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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

10 a.m.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAYS-THURSDAYS
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

10 a.m. - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PROCESSIONAL (HYMNAL # 76)

~ "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Advent

76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),
 after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

LM

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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The Celebrant may say

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.**

THE GLORIA

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

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Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:

Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (*NRSV*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

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- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them. (NRSV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN/HYMN OF THE MONTH

(HYMNAL # 128) ~ “*We Three Kings of Orient Are*”

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever,
ceasing never
over us all to reign. (*Refrain*)

Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. (*Refrain*)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (*Refrain*)

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings
alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. (*Refrain*)

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A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark 1:4-11

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (*NRSV*)

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE RECTOR

THE NICENE CREED

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**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.***

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Susan**, our Bishop; for **Ronald**, our Rector; and **Earl**, our Deacon; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
especially President-elect Joe Biden;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially *Linwood Walls*, brother of William H. Walls, Sr.;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We pray for those who are sick and those who may be suffering, *especially Eleanor Pritchett, Brenda Vinson, Wayne Walden, Shane Otey, Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Jean Boyd, Gene Harden, Cornelius Taylor, Tinea Savage-Otey, Cynthia Sutherland, Minnie Stiff, Norma Pinkelton, Olive Ezell, Jeannette*

Lovett, Wilbert Lovett, Sylvester H. Newsome, Sr., Gwendolyn Newsome, Crystal Diggs, Ron Minor, Will Canty IV, Vernell Walden, Adrienne Combs, Deacon Earl Christian, Jodie Ansel James, Alex Strawn, Barbara Savage, Bernice Wilson, Jerome Sheppard, and Ardelle B. Anderson

Silence

We also pray for all who are suffering from the COVID-19 virus, their caregivers, all front line workers, those who have died and all who grieve.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

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Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.*

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE ~ *Please stand.*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*LEVAS # 143*)

~ “*Wade In the Water*”

Refrain:

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water. [**Refrain**]

See that band all dressed in red,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water. [**Refrain**]

Look over yonder, what do I see?
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water. [**Refrain**]

If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan’s stream,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water. [**Refrain**]

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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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (The Sanctus)

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with **[Cyprian and]** all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant and People

~ "O Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Read Silently

(A "spiritual communion" is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Celebrant and People

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

A time of silent meditation with music.

COMMUNION HYMN (*Hymnal # 317*)

~ “*This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song*”

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us--our Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN (*HYMNAL # 616*)

~ “*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*”

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, to;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest;
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

A St. Cyprian's Invitation

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church.

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to receive the blessings of new and unending life in Jesus Christ. To join us, simply contact the Rector about making St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church your parish. It would be our delight and pleasure to share with you our life of fellowship, worship and prayer.

IN OUR CYCLES OF PRAYER:

We Pray for Our Bishop: Susan B. Haynes

We Pray for Parishioners:

Eleanor Pritchett, Brenda Vinson, Wayne Walden, Shane Otey, Samuel E. Ewell, Jr., Jean Boyd, Gene Harden, Cornelius Taylor, Tinea Savage-Otey, Cynthia Sutherland (*The Gardens at Warwick Forest Rehabilitation Center-Newport News*), Minnie Stiff, Norma Pinkelton, Olive Ezell, Jeannette Lovett, Wilbert Lovett, Sylvester H. Newsome, Sr., Gwendolyn Newsome, Crystal Diggs, Ron Minor, Will Canty IV, Vernell Walden, Adrienne Combs, Deacon Earl Christian, Jodie Ansel James, Alex Strawn, Barbara Savage, Bernice Wilson, Jerome Sheppard and Ardelle B. Anderson

We Pray for Friends and Family:

