



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 11, 2026**

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

9:30 a.m.

**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Mike Soock
Processional	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	H-128, Vs 1, 2, 3
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	<i>Isaiah 42: 1-9</i>	Attached
Psalm	<i>Psalm 29</i>	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	<i>Acts 10: 34-43</i>	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	H-178, Vs 1, 2
Gospel	<i>Matthew 3: 13-17</i>	Attached
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>What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright by Charles Coffin</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>O Christ the Word Incarnate</i>	H-632
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Rise Up, O Saints of God</i>	H-551
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*

Old Testament **Isaiah 42: 1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them

The Psalm
Psalm 29

- 1.** Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2.** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3.** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4.** The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5.** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6.** He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7.** The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8.** The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9.** And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10.** The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11.** The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**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
Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are

witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**The Holy Gospel
Matthew 3:13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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 & **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:	Judi Soock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Lisa Wolford
Second Reading	Beth Mayhew
Prayers of the People	Don Palm
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Soock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements January 11, 2026

Our Vision: One congregation worshiping 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 18 needs to be in the office by Thursday, January 15 at noon to be included. Thank you.

JANUARY LADIES LUNCHEON: January's Ladies Luncheon will meet at the Olive Garden located at 7889 Bell Road on **Thursday January 15 at noon**. All are welcome! Hope you can make it. Contact Sue Schlichting if you need a ride.

CHRISTOPHER SINGERS: O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Psalm 95: v1.

Please join us as Christopher Singers' make a joyful noise at Lucy's Place, Benevilla Care Center located at 16752 Greasewood Street in Surprise at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026**. Sing along to the old songs most everyone grew up with and know by heart. Contact Diane Plein or Bill Lynn for more information on this rewarding ministry!

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.



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.

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.

Domingo Lopez 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 "Personal Hygiene Sunday." Per Valley View Food Bank, they are especially in need of personal hygiene items (shampoo, body wash, soap, toothpaste, etc.), including adult diapers and feminine hygiene products. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	January 5	2026
Weight	Pending	
Cash	Pending	

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	January 5	January Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$644.00	\$644.00	\$644.00
Bookstore	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00

Happy Birthday



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
Feliciana 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 * Anne * Jim Barnette * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder *
*Jan Browning & granddaughters Haley and Kia * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey *
* Rev. Sandy Chilese * Christine * Christopher * Claudio * Colleen Combs * Jonathan Dombek *
* Jean Durrett * Mercedes Elliott * Barbara Fabre ** Gale & Arthur Farinas * Cathy & Gary Gustin *
* April Harris * Michael Heap * Judith * 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 * 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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