



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for November 17, 2019

That all might thrive and serve in the light of God's grace.



Welcome visitors!

If you are visiting with us, please complete the visitor information on the Blue Sign-up Slip in your bulletin. Epiphany's nurseries for infants and toddlers are staffed with adult childcare professionals. Children *age 5 and under* are welcome in the nurseries, located just outside the worship center. Of course, children of all ages are invited to worship.

Please have a cup of coffee with us in our Holy Beans Café in the lobby. Check out our website, epiphanyswanee.org, for more information about Epiphany. And don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of service, 770-831-1966. Epiphany is a church that welcomes **ALL!**

Thank you for your quick and generous response for the North Gwinnett Co-Op Thanksgiving Meal boxes. We exceeded our goal of 50 boxes so they will now be able to help out more people in our community. Please continue to donate non-perishable items throughout the holidays and into next year to keep their shelves stocked!

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. Sunday

School Faith Formation classes for all ages are downstairs at 9:45 am.

Signs outside the classrooms identify the age groups.

K & 1, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th — Spark!

Middle School - downstairs in CIA Room

High School - downstairs in the Real Time room

Adults - Downstairs for Bible Study & Dialogues On: Race class

Epiphany Welcomes New Members Today Please introduce yourself and welcome them to Epiphany! A personal invitation to Epiphany events or to have coffee together goes a long way in helping them get to know others.

CIA Session Today Our Confirmation kids are meeting today immediately after the 11 am service. Today's topic is Consumerism. Pick-up time is 2:30 pm.

Are You Crafty? Come join our Crafting Group on **TODAY at 2 pm** to help make Chrismon ornaments for Epiphany's Christmas tree. Meet downstairs in Fellowship hall; supplies will be provided. You don't have to be part of the Crafting group to participate.

Offering Envelopes If you would like to continue to receive pre-printed personalized offering envelopes, please let Laurie Tinc know no later than mid-December. You may email her at laurie.tinc@epiphanyswanee.org.

Epiphany's Mission & Vision Thank you to those of you who came to our first Mission & Vision discussion. Future meeting dates are **January 12, February 16 & March 15**. *Because this is an ongoing process, we need your attendance and participation at each meeting, not just one.* So, get these dates on your calendar and help Epiphany continue to be the great church that it is!

Pub Theology Due to the holidays, we are combining the November & December Pub Theology and holding it on Thursday, **December 5 at 7 pm**. Kris Perkola will lead the discussion on Holiness. We provide the pizza, you bring your favorite beverage and join us for some great conversation.

Save the Date for Celebrate Epiphany As you start your holiday shopping, please remember to look for items you can purchase and donate for our annual Celebrate Epiphany dinner and silent auction/raffle. This adults-only fundraiser event will be held the evening of **Sunday, January 26**. Please give any items you purchase to Laurie Tinc and include the cost/value of the item.

Elementary & Middle School "Late-In" Sunday, **November 24**, we will be having a Late-In! From 5 pm to 11 pm, all Elementary and Middle School youth are invited to come hang out, play some games, and watch a movie. NO sleepover this time around! Parents will pick up kids at 11 pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Service We will have a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, **November 27 at 7 pm**. The service will be the Holden Evening Prayer service that we use throughout the Advent season. Please bring your family and friends along! There will not be a Wednesday night meal that night.

Women's Ornament Exchange Our annual Women's Ornament Exchange party will be on Monday, **December 2 at 7 pm** at Gina Hermansen's house. Please bring an ornament no more than \$15 in value to exchange and a snack/appetizer or drink to share. Sign up on the blue slip if you are coming!

Holiday Worship Schedule Wednesdays in Advent with Holden Evening Prayer Service: December 4, 11, & 18 at 7 pm. Christmas Eve Services: 5 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm. Christmas Day Worship at 10 am.

Sunday, December 29—ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 am

Book Club Selections The monthly book club will meet on **Monday, November 18** at 7 pm at La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They will be discussing *Ask Again Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. December's book is *The Christmas Pearl* by Dorothea Benton Frank and will meet at the home of Cathy Laszewski on December 18.

Follow us on **Instagram**, *epiphanysuwanee* and **Facebook** at *facebook.com/epiphanysuwaneeega*



Epiphany's Official Affirmation of Welcome: Our unity is in Christ. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of any human divisions: race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental conditions, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or **anything** that often divides us.

Epiphany This Week

Monday, November 18

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 PM Rainbow Village Big Recess

Wednesday, November 20

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM Worship Service

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, November 22

6:30 AM Breakfast Bible study, (IHOP, 3463 L'ville-Suwanee Rd)

Sunday, November 24 –NO FAITH FORMATION TIME TODAY

8:30 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Worship Service

5—11 PM Elementary & Middle School "Late-In"

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon.

Contact *laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org* to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at *communications@epiphanysuwanee.org*.

Wednesdays at the Well Our midweek gathering provides a break in the middle of your week with a short sermon and communion. **Join us for dinner at 6 pm and get to know other Epiphany members over a great meal!** Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Sign up on the Blue slip. **Worship is at 7 pm—we'd love to see you there!**

Christmas Candlelight Dinner We will have a Christmas Candlelight Dinner on **Wednesday, December 18 at 6 pm**. Dinner will feature Ham with Cherry Glaze and Rosemary Chicken. *We need a headcount for the dinner, so you need to RSVP and let us know if you'll be attending by signing up on the blue slip.* We invite you to stay after dinner for our Holden Evening Prayer service at **7 pm**.

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:

Monday.....Michael & Lindsay Starr

Tuesday.....Damian, Rene, Campbell, Hayden & Parker Stahl

Wed.Richard & Clemence Stelter

Thursday.....Patrick, Julie, Sarah & Jake Sutton

Friday.....Michael, Wynnie & Beverly Sylvester

Saturday.....Perry & Jenny Szarka

Reaching out, raising up, and changing the world through the light of the living Christ!
