

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (OBSERVED)



## St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

*welcome home*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4 - JANUARY 9

### Sunday

9:30 am Church School and Children's Chapel  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)  
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)  
11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Monday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

### Tuesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
12:00 pm Before Lunch Book Talk (Garden Room or Zoom)

### Wednesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
12:00 pm Midweek Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
7:30 pm Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

### Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)  
5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

*Morning Prayer will resume on Monday, January 5 on Zoom only,  
Monday through Friday*

*Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at [jim.alimena@gmail.com](mailto:jim.alimena@gmail.com)*

*\*Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

## WELCOME

### Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and Children's Worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants-3 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

### Parish Office Hours

Regular office hours are 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Before Lunch Book Talk**

Tuesday, January 6 at 12pm  
(Garden Room or via Zoom)

Join us to discuss *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* by Agatha Christie moderated by Gretchen Bell.

### **Midweek Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday, January 7 at 12pm  
(Chapel)

First and third Wednesdays of the month

### **Evening Needlecrafters**

Wednesday, January 7 at 7:30pm  
(Parish Hall)

Every Wednesday evening

### **Morning Needlecrafters**

Thursday, January 8 at 10:00am  
(Parish Hall)

Every Thursday morning

### **Children's Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, January 8  
(Choir Room)

K-5th 5:30pm - 6:30pm

6th - 12th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Every Thursday afternoon

### **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

Sunday, January 11 at 5pm  
(Chapel)

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

### **YPF**

### **Snow Much Fun Party**

Sunday, January 18 at 6pm  
(Parish Hall)

### **Martin Luther King Jr.**

### **Interfaith Worship Service**

Monday, January 19 at 10am

Ridgewood United Methodist Church  
100 Dayton Street

### **Parish Office Closed**

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### **Annual / Animal Meeting**

Sunday, February 1 at 10am

### **Young Adult Hockey Game Day**

Tuesday, February 3 at 7pm  
Prudential Center, Newark

\$39 per ticket

Registration Required by January 16  
<https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/young-adults-hockey-game-day/>

### **Save the Date:**

### **Midweek Recharge:**

### **Feeding Mind, Body and Spirit**

Thursday, February 12

### **Baptism**

Upcoming baptism dates are February 15, April 12, and May 24. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy or Rev. Melina for more information.

### **Family Hockey Game Day**

Sunday, March 8 at 7pm  
Prudential Center, Newark

\$39 per ticket

Registration Required by February 20  
<https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/family-hockey-game-day/>

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Suite No. 7 in G minor, HWV 432*  
*VI- Passacaglia*

*George Frideric Handel*  
*(1685-1759)*

*The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows in the service.  
You're invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this  
sacred time.*

## WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

**OPENING HYMN 124** "What star is this, with beams so bright"

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP 355*

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

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**A SONG TO THE LAMB**, Hymnal S-266

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*BCP 214*

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14**

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

**12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the

boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 128 “We three kings of Orient are”

*Verses 1-3*

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 128 “We three kings of Orient are”

*Verses 4-5*

THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Andy Olivo*

THE NICENE CREED

*BCP 358*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 382

THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



*An offering is taken at this time. You may place  
your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR  
code to donate securely online.*

THE OFFERTORY *Messiah*

*George Frideric Handel  
(1685-1759)*

*Text: Isaiah 40:9*

*Air: O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion*

*Alicia Luick, mezzo-soprano*

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,  
get thee up into the high mountain;  
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,  
lift up thy voice with strength;  
lift it up, be not afraid;  
say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!*

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,  
arise, shine; for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

DOXOLOGY, HYMN 380, stanza 3

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

PROPER PREFACE FOR THE EPIPHANY

BCP 378

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.

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-129

*The Congregation may remain standing or kneel  
after the singing of the Sanctus.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-163

*Sung while the Clergy prepare the communion vessels.*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the Ushers, the Congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the station on the floor. After you receive communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you, please let the Ushers know.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN 98 "Unto us a boy is born!"

