

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

WELCOME

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you! Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service.

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

Restrooms: Proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

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Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *prayground* is located in the side chapel and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions. Children return to the service for communion.

Contact: Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
(Come, O Savior of the nations)

PAUL SIEFERT (1586-1666)

The Word of God

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Catechist: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom. Jesus our Savior and King of the ages.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Catechist: Holy God, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world.

All: **Lord Jesus, Light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.**

At the sound of the bell, all stand as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider may say

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.**

KYRIE

The following is said, all standing

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

The people sit.

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Canticle 3: The Song of Mary

Read by all, remaining seated.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

**And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

All stand.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON
THE NICENE CREED**

All stand as able.

Jay Wilcox

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

You astounded Mary with her invitation to bear your Son. Surprise us with your delight in us, with your invitation to do your will, with the light of Christ growing with in us. Surprise us, Lord, again and again.

Silence

We are your children. Increase the faith in us, day by day, season by season. Empower us to seek and do your will. Cause us to surprise ourselves by opening up our hearts to find that you are always there.

Surprise us, Lord.

We pray that the leaders of all the nations demonstrate wisdom and a heart for the good of their people and peace between neighbors.

Surprise us, Lord.

We pray that the peoples of all the nations realize freedom and an end to hunger and poverty. Enable a spirit of generosity to flow throughout the world.

Surprise us, Lord.

We pray for our neighbors with whom we work and live. Surprise us with what can be accomplished when we work together for the common good. Open our eyes to see you in each person we meet. Open our hearts and hands to each need we encounter.

Surprise us, Lord.

We pray for healing for those with troubled spirits, who suffer from addiction, loneliness, and despair. We ask for healing for those who struggle with the consequences of illness or recovering from surgery. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Pat, Kay, and Charlie. We pray also for those who have requested our prayers and who wish to remain anonymous and for those on our long-term prayer list. Reveal to us how to join in your saving and healing work through the power of your Spirit.

Surprise us, Lord.

We pray for those who have died and now rest in your eternal embrace. May the light of your love surround them and comfort those who grieve their deaths. Surprise them with the sure hope of the Resurrection.

Surprise us, Lord.

We are your people. Increase the faith in us day by day. Surprise us with your loving, liberating, and life-giving presence.

Surprise us, Lord, again and again.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider 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 Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

All **Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SOLO Come, thou long-expected Jesus

MALCOLM ARCHER (B. 1952)

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

SANCTUS

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross

the sacrifice of his life,

and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,

Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,

which is poured out for you and for all

for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,

and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,

who was and is and is to come,

we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,

and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts

that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth

and make us your new creation,

the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,

with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints,

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,

People and Presider

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Presider This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. If receiving a blessing, please come forward and simply cross your hands over your chest as you walk up to the presider. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider when you reach the front.

Put your hands out one on top of the other, and the wafer will be placed in your hand. Leave the wafer in place and move to the chalice bearer, who will then take it, dip it in the wine, and hand it back to you. If you do not

wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

COMMUNION ORGAN SOLO

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

PAUL MANZ (1919-2009)

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary,
"most highly favored maiden." Gloria!*

*"I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree:
a blessed virgin mother you shall be.
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored maiden." Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored maiden, Gloria!*

*After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.*

Presider 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.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

Presider As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Gottes Sohn ist kommen, BWV 724

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

*Once He came in blessing,
All our ills redressing,
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us,
Hope and freedom gave us.*

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For the Week of Sunday, December 24, 2023

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK IN EPIPHANY

- 12/24 10:00 a.m. Children in church
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Said service
 4:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with
 Nativity Narrative
 8:30 p.m. Carol Sing-along
 9:00 p.m. Festival Choral Eucharist
- 12/27 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 12/31 9:45 a.m. Children in the Atrium
 10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols,
 Holy Eucharist

NO SERVICE CHRISTMAS DAY



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FEEDING THE SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY



Our Feeding the Spirit Bible study will be taking two weeks off. **We will not meet on December 27 or January 3** but will begin again on January 10. Time to be determined.

A VISIT FROM OUR ASSISTING BISHOP



The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr. will be leading our service on
Sunday, January 21.

This will be a celebratory day, and we hope everyone will be in attendance!

If you would like to be *confirmed or received* at that time, please let us know ASAP at info@tcote.org or call The Rev. Jamie Barnett at 818-991-4797. (Alternatively, there will be a confirmation at St. John's Cathedral in Los Angeles with The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor on May 4.)

Bishop Brookhart retired in 2018 after 15 years as ninth bishop of the Diocese of Montana. Born in West Virginia and raised in West Virginia and Ohio, Brookhart graduated from Ohio's Wittenberg University and attended divinity school at Vanderbilt University. He received his master of divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary; his doctorate in homiletics was conferred by United Theological Seminary.

