

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY, YEAR B
JAN. 14, 2024, 11AM**



Jesus said,
“Very truly, I tell you,
you will see heaven opened
and the angels of God
ascending and descending
upon the Son of Man. “ – John 1:51

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Rector: The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks
The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus

(BCP—Book of Common Prayer, H-Hymnal 1982; S Numbers are the service music found in the front of The Hymnal 1982; WLP-Wonder, Love and Praise) LEVAS-Lift Every Voice and Sing II)

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to this Church. May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest; the unhappy, joy; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; and to all the sense of God's Presence in this holy place. We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Port Royal, the Nandtaughtacund, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe.

The Ringing of the Bell

Prelude I have decided to follow Jesus St Peter's Choir

Opening Hymn God has spoken to his people H 536

The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God forever and ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise O for a thousand tongues to sing H 493

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

A reading from First Samuel, Chapter 3:1-20.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!**

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than
the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like
yours.

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.

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 6, verses 12-20.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

H 706

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did

you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

God of revelation, as we gather in praise for the gracious mystery of your Son, we remember the many needs of your church and your world.

Let us pray for the earth:

for all that you have created, that we may see your hand at work in all living things and in the varied geography of this planet, that we may care for it as your beloved home, for your Son lived among us and saw your glory in the natural world. Open our eyes to that same glory.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world:

for the leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity will prevail for the good of all people, especially the poor and those made homeless by war;

for regions torn by conflict throughout the world, especially Ukraine and Gaza, that peace may reign:

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all people of faith:

for the unity of the body of Christ,

that division might not turn people away from the church;

for Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, and Jews,

that wherever prayers are raised up, the one God of all will hear,

for all people who nurture life in the name of a greater good.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own nation:

For the President and Congress, the Supreme Court and all judges, for state governments, city councils, school boards, and all who have power to make policy, that all consideration be given to what is most lifegiving for people and creatures;

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those in need:

for all who are hungry, especially for those who come to our food distribution;

for those who have no home and no employment, for those in prison, for parents and children living in fear for any reason, and for all who mourn.

We pray for all on our prayer list, especially Harvey Yarus, Cleo Coleman, Linda Upshaw, and Lola Delbridge, that they may know of your healing presence with each of them.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, especially Calvin Samuels, that they may rest in your eternal peace. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember all those who have shaped us in your ways, including The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and all who have shown us how to walk your way of faith on this earth. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Guide us on the path of salvation, O God, that the radiance and power of your Holy Spirit working in the world will gather together all peoples and nations in one community to offer you worship and proclaim your splendor. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

How bright appears the morning star Choir

The Holy Communion

Eucharist Prayer 3, Enriching our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a
sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing
your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we
shout with joy:

Sanctus

S 125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus

to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us

the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness
of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending
praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The Breaking of the Bread **BCP 364**

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn **Take my life and let it be** **H 707**

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn **I, the Lord of sea and sky** **WLP 812**

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Resources:

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

**Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Vol 1, Worship
Companion, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.**

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter's. May you find God's love present with you in this place and return here often to worship. The communion bread is gluten free. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

The offering plates are in the back next to the doors. Your gifts help support God's work through this church. Mail - PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. online - <https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

Jan.14, Worship, On YouTube at 11am or afterward.

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

Happy Birthday – Cookie Davis (Jan. 15), Tom Hughes (Jan. 16), Anna Haug (Jan 21)

Martin Luther's King birthday is Mon., Jan 15. Check out the website for more information <https://news.churchsp.org> **TODAY! 3-5PM at James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg, Communitywide Celebration of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.** All are welcome.

Bible Study, Weds, Jan. 17, 10am-12pm. Parish House, reading the lectionary for Epiphany for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany
https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi3_RCL.html

Village Harvest Wed, Jan 17, 3pm,-5PM. Please email Andrea to volunteer at wakepogue.public@gmail.com, or (540) 847-9002. Pack bags 1-3PM, Deliver food to clients' cars 3-5PM. **Help needed on Tuesday morning to help unload food from the truck and take it into the Parish House.**

Sacred Ground meeting on Zoom, Jan. 18 7PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89268863201?pwd=emFleUlBY3ZreEdWbDdFdVpKazNldz09>. Meeting ID: 892 6886 3201 Passcode: 138914

Jan. 18 – Confession of St. Peter. At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." **See a video on our website made on location.**

The annual congregational meeting and Vestry elections will take place next Sunday , January 21. Please be present to elect new Vestry members.

Tues, Jan. 23, 4PM—"A Case for Love" movie at the Paragon theatre, Fredericksburg. Watch the trailer - <https://vimeo.com/790684403> Get tickets - <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/a-case-for-love/> \$12.75 or \$9.50 seniors. See Bishop Curry's pronouncements on love <https://news.churchsp.org/the-way-of-love-in-summary/>

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The Vestry

Cookie Davis, Larry Saylor (2024)

Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

Linda Upshaw (2026)

Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar

Senior Warden, Elizabeth Heimbach

Junior Warden, Cookie Davis

Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector

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Prayer List

Cleo Coleman, Linda Upshaw, Stanley and Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, The Pannells, The Linne von Bergs, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, The Segars, The Faibisys, The Felicianos, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach

Lola Delbridge, Lois Christie, Ralph and Diane Powell, Enid and Albert Barnett (Pogue relatives), Pinkie Mayfield (Laura Carey's friend), Kristina Childs, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Joe Parker, Dot Wright, Gordon Flesher, Beryl Harrison, Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family, Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, Otis Felts (family and friends of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge, (Pogue friend), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg, Nathaniel Schnakenberg, (Fisher family), Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), , Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth and Morris Wallace, Orville Watson, Tiffany Feliciano and family, The Glasgows (Feliciano family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Gloria Jewell, The Hill family (Lydia O'Neil's family), G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat , Joan Pemberton (Brad's family), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin)
Passed into eternal life: Calvin Samuels (uncle of Andrea Pogue)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V