Derrick Edmonds, Lois Martin, Margaret Comegys, Bridget Canty, Clay Cane, Alexa Munoz, Leonard Alexander, Howard Durrah, Cheryl Maxson, Doris Harris, Marcus Reid, Jeannie & Paul Saunders, Beverly Amaya, Lily Holloman, Allison Jordan, Greg & Patrina Newton, Kenneth Bullock, Peggy Winston, Dominique Jordan, The Rev. Martin Bolton, Helena Hawthorne, Tony Leroy Duncan, Carolyn Blissett, Edith & Sana Harris, Jasen Fykes (*grandson of Rudolph and Eleanor Pritchett*), Ron Durrah, Theodosia Peacock (*sister of Connie Daniels*), Sylester Babb (*sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff*), Sophia McCloud (*sister of Lucretia Clayton*), Shawna Mathias (*sister of Crystal Diggs*), Joy Staton, Atlena West (*sister of Dr. Minnie Stiff*), Christine Calhoun, Joyce Steadman (*resident, Hampton Sentara Life Care*) and family, Marc Miller (*father of Tamika Miller Benson*), Rev. Jerome R. Watson (*brother of Laura L. Manigault*), Jeffrey Peele, Oliver Christian (*brother of The Rev. Earl R. Christian*), Howard Moore (*brother of Lucretia Clayton*), Philip Whitaker (*brother of Crystal Diggs*), Tyrone Comegys, Russell Rhorer (*brother-in-law of Samuel Ewell, Jr.*), Evelyn Tricarico (*mother-in-law of Erica Robinson Tricarico*), Keaton Williams (*granddaughter of John and Renee Escoffery-Torres*); Evita Ogden (*niece of Alberta Reid*) and Kathleen Hill (*sister of Timothy Goddard*)

We Pray for Those Serving in the Military:

LaToya Artis (*niece of Dr. Minnie Stiff*); Capt. Luke Carpenter, III (*grandson of Bill and Fannie Walls*), U.S. Marine Corps; John “Holland” Watkins (*son of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Navy - on-board the USS James E. Williams; and LT. JG Joy Maria Watkins (*daughter of John & Maria Watkins*), U.S. Coast Guard – Stationed in Baltimore, MD

We Pray for The Departed:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Linwood Walls*, **brother of William Walls, Sr.** Please keep William Walls, Sr. and his family in your prayers during this time of bereavement. In accordance with COVID Guidelines, the funeral was held on **January 7, 2021** in Washington, DC. May light perpetual shine upon *Linwood* and may God grant him eternal joy.

We welcome all who are visiting us today by YouTube. All are welcome to join us each Sunday for our online service on ***YouTube*** at **10 a.m.** We look forward to entering this period of prayer and virtual

ministry with you. Please follow our homepage for the latest announcements and listing of resources. We will make every effort to keep you informed and connected during the coronavirus pandemic. Recent services are also available for you to watch online.

Bible Study – All are welcome to join us on **Wednesdays at 11 a.m.** on *Facebook Live* for Bible Study. Fr. Ramsey will lead the discussion of the scriptural readings focusing on their historical context and theological implications. Remember, you do not need a *Facebook* account to participate! Simply click on the *Facebook* link on our homepage at 11 a.m. for viewing the livestreaming session. Please share the time and link with your family and friends.

Noonday Prayer Service – Noonday Prayer Service continues to be held on **Thursdays at 12 noon** on *Facebook Live*. We hope these opportunities to hear the spoken word will provide you with the spiritual resources you need to stay grounded in God’s peace and strength during this pandemic. Recorded services are available for you to watch on *Facebook*. Visit our website for viewing.

Guidelines and Resources – Re-gathering guidelines and information, messages from Bishop Susan Haynes, and many resources for congregations can be found on the Diocesan website as Southern Virginia responds to coronavirus/COVID-19 in our communities.

Safe Church Training – Currently no in-person Safe Church Training workshops are planned, but Zoom-based and online Safe Church Training are available. Registration is required for all training sessions. Upcoming trainings are listed below. For additional information, visit the Diocesan website.

- **Universal Training** – Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- **Specialized Training** – Saturday-Sunday, January 23, 2021 (9 a.m. -12 noon) & January 24, 2021 (1- 4 p.m.)

