

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 7, 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.

-Voluntary	How Bright Appears the Morning Star – Dietrich Buxtehude	
-Opening Hymn		H-76
-The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity		BCP 355
- Gloria		S-278
-The Collect of the Day		See Insert
-The First Reading	Genesis 1:1-5	See Insert
-The Psalm	(Spoken) Psalm 29–	See Insert
-The Second Reading	Acts 19:1-7 –	See Insert
-Sequence Hymn		H-124
-The Gospel	Mark 1:4-11	-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: As we gather around the waters of baptism today, gather us to your heart. Increase our commitment to the vows we have made to follow you. Give our spiritual leaders wisdom, patience, and guidance. **People: Pray for God's people and their leaders.**

Leader: As we survey the news of the nations, sharpen our attention to what is happening in the world around us. Compel us to pray for those in authority and for the people they govern, that there may be peace between nations and neighbors. **People: Pray for God's world and all her people.**

Leader: As we build relationships with those with whom we live and work, open our eyes to your presence in their lives and the ways we can serve you by serving them. **People: Pray for your neighbors and friends.**

Leader: As we see those who suffer in any way, increase our capacity to love and to pray. We especially pray for Tim, Alena, Susan, Kay, Tammie, Mary Jo, Crystal, John, Amy Jo, Mike, Rae, Sue, 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: Pray for those who are suffering with illness and the struggle of life.**

Leader: As we say goodbye to those who have departed this life, comfort us in our grief, assuring us of your love.

People: Pray for those who have died.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

All: Amen

-The Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
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The Peace	BCP 360
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The Offering Plates will be passed at this time.

-Offertory	H-128 "We Three Kings" (congregation please sing along on refrain) Kings: Brad Skellenger, Andrew Wilson, Jeff Fisk
-Doxology	H -380, Verse 3

-The Holy Eucharist	Prayer B- BCP 367
- Sanctus	S-128
-The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
-The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
-Agnus Dei	S-165
-Communion Hymn	LEVAS 141
-Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 366
-The Blessing	
-Closing Hymn	H-119
-The Dismissal	
-Voluntary	Epilogue on 'Dix' – William H. Harris

THIS WEEK:

Principal Payoff Challenge (PPC)

The mortgage to the bank is \$0

The loan from the Diocese is \$0

WE ARE DEBT FREE!

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 January 13, 2024 at 9 am. at Sophia's Kitchen, Grand Blanc. Please sign up at the kiosk.

Ladies' Luncheon: The next Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 10th at 11:45 am. at Antonio's Coney Island, 5485 Fenton Road, Flint. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Please have all reservations in by Sunday, January 7th so we can let the restaurant know how many will be attending. Thank you.

Bi-diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

January 7th

Holy Family, Midland – Debbie Roth, Sr. Warden
St. Paul's, St. Joseph – Karen Kelly, Interim Rector

Next Week

January 14th

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, 7 January 2024: 1st Sunday of Epiphany. The Scottish Episcopal Church

Monday 8 January 2024: The Diocese of British Columbia – The Anglican Church of Canada

Tuesday 9 January 2024: The Diocese of Central Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wednesday 10 January 2024: The Diocese of West Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Thursday 11 January 2024: The Diocese of Buhiga – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Friday 12 January 2024: The Diocese of Bujumbura – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Saturday 13 January 2024: Epiphany. The Diocese of Bukavu – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Serving Today

LEM/Lector: Nancy Wells LEM/Jane Brewer (8 am)

Linda Rathburn (10:15 am)

Ushers/Greeters: Neuman & Jan Convis (8 am)

Bill Anderson/Flo Gjerstad (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Louise McAra

Serving Next Week (January 14th)

LEM/Lector: Dave Butler LEM/Dave & Melissa Butler (8 am)

Flo Gjerstad (10:15 am)

Usher/Greeters: Dale & Sharon Rice (8 am)

Mary Van Duyne/Becky Stermer (10:15 am)

Altar Guild: Mary Van Duyne

Birthdays

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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