



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 1, 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, epiphanysuwanee.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!**

If you haven't done so already, please take an angel ornament off of our Giving Tree. These are gifts and items requested by children and senior citizens through the Quinn House and gift cards that Rainbow Village needs for resident families. Please return all items and gift cards to Epiphany no later than December 8.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. There are no Faith Formation classes today. Please feel free to gather in our coffee area before or after the services.

Baptism Today Today at the 11 am service, we celebrate the Baptism of Caspian Ernest Landry, son of Chris and Melanie Landry, born on September 7. We welcome you into God's family, Caspian!

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@epiphanysuwanee.org.

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

Giving Tree Our Giving Tree is up and ready for you to select an angel to provide a gift for a child in need at the Quinn House or Rainbow Village. Please select an angel off the tree and make sure to put your contact information on the sign-up sheet next to the corresponding angel number on the sheet. Return the gift or gift card unwrapped with the original angel securely attached to it no later than **Sunday, December 8**. If you purchase a gift card, please put it in the designated box on the table next to the tree.

College Care Boxes Are Ready Many thanks to all of you who donated snack supplies, gift cards and shoe boxes to our College Care Packages project! The awesome CIA of Epiphany made 56 boxes of sugar and love to give to our college students and their roommates and friends to support them while preparing for upcoming finals. *Don't forget to pick yours up today* if you submitted the name of your favorite college student! They are waiting in the narthex right now so your student can have before final exams.

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.

All-Ages Advent Event Next Sunday, **December 8**, we will have a All-Ages Advent Event during the Faith Formation time in between worship services. Participants will travel the Advent roadway with opportunities to learn about the Biblical names for Jesus by way of a scavenger hunt, work in groups to create never before seen Advent wreath creations, and hear from Habitat for Humanity concerning the parallels between their work and the long ago stable in Bethlehem. Snacks, crafts, and a service project will round out the hour. All Epiphany members, along with friends, are invited and encouraged to participate. Preschoolers and kindergarteners must be accompanied by an adult.

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**. Celebrate Epiphany is the commemoration of Epiphany's anniversary as a church. Please give any items you purchase to Laurie Tinc and include the cost/value of the item. Tickets will go on sale in January for \$25/each (cash & checks), and includes dinner.

Book Club Selections December's book for the monthly book club is *The Christmas Pearl* by Dorothea Benton Frank and they will meet at the home of Cathy Laszewski on December 18. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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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, December 2

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting
7:00 PM Ornament Exchange—Hermansen's home

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
7:00 PM **Holden Evening Prayer Service**
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Pub Theology

Friday, December 6

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

Sunday, December 8

8:30 AM **Worship Service**
9:45 AM Large Group Opening & Advent Event
11:00 AM **Worship Service**

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!** Worship Rehearsal follows at 8 pm.

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.....Scott & Cris Townsend
Tuesday.....Steve, Kim & Jackson Volpert
Wed.John & Wendy Wahl
Thursday.....Ana Walker
Friday.....Stafford & Kelli Whitman
Saturday.....Chris, Stacie, Chase & Cade Zeman

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