Before his election as bishop of Montana, he was a parish priest in West Virginia, where he also was the bishop's deputy for ecumenism. He helped to prepare the "Call to Common Mission" statement that established full communion between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Brookhart is the author of several books, most recently *Washing and Well-Fed: How the Sacraments Change Everything*. He and his wife, Susan Moyer Brookhart, a private educational consultant, now live in Los Angeles. They have two adult daughters.

DIAPERS AND WARM COATS & JACKETS



There is great need in the low income and homeless community for both **diapers for infants** (#s 4, 5, 6 and 7) and gently used **warm coats and jackets for adults**.

There are boxes in the Narthex and the Bishop's Hall through January 14.

COOKIE CRUMBS



The Cookie Exchange was a treat, and we raised \$560 for Holy Family Adoption and Family Service.

Thanks to all who made cookies, bought cookies, and made it work.

A NOTE FROM OUR BOOKKEEPER

✓ Please note that any monies toward your pledge for this year must be **postmarked or received by December 31** in order to be counted towards your pledge and for you to receive your 2023 tax benefit.

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit www.tcote.org



Want to help on Sundays during the service? If you are interested in being an **usher, reader, or LEM**, please contact the church at info@tcote.org



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of all of the sacraments of the church.

Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@gmail.com



The **Music Ministry** at The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes

all. You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay jwilcox@tcote.org



Coffee hour is a tradition of hospitality and fellowship, a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation.

Interested in being a **Coffee Host**? Contact: info@tcote.org



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their

own ways, and in their own time. All children are welcome. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration

and the asking of important questions. We meet *every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



Meeting *weekly for one-hour on Wednesday*, **Feeding the Spirit** Bible study is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found

within. Bring a lunch! Upcoming readings will be found in our *Connections* newsletter or www.lectionarypage.net



Creation Care at The Church of the Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation.

Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. Contact:

Mari Mendenhall mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net



Lectio Divina is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom *every*

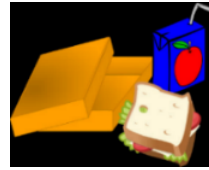
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Link at

www.tcote.org/lectio-divina/ or contact: Barry Burns burnscreative@gmail.com.



A grief shared meets on the *fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel.* Wherever and however

you are experiencing grief, we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



The Lunch Bunch prepares and delivers 70-80 brown bag lunches to Harbor House once a month for low income and homeless families and

individuals. Join us! Contact: Yvonne Lux yvonnlux@gmail.com



The Women's Interfaith Network (WIN) has many opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Please check their page at www.tcote.org.

Contact: Aggie Winston (805) 807-5001.



OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, meeting monthly for lunch and a variety of enriching

programs from October-May. Contact Michelle Ponticelli: mponicelli@tcote.org



PFLAG's vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated, and all people are valued inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact: info@tcote.org



Laundry Love is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. We meet on the *last Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

Contact: Karen James kjames@tcote.org



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery or experiencing other life changes. We make phone calls, visit hospitals and homes, and help with their unmet needs, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: sschneider@tcote.org



Red Door Vineyard's vision is to be a source of congregational growth, strength and spirituality as we share in the journey of crafting wine in God's name. In addition to ongoing vineyard activities, we gather monthly for Monday Night Fellowship and Friday Evening Happy Hour and arrange a variety of social and cultural experiences. Contact: Stacey Stephens reddoorvineyard@tcote.org



The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events, enriching people's lives, and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space. Contact: Jay jwilcox@tcote.org or www.tcote.org/music/

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Pat, Kay and Charlie

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Boyd, Neil and Sarah, Tom, Arturo, Judith, Kathy, Curt, Steve, Joe, Rhonda, Lynn, Dan, Amanda, Tabitha, Judie, Georgia, Steve, Paul, Peter, Glenn and Family, Madden, Norma, Hailey, baby Noah, Benny, and Carol, John, George, Holly, Debbi, Robyn, Donna, and Bishop Michael Curry

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request online at www.tcote.org/prayer-request/.

MISSION AND VISION

At their December meeting, our Bishop's Committee approved a new mission and vision statement for The Church of the Epiphany. We hope it rings true and inspires you.

Mission

We seek to ensure that all who enter our doors know that they are loved, welcomed, and celebrated unconditionally, that we serve the world with gratitude, humility, and courage, and that we continue to grow in faith, recognizing reason and exploring the profound mystery that is God's creation.

Vision

To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

Core Values

RADICAL LOVE

JOYFUL SERVICE

FAITHFUL LEARNING

Core Values guide us in carrying out our mission and realizing our vision.

By their nature, core values are touchstones for prayer, discernment, ongoing conversation, and action. We seek a deep understanding and ongoing engagement with Epiphany's Core Values. Over the years, we will continue reflecting on what they mean in their application; how they challenge and inform decisions and actions in Epiphany's ministries, and how they help our ministries be aligned with our mission and vision.