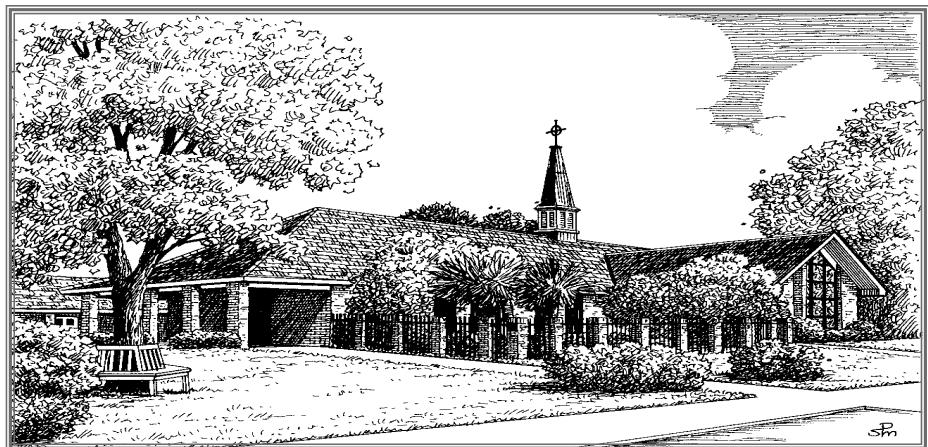


# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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January 11, 2026—10:00 a.m.  
First Sunday after the Epiphany  
Baptism of our Lord



*Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.*

*(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)*

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

The Reverend Trish Toburen, Associate Rector & Chaplain

### ***Mission Statement:***

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,  
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer  
to God through Jesus Christ.”*



## MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

Opening Hymn

Hymn No. 76

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

Amen.

*The Celebrant continues*

People There is one Body and one Spirit;  
Celebrant There is one hope in God's call to us;  
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, One Baptism;  
People One God and Father of All.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

Reader                    The Word of the Lord.  
People                    Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 29

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.

Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him

receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Sequence Hymn No. 121  
Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

## Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Deacon or Priest The Gospel of the Lord.  
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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### *All Stand*

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

## Infants and Younger Children

*The candidate is presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents*

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

Question                    Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer                    I renounce them.

Question                    Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer                    I renounce them.

Question                    Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer                    I renounce them.

Question                    Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer                    I do.

Question                    Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer                    I do.

Question                    Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
Answer                    I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?

People    We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant                    Do you believe in God the Father?

People                    I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
                                  creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant                    Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

People                    I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
                                  He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
                                  and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
                                  was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
                                  and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant                    Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People                    I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
                                  the holy catholic Church,  
                                  the communion of saints,  
                                  the forgiveness of sins,  
                                  the resurrection of the body.  
                                  and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
People I will, with God's help.

### Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
People Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

### Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Baptism

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

*Let us pray.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give here an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says*

*Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## Baptism Anthem

M. Haydn

## Asperges Me

## The Peace

All stand. *The Celebrant says to the people*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.*

## Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

Bach

## Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

## Doxology

### Hymn No. 380, v.3

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: Eucharistic Prayer B

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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.

*Here a Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant who then continues with*

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:

*The following is sung by the Congregation*

Sanctus

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*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 to 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 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.

*Conclusion of the Prayer: Solemn Tone*

By him and with him and in him, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit

all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

**The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

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.

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## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant                    Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
 People                      Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Receiving Holy Communion** - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Communion Hymn

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

No. 339

## My God, Accept My Heart This Day

*When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:*

**Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

**Let us pray.**

*Celebrant and people*

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.

**Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

**Closing Hymn**

No. 569

God the Omnipotent! King, Who Ordainest

## **Dismissal**

*A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal*

*The People respond:*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**



## **Lay Ministers Serving Today**

### **Acolyte**

Meredith Copeland

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Isaac Juban

### **Altar Guild**

JoAnne Carver

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Linda Adams

### **LEM**

Adam McDowell

Martha Singletary

Margie Gaudet

### **MC**

Jim Thompson

### **Usher**

Wallace Van Nortwick

Rob Hawkins

Tom Cole

Cameron Roberson

### **LEV**

Cheryl Patterson

Mary Lee Bass

### **Greeter**

Angie Juban

Julie Owen

### **Flower Guild**

Loree Fields

Ginger Speer

### **Parish Choir**

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Sharon Delamar	Laura Thomas
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Jennifer Johnson	Rhonda Zielinski
Cody King	Wilma Loe, Accompanist
Katherine Norton	Terry R. Bowman, Director

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Brookie Allphin	Robin Sills
Jason Danos	Carolyn Grace Millet
Mary Leteff	Brittany Allphin-Smith
Rob Hawkins	Wanda Halkett
Bridget Collins	Margo Gonzalez
Jackie Lawless	Chinyere Agu

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