Pre-Council Convocation Meeting – A Zoom meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 11, 2021** at 7 p.m. for Convocation 5. ~ *Fr. Ronald E. Ramsey*

Pledge Envelopes – Your 2021 Pledge Envelopes are now available for pick-up at the church on Tuesdays through Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. ~ *The Finance Committee*

Pledges Submitted – Thanks to all who have already made your pledges and gifts to support the work of the church in 2021. We appreciate the commitment you are making to God and to the church. If you have not yet done so, please mail or drop off your pledge card as soon as possible.

THANK YOU!!!

Eucharistic Ministers are reminded to review their 2021 service schedule and assignment. For questions regarding your assignment, please contact Olive Ezell. To secure a copy of your assignment, please call the Parish Administrator. ~ *Olive C. Ezell*

Circle #1 Members Need Your Support. – For our winter initiative this year, Circle #1 is partnering with *The Night’s Welcome Program*. We greatly need your support with our seasonal “Backpack Program for the Homeless.” Please drop off any of the items listed below in the **Homeless Collection Dropbox** at St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church during office hours **now through January 31, 2021**. Collected items will be donated to the Central United Methodist Church –Hampton. Circle #1 has already purchased ten backpacks; additional donations are welcomed. For further information, contact Lora Ham or Eleanor Pritchett. ~ *Lora Ham, Circle # 1*

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|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Gloves | Masks | Socks |
| Skulls Caps | Liquid Soap | Wash Cloths |
| Toothbrush/toothpaste | Wool Scarf | Gift Cards |
| Package Underwear-All Sizes | Deodorant | HRT Bus Passes |
| Gallon Plastic Re-sealable Bags | | |

A Night's Welcome Updates – *A Night’s Welcome* is looking for individuals, families, and groups to provide dinner meals for the shelter’s guests from **January to March 2021**. Dinner meals have to be prepped at a different home/facility and then brought to the shelter facility to be served. *HELP* provides prepackaged silverware, napkins, and etcetera for the guest at the facility. For more information about this program, please contact Alberta Reid. ~ *Alberta Reid, CAC*

Annual Parish Meeting – Due to the Bishop’s suspension of all indoor church activities and the COVID-19 numbers in Hampton, the Annual Parish Meeting will be virtual this year. Zoom information will be emailed to you prior to the scheduled meeting on **Sunday, January 31, 2021**.

Getting Help From Your Local Foodbank – If you or anyone you know is in need of food assistance during the pandemic, please contact the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank at its website (<https://hrfoodbank.org/>) and then click on **Get Help**. You will see a list of local/Mobile Food Pantry sites along with their dates and hours of operation. These sites are run by various churches, schools, and other organizations that partner with the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. The list of sites is updated each month. It is recommended that people in need of food assistance call their local food pantry before visiting, to confirm the hours of operation. For more information, contact Juanita Alexander. ~ *Juanita Alexander*

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 10, 2021**

EUCCHARISTIC SERVERS

Eucharistic Minister: – William Walls, Jr.

Acolyte: – Lucretia Clayton

Altar Guild: – Lucretia Clayton, Lora Ham; Eleanor Pritchett

Webmaster & Audio Visual Technician – Mark Farquharson



CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun.	Jan.	10 th	10 a.m.		Holy Eucharist, Rite II – YouTube Live
Sun.	Jan.	10 th	9 a.m.		Inspirational Choir Rehearsal – Suspended*
Sun.	Jan.	10 th	9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.		Sunday School – Suspended*
Sun.	Jan.	10 th	9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.		Free Coffee Ministry – Suspended*
Sun.	Jan.	10 th	10 a.m.		Celestial Choir Rehearsal – Suspended*
Sun.	Jan.	10 th	1 p.m.		ECW Meeting – Suspended*
Tue.	Jan.	12th	7 p.m.		Vestry Zoom Meeting
Wed.	Jan.	13th	11 a.m.		Bible Study – Facebook Live
Wed.	Jan.	13 th	7 p.m.		Bible Study– Suspended*
Thurs.	Jan.	14th	12 p.m.		Noonday Prayer – Facebook Live
Fri.	Jan.	15 th	11 a.m.		Celestial Choir Rehearsal – Suspended*
Sun.	Jan.	17th	10 a.m.		Holy Eucharist, Rite II – YouTube Live
Sun.	Jan.	17 th	9 a.m.		Inspirational Choir Rehearsal – Suspended*
Sun.	Jan.	17 th	9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.		Sunday School – Suspended*
Sun.	Jan.	17 th	9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.		Free Coffee Ministry – Suspended*
Sun.	Jan.	17 th	10 a.m.		Celestial Choir Rehearsal – Suspended*

