kindley; Brad Norris

2026 — Scott Curtis; Ellen Griffith; Bettyrene Pope, Jr. Warden

2027 — Bob Harper; Andrew Mackey; Anne Rutherford

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

The Rt. Rev. Susan Bunton Haynes, Diocesan Bishop