



February 15, 2026

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Eucharist — Rite II &

Annual Meeting

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
Elmer Wolff by Eileen Wolff Weldon and Susan Wolff Burdette.*

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

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

PRELUDE

Bach/Manz

Blessed Jesus, at thy word (2 settings)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal #7

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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; only 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
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord. You a-lone are the

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 357

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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)*

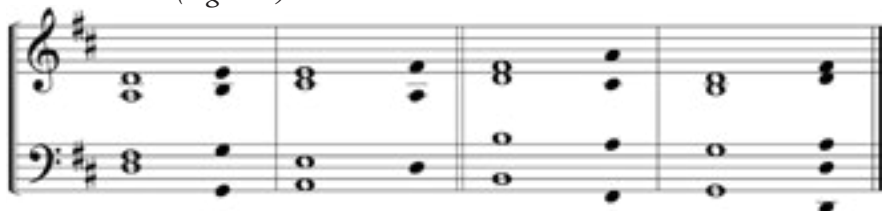
Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 *Why are the nations in an/uproar? **
Why do the peoples mutter empty/threats?
- 2 *Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,*
*and the princes plot to/gether, **
against the Lord and against his A/noointed?
- 3 *“Let us break their yoke,” they/say; **
“let us cast off their bonds from/us.”
- 4 *He whose throne is in heaven is/laughing; **
the Lord has them in del/rision.
- 5 *Then he speaks to them in his/wrath, **
and his rage fills them with/terror.
- 6 *“I myself have set my/king **
upon my holy hill of/Zion.”
- 7 *Let me announce the decree of the/Lord: **
he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I be/gotten you.
- 8 *Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your in/heritance **
and the ends of the earth for your/possession.
- 9 *You shall crush them with an iron/rod **
and shatter them like a piece of/pottery.”
- 10 *And now, you kings, be/wise; **
be warned, you rulers of the/earth.
- 11 *Submit to the Lord with/fear, **
and with trembling bow be/fore him;
- 12 *Lest he be angry and you/perish; **
for his wrath is quickly/kindled.
- 13 *Happy are they/all **
who take refuge in/him!

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (*stand as able*)

1982 Hymnal #137

O Wondrous type! O Vision fair

THE GOSPEL LESSON (*remain standing*)

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***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 (*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***He Comes to Us***Jane Marshall**

*He comes to us as one unknown, without a name;
as of old, by the lakeside He came.*

He came to those men who know Him not.

*He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow!, Follow thou me!"
and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.*

*He commands, and to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,
He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings
which they shall pass through in His fellowship;*

*And as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn,
shall learn in their own experience Who He Is.*

—Albert Schweitzer

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

Rejoice #3

All who hunger gather gladly

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 #530

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LEMs Brian McMahon, Linda McMahon

Ushers Eric Rutherford, Bob Croft

Altar Guild Lynn Kirkland, Margaret McFarland

Acolyte Master Billie Ray Jeffries

Organist Deborah Carr

Special Music St. John's Choir

Flower Delivery Margaret McFarland

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, Marianne, Josh, Glenn Irwin, Dee Kloskin, Gail Conway, Cindy Jannone, baby Autumn Gwendolyn, Anne-Henley, Max Scharnhorst, Devin, Lewis, Sally, Meg Hoffman, Jay Horne, Lisa Jones.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Sally Andrews (2/15), Pat Dennehey (2/17), Pamela Martin (2/17), Ray McAdaragh (2/19), Nancy Adams (2/20), and Vestal Lewis (2/20).

We give thanksgivings for the anniversaries of Martha & Carter Barrett, Sr. (2/19).

**St. John's Church
Elizabeth City Parish
Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 15, 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

SAVE THE DATES

February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ 6 p.m.

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

CALENDAR

February 15—21, 2026

Sunday

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11 a.m. Annual Meeting

8 p.m. AA

Monday - Office Closed

1 p.m. Prayer Circle

8 p.m. AA

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Men's Study Group

6 p.m. Pancake Supper

Wednesday

12 p.m. Ash Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Thursday

8 p.m. AA

Friday

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

Saturday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Dinner: We'll be having Lenten Suppers on February 25 and March 18. Sign ups to bring Soup, Salad, and Bread are available in the Parish House.

Prayer Circle: This week's Prayer circle will be held in the home of Pamela Martin.

St John's MUSIC CAMP Volunteers: Music Camp will be 20-24 July 2026. The date for our initial planning session is scheduled for Sunday, 8 March at 12:30 in the Parish House. Interested in volunteering, but can't make the meeting, please contact Linda McMahon.

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, February 23, at 4 p.m. on the Parish House stage. For that meeting we will read *Surviving Savannah* by Patti Callahan. New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-287-7440 or at edmonson4@cox.net.

Altar Flowers: THANK YOU to the two families who stepped right up to our URGENT request for March 1 and March 8 Altar Flowers! Upcoming available dates for Altar flowers are: June 7, June 14, July 5, July 19 and July 26. August is fully booked. Thanks again to our WONDERFUL and GENEROUS Altar Flower sponsors!

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. 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.

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.virginaliving.com; then select Eastern Region, then Summer Overnight Camp, then vote for Chanco on the James.

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