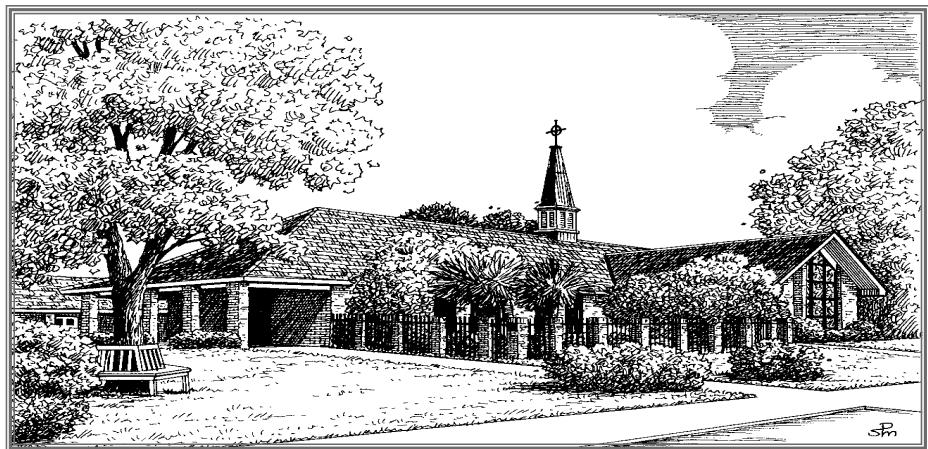


# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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January 18, 2026—10:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany



*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

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

No. 7

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.

*The Celebrant may continue*

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 following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.*

### Gloria

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength--

he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

### Psalm 40:1-12

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
    he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
    he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
    a song of praise to our God; \*  
    many shall see, and stand in awe,  
    and put their trust in the LORD.

4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
    they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
    how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
    there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
    but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
    (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
    and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
    'I love to do your will, O my God;  
    your law is deep in my heart.'"

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
    behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
    and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
    I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
    I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great  
    congregation.

12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

## Second Lesson

## I Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

The Cantor sings the following Alleluia, which the Congregation repeats. The Cantor then sings a verse, and the Congregation again repeats the Alleluia. After the Gospel reading, the Congregation repeats the Alleluia a final time.

## Celtic Alleluia

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

*Deacon or Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Bryan Owen

*All Stand*

## 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 III

*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 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;  
*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 any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*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.*  
*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The 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**

*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

Poston

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

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

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

**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.**

*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.

**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.

## 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 No. 538  
God of Mercy, God of Grace

Communion Hymn No. 440  
Bless'd Jesus, At Thy Word

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

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

No. 535

## Dismissal

*A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal*

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

## Postlude

## **Lay Ministers Serving Today**

### **Acolyte**

Sammie Hyde

Sophie Hyde

Lightsey Breaux

### **Altar Guild**

Trish Boughton  
Janie Braud  
Paula Carter

Stephanie Cauley  
Wilma Desselle  
Jeanean Higgins

### **Lector**

Courtney Breaux

### **LEM**

Tessie Edmonds  
Celeste deFrances

Debbie Copeland

### **MC**

Jane Thompson

### **Usher**

Debbie Gurtner  
Jason Danos

Sheldon Poche  
Greg Williams

### **LEV**

Mary Tharp

Mary Lee Bass

### **Greeter**

Becky Williams

Peggy Poche

### **Flower Guild**

Loree Fields

Janet Holladay

## Parish Choir

Jennie Bae	Robin Sills
Owen Cope	Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Margie Gaudet	Ben Thomas
Sharon Delamar	Laura Thomas
Don Hill	Nina Wachter
Steve Irving	Dr. Richard Webb
Keith James	Dr. Mark Zielinski
Jennifer Johnson	Rhonda Zielinski
Cody King	Wilma Loe, Accompanist
Katherine Norton	Terry R. Bowman, Director
Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur	

## Hospitality Team

Marianne Denker	Robin Coever
Joanne Carver	Jean Blanche
Brookie Allphin	Robin Sills
Jason Danos	Carolyn Grace Millet
Mary Leteff	Brittany Allphin-Smith
Rob Hawkins	Margo Gonzalez
Bridget Collins	Chinyere Agu
Jackie Lawless	

## Vestry

Laura Thomas-Sr. Warden	Sharon Edmon
Adam McDowell-Jr. Warden	Tessie Edmonds
Lacey Anderson-Secretary	David Holladay
Brian Binck	Mary Leteff
Gordon Denker	Gloria McKenzie
John East	David Palmer

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE  
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY  
GLORIA & JENNIFER MCKENZIE  
IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND,  
JOHN MCKENZIE JR. &  
MY TWIN SISTER GLENDA STRINGFIELD HANCOCK  
ON OUR BIRTHDAY