

**Processional Hymn**                      **The first Nowell**                      (H 109 V 1,2,6)

1. *The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*
2. *They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain*
6. *Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made Heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. Refrain*

**Gospel Hymn**                      **O Little Town of Bethlehem**                      (H 79 v. 5)

5. *O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

**Preacher – The Reverend Peter Steinbrenner**

**Offertory**                      **What Child is This?**                      (H 115)

1. *What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*
2. *Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Refrain*
3. *So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Refrain*

**Presentation of Offering**                      **Ye watchers and Ye holy ones**                      (H 618 v. 4)

- 4 *O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!*

**Communion Hymn**                      **Lo How a Rose e'er blooming**                      (H 81)

- 1 *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung. It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.*
- 2 *Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.*
- 3 *This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet very God; from sin and death now saves us and shares our ev'ry load.*

**Recessional Hymn**                      **Go Tell It On the Mountain**

**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

- 1 *While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. Refrain*
- 2 *The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth Refrain*
- 3 *Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain*

### **Calendar**

Monday	6:30 PM	<b>Al-Anon</b> – Support for those around someone afflicted by the disease of addiction
Monday	7:00 PM	<b>Choir Practice</b> – All are welcome to make a joyful noise
Tuesday	9 AM	<b>Tuesday Tune-up</b> – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Wednesday	12:15 pm	<b>Prayers for Peace</b> -There will be time set aside for silent prayer as well. See Laura Cannon
Thursday	6:30 PM	<b>Centering Prayer</b> ( <i>Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation</i> Contact <a href="mailto:lauracanon@yahoo.com">lauracanon@yahoo.com</a> )
Friday	10 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> with Daughters of the King (Live)
Friday	10:30 AM	<b>Alzheimer's / Dementia /Memory Support Group</b> at the Epiphany campus. Contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050
Sunday	8 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	<b>Faith Matters</b> (Live and Facebook)
	9:45 AM	<b>Church School</b> for youth, nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Notice of Annual Meeting** The Annual Meeting of Epiphany Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday January 21, 2024, at 11:30 AM. This will be a time to elect new members of the vestry, elect delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention, receive the Treasurer's report on the church finances and review the budget for 2024.

**Chili Dinner** Sunday January 7, 2024 at 5pm. Sign up to cook or attend in the Narthex!

**THANK YOU Epiphany** - a HUGE thank you to everyone who was able to attend the ordination of Mother Erica, as well as to everyone who supported the day through service and prayer. We are excited to welcome her as our Associate Priest. As a member of the Simunye Clergy Team, she will continue to serve both Epiphany and Grace, as well as lead the discernment and evangelism teams for the Simunye Outreach efforts. Her contact information is (505) 818-7071 or [theRev.Roz@gmail.com](mailto:theRev.Roz@gmail.com)

### **OUTREACH CORNER**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Current Need</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>St. Jude's Ranch</b>	baby things: Diapers, Baby wipes and infant nursery items	
<b>Refugee Resettlement</b>	Toilet Paper and silverware (knife, fork spoon) no plastic please	Betty-Jeanne Kristen
<b>Epicenter Food Collection</b>	Currently need for Ramen (packets and styrofoam cup types), soups, canned fruit and veggies, baby food, powered milk, peanut butter and SOCKS (gently used or new). The need is great right now and every donation is sincerely appreciated. .	Judy Keohn

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