



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**The Third 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		Marva Martinez
Processional	<i>He Is Exalted</i>	Attached
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Isaiah 9: 1-4	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 27: 1, 5-13	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: 10-18	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Matthew 4: 12-23	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>Abide with Me by Henry Francis Lyte</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>Here I Am Lord</i>	W-812
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>How Firm A Foundation</i>	H-637, Vs 1-4
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

Collect of the Day

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.*

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
5. One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
6. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
8. Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
10. Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
11. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
12. Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13. You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**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: 10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Holy Gospel
Matthew 4: 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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.**

and People:

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

Dick Young

Second Reading

Diane Plein

Prayers of the People

Patty Emanuelson

Chalice Bearers:

Betty Roddy & Judi Soock

Music Director

Mr. Don Palm

St. Christopher's Staff

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Cathy Sheredy, Administrative Assistant

Arturo Jaramillo, Sexton

Don Palm, Music Director & Organist

Arturo & Isabel Jaramillo, Hispanic Music Leader & Vocalists

Vestry Members

Jane Cooley, Senior Warden

Bill Masters, Junior Warden

Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry

Richard Camp, Treasurer

Chinenye Anako, Member-at large

Carmen Borda, Member-at-large

Marva Martinez, Member-at-Large

Maria Salgado, Member-at-large

Mike Soock , Member-at-Large

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Score

HE IS EXALTED

Twila Paris

Met: 66 beats to dotted half note

He is ex alt ed, the King is ex alt ed on high. I will

praise Him. He is ex alt ed for ev er ex alt ed and I will

praise His name! He is the Lord, for

ev er His truth shall reign. Heav en and earth re

joice in His ho ly name. He is ex alt ed, the King is ex alt ed on

high!

Sing three times

GLORIFY THY NAME

$$\sigma = 80$$

Donna Adkins

1. Fa ther sus rit we love You, we praise You, we a dore You.

5

Glo ri fy Thy Name in all the earth. — Glo ri fy Thy

10

A musical staff in treble clef with a common time signature. It features a sequence of notes: a dotted eighth note, a sixteenth note, a sixteenth note, a sixteenth note, a dotted eighth note, a sixteenth note, and a sixteenth note.

Name, Glo ri fy Thy Name. Glo ri fy Thy Name in all thy

15

earth. _____



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Weekly Announcements January 25, 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, February 1 needs to be in the office by Thursday, January 29 at noon to be included. Thank you.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: St. Christopher's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 1st 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.



CHRISTOPHER SINGERS: The Christopher Singers will be singing on the following dates and times for February, and we hope you will want to join us in this fun ministry:

Friday February 6th at 1:00 a.m. at Mary's Place, located at 14601 N. Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. We will also sing this month on **Friday, February 20th at 11:00 a.m. at Lucy's Place**, located at 16752 W. Greasewood St. in Surprise.

Ask Diane Plein or Bill Lynn for more information about us. Diane will carpool if you want to meet in the church parking lot before the event.

ADDRESS/PHONE UPDATE: Please let the office know if you have had a change of address or changed phone numbers, so that we can update the database. Thank you.

SIDEWALK REPAIR: The AZ Department of Transportation will be working on the road/sidewalk on the southeast corner, by the church parking lot and there may be trucks/equipment parked in the parking lot. This work may go on for two weeks or more. Thank you for understanding.



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.

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.**

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in January

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



Happy Anniversary in January

Diane & Eugene Plein January 15 48 years

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Breakfast” Sunday. Please bring breakfast items (pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, dry cereal) to share. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	January 19	2026
Weight	85 lbs.,	135 lbs.,
Cash		

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	January 19	January Total	2026 Year Total
Bargains	\$385.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,526.70 **
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$66.70		
Bookstore	\$32.00	\$119.00	\$119.00

***Total includes amount received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters*

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 * Anita Fisher *
 * 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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