

The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

A Service of Confirmation
with Holy Eucharist



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.

Assisted listening devices: Available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *playground* 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.

Communion: By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact The Rev. Jamie Barnett to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Participants in today's liturgy

Presider and Preacher

The Right Reverend C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr.

Vicar

The Reverend Jamie Barnett

Bishop's Chaplain

Canon John Thies

Director of Music

Jay Wilcox

Candidates for Confirmation

Yvonne Boyiazis

Dylan Loosemore

Christine Houghton

Candidate for Reception

Matthew Kovacevich

Candidates for Reaffirmation

Ann Glova

Eileen Hannemann

Tracey Hutchins

Danielle Kovacevich

Cris McCann

Gianpiero Torraca

A Service of Confirmation with Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist

JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER (1694-1748)

"We now call upon the Holy Spirit for true belief above all."

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 537

Christ for the world we sing

MOSCOW

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Bishop says

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

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

SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 62:6-14

Remaining seated, all sing



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- 6 For God alone my soul in silence | waits: *
 truly, my hope is in | him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my sal|vation, *
 my stronghold, so that I shall not be | shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my | honor; *
 God is my strong rock and my | refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O | people, *
 pour out your hearts before him, for God is our | refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting | breath, *
 even those of low estate cannot be | trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a | breath, *
 all of them to|gether.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
 in robbery take no empty | pride; *
 though wealth increase, set not your heart up|on it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I | heard it, *
 that power belongs to | God.
- †14 Steadfast love is yours, O | LORD, *
 for you repay everyone according to his | deeds.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand, as able, and sing.

Hymn 661

They cast their nets in Galilee

GEORGETOWN

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

PRESENTATION

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present *NN.* for Confirmation.

I present *N.* to be received into this Communion.

I present *NN.* who *desire* to reaffirm *their* baptismal vows.

EXAMINATION

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

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

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

People **We will.**

The Bishop 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

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

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

Bishop

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.**

Bishop

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.**

Bishop

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

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.

Bishop

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Bishop

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 Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

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.**

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you have made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Confirmation

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

or

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace is now exchanged

Bishop 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

O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht

(sung by the Parish Choir)

*O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht,
mein Hort, mein Trost, mein Zuversicht,
auf Erden bin ich nur ein Gast
und drückt mich sehr der Sünden Last.*

O Jesus Christ, light of my life,
my refuge, my consolation, my confidence,
on earth I am only a visitor
and am weighed down by sin's burden.

TEXT: MARTIN BEHM (1557-1622)

MUSIC: JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymn 375

Give praise and glory unto God

DU LEBENSBRÖT, HERR JESU CHRIST

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Bishop 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

SANCTUS S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

Bishop and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

The Bishop 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.

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,

Bishop and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Bishop 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 [_____ and] 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.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Bishop

**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
Hymn 324, verse 3 only

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
that the powers of hell may va - nish
as the dark - ness clears a - way.

The Bishop 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.

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 MUSIC

All are invited to sing

With you, O Lord

WORDS AND MUSIC: JACQUES BERTHIER (1923-1994)

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and
 in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is
 life in all its fullness, and in your light we shall see true light.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Bishop says
 Let us pray.

Bishop 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 Bishop blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 550 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

RESTORATION

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Christ for the world we sing

KENNETH KOSCHE (B. 1947)

*Please join us for refreshments in the Bishop's Hall with Bishop Brookhart as we
 celebrate those who were confirmed, those who were received into the
 Episcopal Church, and those who reaffirmed their baptismal vows.*

Thank you for your presence today.

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For the Week of Sunday, January 21, 2024

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 1/21 10:00 a.m. Children in church
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Confirmation class
4:00 p.m. EMG Concert – Oak Baroque
- 1/23 11:00 a.m. a grief shared
4:00 p.m. *A Case for Love*
- 1/24 12:00 p.m. *Feeding the Spirit* Bible study
7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 1/25 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 1/28 10:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd -Children in the Atrium
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m. Blood Drive
11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group



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EMG CONCERT – TODAY



**Oak Baroque presents
Baroque Rarities
(and a bit of Bach)**

The players of Oak Baroque return with a fascinating program of Bach's Partita in Bb, BWV 825, Telemann's "Gulliver's Travels" Suite for Two Violins, rarities for cello by Domenico Gabrielli and Francesco Maria Zuccari, and recently-discovered works by Roberto Valentine and an anonymous composer. ***The latter three pieces are modern world premieres!***

SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES! 4 PM, JAN. 23



Join fellow TCOTE parishioners at a screening of *A Case for Love* followed by a pizza dinner.

