



February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday
after Epiphany
Holy Eucharist — Rite II
9 & 11 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 Chalice (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 my dear husband, Chippy Martin, in praise and glory to God for blessing our marriage. Flowers are also in loving memory of my precious sister, Beth Chisman, by Pamela Martin.

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 #376

Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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*)

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

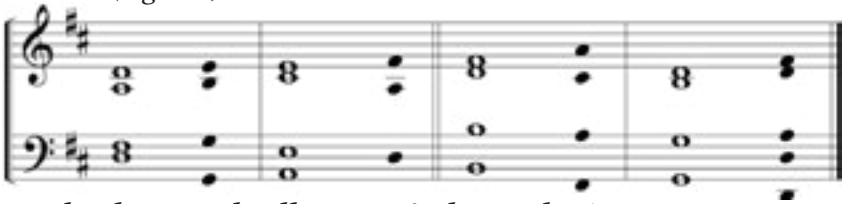
“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM (*together*)

Psalm 15



- 1 *Lord, who may dwell in your/tabernacle? **
who may abide upon your holy/hill?
- 2 *Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is/right, **
who speaks the truth from his/heart.
- 3 *There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his/friend; **
he does not heap contempt upon his/neighbor.
- 4 *In his sight the wicked is rejected, **
but he honors those who fear the/Lord.
- 5 *He has sworn to do no/wrong **
and does not take back his/word.
- 6 *He does not give his money in hope of/gain, **
nor does he take a bribe against the/innocent.
- 7 *Whoever does these/things **
shall never be over/thrown.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal #656

Blest are the pure in heart

THE GOSPEL LESSON (*remain standing*)

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
Poet ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

SERMON

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

A brief silence is observed following the sermon.

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.

CONFESSION <i>(kneeling)</i>	BCP 360
<i>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.</i>	

ABSOLUTION <i>(kneeling)</i>	BCP 360
THE PEACE	BCP 360

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(seated)*

OFFERTORY MUSIC	
9 a.m.	<i>Awake my soul and with the Sun</i> Michael Burkhardt
11 a.m.	<i>Blessed Is the Man</i> Ronald Anderson

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Blest are They

Rejoice #10

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Zion Haste

1982 Hymnal #539

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LEMs

9 a.m. Linda Serwatka, Elizabeth Zimmerman

11 a.m. Jim Klotz, Billie Ray Jeffries

Ushers

9 a.m. Ron Kindley, Carter Barrett

11 a.m. Warren Coleman, H Shaw

Altar Guild

9 a.m. Kay Perry

11 a.m. Nancy Adams

Acolyte Master

9 a.m. David Bishop

11 a.m. Linda McMahon

Organist Deborah Carr

Special Music 11 a.m. St. John's Choir

Flower Delivery

Coffee Hour

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, Niecsa Chisum, Shirley Price, Kaye 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, Devin, Lewis, Sally, Meg Hoffman, Jay Horne, Anita Holmes.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Weezie Pistell (2/1), Frank Fortuna, Jr. (2/3), Ron Kindley, Jr. (2/3), David Stalfort (2/4), Sarah Keene (2/6), and James Green (2/7).

CALENDAR

February 1—7, 2026

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Christian Formation

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 p.m. AA

Monday

1:00 p.m. Prayer Circle

4:00 p.m. Book Club

8:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Mens Study Group

10:30 a.m. St. Anne's Guild

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

SAVE THE DATES

February 15: One Service @10 a.m. and Annual Meeting.

February 18: Ash Wednesday @ 12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Anne's Guild: Our next meeting is Tuesday, 3 February at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Please bring something for our “little free pantry” or for the HELP Food Pantry. Although February is the shortest month on the calendar, between birthdays and anniversaries, it is one of our largest months for our card ministry program. Parkie has asked for our assistance in preparing the “known” cards for the month, she will provide the materials needed. So rest up your writing wrists and bring your favorite pen to support the card ministry! As usual, a snack to share would be welcomed by all.

Altar Flowers: We really need someone to sign up for Altar Flowers on March 1st! Whether you've donated before, or have been interested, contact Anne Abraham at acabraham@charter.net or at 757-714-8215 for more information!

Chanco Work Weekend: Summer Camp is right around the corner, and that means it's time to roll up our sleeves and get Chanco ready for an incredible season ahead! February 27-March 1 is the Spring Work Weekend at Chanco on the James. Come on your own or bring the whole family—all are welcome. Spring Work Weekend is more than just getting projects done; it's about community, shared purpose, and investing in the magic of Chanco for future generations to come. Your time and effort truly make a difference, and we'd love to have you be part of this meaningful weekend. We can't wait to work alongside you as we prepare Chanco for another unforgettable summer. Visit chanco.org/event/volunteer-weekend for more information or to register. Limited availability for those wishing to stay overnight.

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, February 15, 4 p.m. 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, February 2, at 4:00 p.m. 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.

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!

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.

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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