

GOOD NEWS

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EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

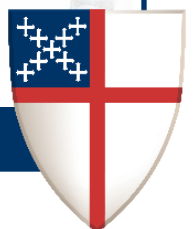
Christmas at Epiphany



Epiphany's celebration of Jesus's birth was stellar! With lots of fellowship along the way, the season kicked off with Lessons and Carols, included the Family Christmas Eve Service, and wrapped up with the three kings journey to Bethlehem. Thank you to all who helped make this holy season extra memorable.

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Christmas Eve Family Mass

As is Epiphany's tradition, Christmas Eve service was a family mass led by the children of Epiphany under the direction of Sue Racicot. A big thanks to Sue for all her hard work and to all the children who made the service magical.

Ushers: Brendan Graves and Haley Scales
First Reading: Lexi Riffel
Psalm: Ripper Riffel
Second Reading: Gabrielle Perez
Prayers of the People: Bobby Burton
Peace Offering: David Riffel
Narrator 1: Brody Rasmuson
Narrator 2: Thomas Burton
Narrator 3: Keegan Rasmuson
Narrator 4: Ripper Riffel
Lead Angel: Keegan Rasmuson
Mary: Scarlett Burton
Joseph: Dante Wells
Angels: Cheyanne Scales, Natalie Bond,
and Abby Burton
Shepherds: Gabriel Wells, Jack Snyder,
and Hudson Commeford
Lamb: Julia Snyder
Cows: Harlan Commeford and Ashton Thompson
Camel: Kellan Bond
Musical solos: Keegan Rasmuson, Emilie Chapter,
Bobby Burton, and Thomas Burton



More Christmas Eve Family Mass



Lessons and Carols - Rose Sunday

by Betty-Jeanne Cousins



On December 17, we gathered at 4pm in the Nave of Epiphany for Lessons and Carols. We listened to the Readings which started with Genesis – Adam and Eve – we moved onto Isaiah where we heard a child had been born – he was named “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Then, of course Gabriel was sent by God to the Virgin Mary and asked to do “the impossible”...but Mary said “Here am I, the servant of the Lord.” What faith this teenager had – after all she could have been stoned to death. Joseph too said YES to God and married Mary and she gave birth to our Lord and Savior.

Once again Messengers from God (angels) spoke to the Shepherds announcing Christ birth – “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Next there were wise men who saw “the STAR” and followed it to King Herod who asked them to return to him after they had seen the child. We all know what was on King Herod’s mind and it was not good. The Kings saw the Holy Family and left the “first Christmas gifts” - Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The wise men did not return to Herod but went home a different route.

Our Choir sang for the first time “A Carol for Epiphany” under the leadership of Kathy Steinbrenner.

As the service closes with the last Reading from John read by Fr. Rick – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” The passage ended with “And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” Powerful even 2000 years later.

Throughout each of the Readings the Choir sang. Many do not realize how many practice hours the Choir spends learning these beautiful hymns. Please take time to thank them for their music ministry.

Thanks to our Readers: Nate Henderson, Jennifer Holladay Carol Wagers, Jim Graham, Rachael Black, Cindy Berg, Mark Lenker, and Carol Thoreson. Thanks also to Teddie Brewer for coordinating the Readers for this beautiful and moving service.

Thanks to our hostess Mary Valentine for providing refreshments and hot chocolate and cider.



Journey to Bethlehem

What a change from last year in terms of weather! This year we had very little breeze and a nice temperature, especially with the heaters that were donated by Jeff & Kathi Colman. On the evening of January 6, Father Rick carried the star as we processed from one King to the next while singing.

As we entered the church and the Kings presented Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh at the foot of the Crèche, we presented our gifts to the Christ Child too. Following an enlightening homily by Fr. Rick, we then enjoyed a pot luck sharing with each other a wonderful Feast of the Epiphany. Many thanks to Kathy Steinbrenner for playing hymns.



In keeping with our tradition, on Sunday, January 7 during the Offertory at the 10 am service, our three Kings presented Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh at the foot of the Altar. Our Kings this year were Brody Rasmuson, JJ Feyt, and John Young.



Annual Chili Dinner



Once again we had a wonderful crowd of 43 who attended our annual Chili Dinner. We had seven different chilis, taco soup, salad and corn bread. We finished our Stir Up cake and other goodies as our desserts.



Our Sr. Warden, Gina Kistle presented Fr. Rick with his gift from the 2017 Vestry and congregation, and Laura Canon presented to Fr. Vince. Deacon Sam was not present due to acute bronchitis and we all hope he gets well soon.

Gina then asked for all first time pledgers to come up, present were Beth McCall, Chris Schuller, and Susan Smaldino. As is our tradition each received a pin saying thank you for becoming part of our pledging family here at Epiphany.



As a special surprise, Jeff Colman presented Fr. Rick with the "The Sermonator" t-shirt which surprised Father and got a rousing applause!

Thanks to our hostesses, Melissa Farr and Betty-Jeanne Cousins for setting up and cleaning up along with Jim Barlow, Roger Pan, Chris Schuller, Peter Steinbrenner. It's great to have strong muscle to break down tables, take back chairs and run between the two buildings. Thank you Rachael Black for KP duty. Many thanks to all for attending our Chili Dinner.

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If you know of someone who you would like included in the online prayer chain, please visit Epiphany's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nvepiphany and add their name to the post for weekly online prayers. If you do not use Facebook but would like a name added, please send the person's name to news@nvepiphany.org

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the 9 am service on January 28th in the Nave.

As a reminder, there will be only one service at 9 am.

Nominating Committee (3 year terms)
Judy Frankhouser, Kris Kohn, Gary Hails,
and Mary Valentine

Outgoing Vestry members
Elsa Torgerson, Betty-Jeanne Cousins,
Bill Kohn and Peter Valentine

Gabriel's Gift

During the holidays, Gabriel's Gift hosted Haircuts for Homeless event at The Care Complex in the heart of the Corridor of Hope. Professional hair stylists and barbers donated their time and talent on December 10th to perform more than 60 haircuts in 3 hours. In addition to a free professional cut, the Homeless individual was also given a coat or sweater, hat, gloves, scarf and socks — thanks to the generous donations from Epiphany parishioners, who gave more than 300 winter wear items during the Winter Coat Drive.



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Vestry 2017

Sr. Warden	Gina Kistle
Jr. Warden & Building	Scott Luttenegger
Treasurer	Susan Baker
Clerk & Education	Betty-Jeanne Cousins
Care and Calling	Cindy Berg
Outreach	Laura Cannon
Hospitality	Mary Ellen Howey
Evangelism	Bill Kohn
Stewardship	Peter Steinbrenner
Worship	Elsa Torgerson
Member	Peter Valentine

We Welcome Our Newest Member



Daisy Marie

Baptized January 7, 2018

Daughter of Nate and Francis Henderson