A feature-film documentary inspired by the teachings of **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** (in theaters for one day only), *A Case for Love* presents the viewer with the information necessary to determine if living life more selflessly can cause positive change in themselves, those around them, and ultimately society at large. It asks what unselfish love looks like in today's world, at a time when division, estrangement, and hatred seem to be as strong as ever. Learn more at <https://acaseforlovemovie.com/> or scan the QR code to watch the trailer.



Our local screening is **Tuesday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m. at AMC Theatre, 166 W. Hillcrest Drive, in Thousand Oaks.** After the movie, everyone is invited to the home of Tim and Susan Halligan for pizza and a discussion led by The Rev. Jamie Barnett and Karen James. Please contact Susan at tohalligan@aol.com or call 805-559-7449 for the address and directions or with any questions. We hope to see you at the movie!

BACK TO LUNCH



Well, we tested out a new time for our *Feeding the Spirit* Bible Study but discovered it just didn't work for most of you. So, it's back to

NOON on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, January 24. We hope to see you all then. Remember, to bring a lunch!

JANUARY A GRIEF SHARED



Wherever and however you are experiencing grief - the death of a loved one, the loss of hope, the fear of the unknown - we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel.** Please contact Laurie Burns at lburns@tcote.org if you need further information.

BLOOD DRIVE



Do something that is good for the heart. Donate blood! It's good for our community and

hospital patients AND good for you. **Red Door Vineyard and Epiphany Outreach** are once again organizing a blood drive on **Sunday, January 28 from 11:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.** in the Bloodmobile. Walk-ins are accepted as space allows, but appointments are preferred. Please sign up at donors.vitalant.org using the Blood Drive Code: 3185190 or by calling 805-542-8500!

ANNUAL MEETING



Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 4 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service.**

We will hear about the past year and plans for the coming year and elect new Bishop's Committee members and delegates to Convention. If you

are interested in serving on the Bishop's Committee or attending the Diocesan Convention in November, please let us know at info@tcote.org.

FLOWER GIFTS FOR SUNDAYS



Sponsoring altar flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, honor loved ones, or give thanks. If you would like to give, please fill out the card found in the church pews or visit www.tcote.org.

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

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Each week, talented and creative team members of the **Epiphany Flower Guild** purchase and arrange our altar flowers. No experience necessary; on-the-job training provided! Contact: Carrie Wilcox (703) 508-2628



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

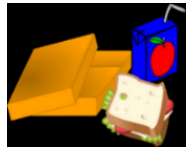
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At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and asking important questions. We meet *every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



Meeting *weekly for one hour on Wednesdays*, **Feeding the Spirit** Bible study is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found within. Upcoming readings will be found in our *Connections* newsletter or www.lectionarypage.net



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.



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



Deepen your faith while discussing the Bible, church history, and practical theology. **Education for Ministry (EfM)** meets *Monday nights from September to June*, enrollment for 2024 begins in July. Contact: Elizabeth at Elizabeth.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com



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



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



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: mponticelli@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/

OUR MISSION AND VISION

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

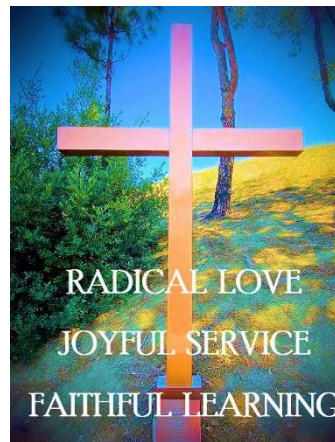
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

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.

Are you in our Parish Directory? Would you like to be? Please send your information to info@tcote.org so we can enter it. If you are already listed, please make sure everything is correct and if not, send us any changes. You can access the directory at www.tcote.org.

To access the bulletin from either your tablet or your cell phone, please scan the QR code:



PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Pat, Kay, Charlie, Jade, Francisco, Norma

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

Please pray for the souls of the departed: Gerald, Debbi

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/.



Have you put off making your pledge for 2024? It's never too late. You can fill out the card in the back of the pews or go to www.tcote.org/stewardship-2024/ today!