



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**The Second Sunday After The Epiphany**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**9:30 a.m.**

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**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		Chinenye Anako
Processional	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	H-473
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Isaiah 49: 1-7	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 40: 1-12	Attached

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen**

Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	John 1: 29-42	
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

**Offertory**

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>People Need the Lord by Nelson &amp; McHugh</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

**The Holy Communion**

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father</i>	Hymnal Inside Front Cover
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

**The Invitation & Distribution**

Communion Hymn	<i>We Will Extol You</i>	H-404
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	H-525 Vs 1, 2, 3, 4
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

## **Collect of the Day**

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.

## **Old Testament Isaiah 49: 1-7**

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."

**The Psalm**  
**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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Epistle**  
**1 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.

**The Holy Gospel**  
**John 1:29-42**

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).

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

## Prayers of the People

### Form III

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People:** **That we all may be one.**  
Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People:** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**  
Lector: We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, Gerardo, our Rector and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**People:** **For all who serve God in his Church**  
Lector: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in our military, at home and abroad, including the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force, and Merchant Marines. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, and Tierra.  
**People:** **Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; grant them a sense of your added presence wherever they may be.**  
Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**People:** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**People:** **That our works may find favor in your sight.**  
Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**People:** **That they may be delivered from their distress.**  
Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**People:** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People:** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  
Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*  
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant & 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.*

**St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:**

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP

The 1982 Hymnal = H

Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Celebrant:

The Rev Gerardo Brambila

Verger:

Patty Emanuelson

Crucifer:

Connor Abel

Gospel Bearer

Betty Roddy

First Reading and Psalm

Patty Emanuelson

Second Reading

Marva Martinez

Prayers of the People

Dick Young

Chalice Bearers:

Betty Roddy & Connor Abel

Music Director

Mr. Don Palm

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Richard Camp, Treasurer

Chinenye Anako, Member-at large

Carmen Borda, Member-at-large

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## St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements January 18, 2026

**Our Vision:** One congregation worshipping and serving in two languages.

**Our Mission:** We are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus: welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.

*Please leave the music inserts and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.*

*Friendly Reminder: All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, January 25 needs to be in the office by **Thursday, January 22** at noon to be included. Thank you.*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** St. Christopher's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** The service in English will begin earlier at **9:00 a.m.** and then the Spanish Service will be at **11:30 a.m.** following the General Meeting.



**BOOKSTORE:** Cookbooks! This week we have a new exhibit of cookbooks. The table and shelves are full of new arrivals, cookbooks of all kinds and in beautiful condition. There are foreign cookbooks and books of specific ingredients. They are fun to read. Start the New Year with a healthy kitchen. Also new are children's books in good condition. Prices remain low – no inflation here.

**BIBLE STUDY:** One of the best ways to connect and grow in our church community is through small groups. Small groups are a place where we can study God's word together and support each other in our faith journeys. The Bible Study is open to everyone and takes place on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** Come and join in fellowship.

**MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10:05 AM:** If you like morning prayer and can't get to church all the time, feel free to join us on Zoom any Wednesday morning around 10:05 – 10:35. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!



**FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP!** Coffee hour needs donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays, or anything you would like to bring. We are always looking for an extra set of hands to help in the kitchen. Sign up in the kitchen.

*Sallie Crill hosts this week's coffee hour.  
We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!*

**NAME BADGES:** We ask everyone to please remember to wear your name badge as it would be of immense help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office.

**2026 PLEDGES/PROMISE FORMS:** The Vestry and Stewardship Committee of St. Christopher's would like to thank everyone who have submitted a 2026 Promise forms. We are pleased to report now that the combined total of the commitments received is **\$133,662.**

**FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE:** Next week is "Canned Goods" Sunday. Valley View Food Bank is also in need of canned goods—canned vegetables, fruit, including low salt and low sugar, canned meat (spam, etc.), canned tuna, sardines, salmon.. Please bring any canned goods to share. As always, thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

#### Monthly Food Bank Donations

	January 12	2026
Weight	50 lbs.	50 lbs.
Cash		

#### Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	January 12	January Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$431.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00
Bookstore	\$55.00	\$87.00	\$87.00



#### Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in January

Mikayla Abel	January 4	Nnenna Anako	January 18
Andres Borda	January 4	Michael Rowe	January 19
Ivette Rios	January 6	Erick Aleman	January 19
José Cazarez	January 7	Barbara Fabre	January 19
Anthony Reyes	January 8	Lorena Sanchez	January 21
Frieda Spann	January 9	Johnny Elicio	January 23
Feliciano Reyes	January 10	Gabriel Bustamante Diaz	January 27
Emilee Fabre Parsons	January 14	Dudley Dickey	January 30
Lourdes Rios	January 14	Mariana Borda-McNamara	January 31
Raymond Cortez	January 16	Clive Chancey	January 31
Carol Masters	January 17		



## **Happy Anniversary in January**

Diane & Eugene Plein

January 15

48 years

### **This Week's Prayer List**

*One of the ways we care for one another in this church is through prayer. We believe that prayer is powerful and can bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the people below.*

\* Kelli Abel \* Juan Gabriel Aleman \* Isaac Anako \* Noc Anako \* Anne \* Jim Barnette \* Viviana Brambila \* Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia \* Tom Camper \* John Card \* Clive Chancey \* Rev. Sandy Chilese \* Christine \* Christopher \*  
\* Agnes Chykwudozie \* Claudio \* Colleen Combs \* Jonathan Dombek \* Jean Durrett \* Mercedes Elliott \* Barbara Fabre \*  
\* Gale & Arthur Farinas \* Cathy & Gary Gustin \* April Harris \* Michael Heap \* Judith \* Jan Klein & Susie \*  
\* Gene Lapham \* Terry Lewis \* Domingo Lopez \* Monica Maldonado \* Ernesto Martinez \* Marva Martinez \*  
\* Wayne Martino & Family \* Christina Mason \* Brenda McCormick \* Mia \* Shawn Mirigian \* Joanne Mola \*  
\* Mr. Monata \* Bryan Nance \* Marla Karla Pallas \* Don Palm \* Joanne Porter \* Ramon \* Jill Renner \* Bill Richardson \*  
\* Rick & Robbie \* Betty Roddy \* Javier Sanchez \* Socorro Sanchez \* Sharyn \* Sherrie \* Sebastian \*  
\* Charles Jay Smith & Family \* Stella \* Kurt Tetrick \* Anna Van Scoter \* Eunice Uzocwulu \* Victoria \*  
\* Lynn Viviano-Webb \* Ester Zamora \*

### **For those who have died**

\* Jim DuFault \* Jim Dunkelberger \* Peter Houle \* Ruth Jones \* Raol Zamora

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