*Suspended until further notice due to COVID-19

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/2	Madison Barner
1/7	Lois Benjamin
1/9	Delores Gayle
1/13	Alycia Outlaw
1/13	Brittany Davis
1/14	Angelina Burney
1/14	Gabrielle Amelia Powell
1/16	Leslie Stiff Jones
1/18	Bernice Wilson
1/19	Christina Nicole Ford
1/20	Ron Minor
1/24	Aisha Kendall
1/30	Karen Wilson

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES – NONE

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know by calling the Church Office, (757)723-8253.

Bishop Haynes Invites You To A Virtual Town Hall On January 14

[*Diocesan eNews*, January 5, 2021] January 6 is *the Feast of the Epiphany* – the day when we commemorate the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem, the culmination of their quest to understand planetary movements and stellar alignments in conjunction with prophecies about the birth of a Messiah King. The Magi were outsiders, Gentiles, learned men who practiced a craft or discipline that was not likely endorsed by Torah teachings.

Nevertheless, even though they were on the outside, they were earnest in their seeking and humble enough to seek the direction of people who practiced a religion that was not their own. They came to Herod and to the religious leaders around him to seek counsel and then went on their way to follow a star that led them to Jesus. After encountering Jesus, and paying him homage, they got up to return to their home. The Scripture from *Matthew* tells us: “And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” (*Matthew 2:12*) And so they did...return by another road and in the end they did not become conspirators along with Herod to destroy the Christ child.

How often do we encounter the Christ child and then are invited to return to our lives “by another road?” During this time of pandemic, many of us feel like we are living in darkness. We long to return to “going to church” the way we did before the virus infected us. But have we not encountered the Christ Child even in our pandemic worship. Everywhere I “travel” in the Diocese, be it in a virtual zoom meeting, or a limited outdoor worship, I am hearing stories of people who have been introduced to the church through its technological offerings during the pandemic. In most cases, these offerings have come about when clergy and lay both extend themselves to learn a new way of doing things. We are coming to church “by another road,” and the Christ Child is honored by our travel.

As the pandemic continues to rage around us we are growing weary. We long for a place of rest, refreshment and rejuvenation. The Bishop and the Diocesan staff would like to invite you to a Town Hall meeting where you can do just that. This town hall meeting will be via Zoom and is scheduled for **Thursday, January 14** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The meeting format will be a brief presentation by Bishop Susan and members of the Diocesan staff, followed by questions and answers. There will also be a time of scripture reading and prayer. Visit the Diocesan website for additional information.

NOTES

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church
Diocese of Southern Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Diocesan Bishop
The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey, Rector
The Rev. Earl R. Christian, Deacon-in-Residence

Worship Services and Times

Sundays

10 a.m.

3rd Sundays ~ *Sacrament of Healing*

The Staff

Phyllis Holland-James, Director of Music Ministries

Timothy Goddard, Sexton

Bettie J. Swain, Parish Administrator

The Vestry

(Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:15 pm)

Stephanie H. Kendall (2020), Senior Warden

Juanita Alexander (2022), Junior Warden

Ardelle Anderson (2022)

Lucretia Clayton (2020)

Mark Farquharson (2021)

Gail Boyd Jones (2020), Register

Connie McCullough (2020)

Norma H. Pinkelton (2021)

Leroy Stiff (2022)

Brenda K. Vinson (2021)

Fannie J. Walls (2022)

Maria Watkins (2021)

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