HYMN 92 "On this day earth shall ring"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

CLOSING HYMN 616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in C Major*

*Georg Philipp Telemann  
(1681-1767)*



## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Don Taylor

Lectors: Debra Anderson, Catherine Olivo

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Cooke, Don Taylor

Ushers: Todd Hoffman, Jeff Marchetti

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Debra Anderson, Karla Tombaugh, Sue Reid

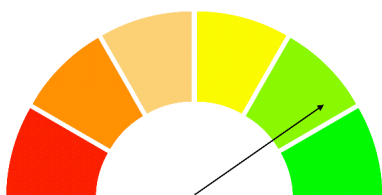
Coffee Hour: The Rev. Susan Schink

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

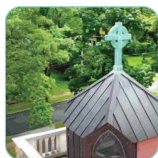
Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

# LEGACY OF FAITH: Generations of Giving

## 2026 Pledge Meter



Pledges received: 121    Goal: 150 pledges  
\$934,860    \$1.1MM



**Prepare the Way**  
Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Thank you:** If you are among those who have already submitted a capital campaign pledge card, thank you. Your generous commitment is much appreciated and puts us on the path to preparing the way! **Help us meet the campaign goal of 100 percent participation.** Every pledge is important. Please fill out and return your pledge card today, or pledge online using the QR code provided here.



**Prepare the Way** is a \$1.6 million dollar fundraising effort focused on building upgrades and improvements to our century-old sanctuary and other spaces. Today's parishioners and future generations will enjoy an enhanced worship experience through the installation of air conditioning, the completion of the original church organ plan plus necessary repairs, the replacement of the roof, the addition of insulation, and preservation work on our beloved stained glass windows. Simultaneous to this campaign, a planned giving initiative, **Living Stones: Building a Legacy**, has been launched to inform, encourage and enable parishioners to include St. Elizabeth's Church in their estate planning.

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ann's parents  
Bennett and Betty Buckles, by the Dowling Family.

*Contact the church office if you are interested in  
honoring a loved one with altar flowers.*

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alex Casazza	Mackey	Thomas Maloney
Alice	Gunnip Family	Vincent Desimone
Bill Brancato	Jack Geraghty	Donna Neal
Bob	Jamie Whaley	Grace Behringer
Carlos Pinto Family	Jane Winer	Bob C.
Catherine	John Berryman	Chris C.
Catherine O'Connell	Juan	Lauren
Christian	Julie & Jim Robertson	Robbie
Christina Olkowski	June Bové	Doris
Claire	Justine & Tom Boylan	Milt
Colton	Kim Heitzenrater	Wendy Stankewicz
Connie	Linda	Donna Dorsey
David Barrand	Lois Chapman	John Mills
Denny	Lora Salt	
Diane & Frank	Marty Melamed	
Barletta	Mary	
Diane Pring	Matthew Garcia	
Donna	Nancy Teichman	
Dorothea Hickey	Pat	
Dot Meyer	Pauline Fiore & Family	
Edna	Peter Flannery	
Effie	Robert	
Elizabeth Sofia	Robyn Pring	
Family of Mary Ann	Rochelle Kilzy	
DeGraw	Ruth	
Frankye Crump	Sarah	
Frederick Bruno	Sophie	
George & Shelley	Sr. Maureen Mitten	

### Prayer List Renewal

*The prayer list has been refreshed for Advent. To add a name—whether  
for intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the Parish Office.*

## ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF & VESTRY

### **Rector**

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

### **Assistant Rector**

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

### **Associate Priests**

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

### **Organist & Choirmaster**

Garah Landes

### **Associate Choirmaster**

Jennifer Hommez

### **Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries**

Beth Van Emburgh

### **Director of Finance & Administration**

Grace Arscott

### **Parish Life Coordinator**

Stephanie Doyle

### **Sexton**

Fredy Reyes

### **Soloists**

Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick, Anastasia Swope

### **Wardens**

Sandy Sullivan '26, Mike Dickson '28

### **Treasurer**

Steve Gorey

### **Assistant Treasurer**

Denise Barrand

### **Clerk**

Catherine Carter

### **Vestry**

Catherine Carter '26

Bruce Firkins '26

Sheryl Jordan '26

Emma Reichert-Pasterick '26

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Steve Gorey '27

Steve Anderson '28

Joan Cooke '28

Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28



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