

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024

WELCOME TO OUR HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE
HYMNALS AND THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER ARE LOCATED IN THE PEWS.
YOU ARE INVITED TO SAY ALOUD THE ITEMS PRINTED IN BOLDFACE.

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| -Voluntary | Song of Peace – Jean Langlais |
| -Opening Hymn | H-7 |
| -The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity | BCP 355 |
| - Gloria | S-278 |
| -The Collect of the Day | See Insert |
| -The First Reading | 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20 See Insert |
| -The Psalm | (Chanted by Choir) Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17– See Insert |
| -The Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 – See Insert |
| -Sequence Hymn | H-533 |
| -The Gospel | John 1:43-51 -See Insert |
| -The Homily | The Rev. Jerry Lasley |
| -The Nicene Creed | BCP 358 |
| -The Prayers of the People | |

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Let us lift our hearts to the One who calls us, saying, We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening. We pray for the Church, that the hearts of the leaders and those who are led be turned toward you. Call us to support your work in the world through the Church. We pray for our Presiding Bishop and our Priest. **People: We call to you, O Lord.**

And we are listening.

Leader: We pray for those who govern the nations of the world, that their leadership be wise and compassionate. Call us to informed and cooperative citizenship. We pray for our President, our Governor, the Congress, and courts of the land. **People: We call to you, O lord. And we are listening.**

Leader: We pray for people in every corner of the world, especially for those who lack adequate food, shelter, and hope. Call us to compassionate action. We pray for those who have suffered. **People: We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.**

Leader: We pray for those close to our hearts who suffer from illness, anxiety; who face challenges and transitions; who struggle with your will in their lives. We especially pray for Tom, Alena, Susan, Kay, Tammie, Mary Jo, Crystal, John, Amy Jo, Mike, Rae, Gwen, Annie, Bob, Marge, Debbie, Alesia, Nancy, Mary Ann, Kay, Susan, Steve, Annette, Bob, Cindy, Peggy, Barry, Brooke and Sharol. We also pray for the Standing Committees of both Eastern and Western Michigan dioceses. We thank you for the presence of your Holy Spirit in our congregation and in the lives of our siblings in our partner congregation, Trinity of Three Rivers. **People: We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.**

Leader: We pray for those who will be born this day, that they will be embraced by loving communities. We pray for those who are dying and those who now rest in your eternal embrace. **People: Loving God, we call to you.**

And we are listening.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

All: Amen

-The Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.

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| -Offertory | From the Rising of the Sun – F.A. Gore Ouseley |
| -Doxology | H -380, Verse 3 |
| -The Holy Eucharist | Prayer A- BCP 361 |
| - Sanctus | S-128 |
| -The Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |
| -The Breaking of the Bread | BCP 364 |
| -Agnus Dei | S-165 |
| -Communion Hymn | H-126 |
| -Post-Communion Prayer | BCP 365 |
| -The Blessing | |
| -Closing Hymn | H-477 |
| -The Dismissal | |
| -Voluntary | Modus Iudendi pleno Organo Pedaliter – Samuel Scheidt |

THIS WEEK:

Principal Payoff Challenge (PPC)

The mortgage to the bank is \$0

The loan from the Diocese is \$0

WE ARE DEBT FREE!

Flowers:

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given in thanksgiving to the Glory of God by Jane Brewer.

Open Vestry Positions

We have a couple Vestry positions that will be open for the new year. If you are interested in running for a position on the Vestry, please contact Father Jerry no later than Sunday, January 21, 2024.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher's will take place Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the 9:30 a.m. (one service only) Holy Eucharist Service. If you oversee an area of St. Christopher's life, please plan to have a report regarding 2023 to Angela in the church office by Sunday, January 14th for inclusion in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

Healing and Eucharist Service

The next Healing and Eucharist Service will be held Friday, February 2, 2024 at Noon. Please join us.

Men's Group: The next men's breakfast will be held on February 10, 2024 at 9 am. Location to be determined. Please sign up at the kiosk.

Ladies' Luncheon: The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 11:45 am. Location to be determined. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Thank you.

Bi-diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

January 14th

St. John's, Midland – Alissa Anderson – Priest-in-Charge

Next Week

January 21st

Christ Church, Owosso – Paul Brunell, Priest

St. Peter's by the Lake, Montague – David Meyers, Rector

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 14 January 2024: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany. Church of the Province of South East Asia

Monday 15 January 2024: The Diocese of Bukedi – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Tuesday 16 January 2024: The Diocese of Bukuru – The Church of Nigeria

Wednesday 17 January 2024: The Diocese of Bunbury – The Anglican Church of Australia

Thursday 18 January 2024: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Diocese of Bungoma – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 19 January 2024: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara- The Church of Province of Uganda

Saturday 20 January 2024: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Diocese of Busan – The Anglican Church of Korea

Serving Today

LEM/Lector: Dave Butler LEM/Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)
Flo Gjerstad (10:15 am)

Ushers/Greeters: Dale & Sharon Rice (8 am)
Mary Van Duyne/Becky Stermer (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Mary Van Duyne

Serving Next Week (January 21st)

LEM/Lector: Nancy Wells LEM/Jane Brewer (8 am)
Rod Bytwerk (10:15 am)

Usher/Greeters: Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)
Jan Taylor/Louise Desgranges (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Sharon Rice

Birthdays

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| January 4 | Myrtle Duck |
| January 9 | James Burger |
| January 10 | Helen Lackey |
| January 12 | Dawn Rutherford |
| January 14 | Barton Scotland |
| January 14 | Bob Luckey |
| January 16 | Joyce Thewalt |
| January 18 | Ellen Safley |
| January 27 | Tom Dyke |
| January 28 | Noralynn Hassold |

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP
THE REVEREND JERRY LASLEY, RECTOR
THE REVEREND DR. MICHAEL CARR, PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
NADA RADAKOVICH, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC | ANGELA ZINSLI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
JEFFREY WALKER, ORGANIST | JOEL STOEKLIN, SEXTON

VESTRY 2023
ELLEN SAFLEY, SENIOR WARDEN | BILL HARTLEY, JUNIOR WARDEN
STEVE HUBER, CLERK | DALE RICE & JANE BREWER, TREASURERS
LINDA RATHBURN (2026) | MYRTLE DUCK (2024)
STEVE HUBER (2024) | BILL HARTLEY (2026)
FLO GJERSTAD (2024) | JANE BREWER (2026)
ELLEN SAFLEY (2025) | COLLEEN SHRANK (2025) | ROD BYTWERK (2025)

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