



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 16, 2018

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 up to kindergarten age 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!**

Epiphany welcomed new members on Sunday, December 2. Pictured from left to right: The Glynn family, Alan Rabstejnek, the Mann family, and the Martinez family. We are excited to have them in the Epiphany family and hope you help them feel at home!

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

Sunday School Formation Time for all ages is 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 Real Time Room

Adults - downstairs for Bible Study & Dialogues On: Turning Conflict Into Community class

Real Time High School kids will be having their Christmas party during formation time today.

Thank you ...

- to Candace Perkola for organizing our Advent Formation Event and everyone who helped out and lead activities that day

-to everyone who came to Pastor Chris's surprise party, helped set up or cleaned up, or brought food & beverages. You helped us make his 40th birthday a memorable one!

Giving Tree Items are due TODAY The tree in the Narthex area is our Giving Tree, which helps the Quinn House in Lawrenceville provide Christmas for people in need in the community and is also helping Rainbow Village families provide Christmas for their kids. Bring items back to the church *unwrapped with the original angel securely attached to it.* Please place all gift cards in the box on the table labeled "Outreach Donation Box" next to the tree. **If you forgot your items today, you will need to get them back to Epiphany this afternoon (the church will be open until around 2 pm).** Otherwise, you will need to take your items to the Quinn House drop-off location at 219 Scenic Hwy South (Hwy 124) in Lawrenceville as we will only be making one delivery trip on Monday morning. Thank you for your generosity and making Christmas brighter for those in our community!

Looking ahead to January 2019: Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 27 at 10 am.** We will vote on our budget for 2019 and review the results of our "Be the Light" stewardship campaign. **Celebrate Epiphany dinner with silent auction will be on Sunday, January 27 from 5-8 p.m.** Details and ticket sales coming soon!

Wednesday Night Services during Advent We encourage you to join us this Wednesday night for our last Holden Evening Prayer service during Advent at 7 pm. This quiet, meditative service has become a favorite that our members look forward to each year. We promise you will find yourself humming the beautiful songs to yourself throughout the rest of the week! We invite you to take a break from the busyness of the holidays and come see why this service is so loved.

Silent Auction at the annual Celebrate Epiphany dinner on Sunday, January 27 The dinner and silent auction will benefit youth programs, trips and retreats. We ask the congregation for their full support, either through donations of auction items or financial donations, as well as assisting on the auction team. Many hands are needed to make this silent auction a great success! It's time to get planning! Our biggest need is donations for the silent auction - sports memorabilia or tickets, themed gift baskets, a weekend at a vacation home, music/art/cooking lessons - be creative with what you can donate! To help with the auction in any way, **sign up on the Blue slip**. Please contact Laurie Tinc or Tony Bullard if you have items you can donate. Information about tickets for the event to come soon!

December Book Club Selections The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, December 17** at 7 pm at the home of Cathy Laszewski in Buford. They are reading *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrick Backman.

Worship schedule for Upcoming Holidays:

- Sunday, December 23: Normal Worship schedule (8:30 & 11 am)
- **Christmas Eve**, Monday, December 24:
Candlelight Services at 5 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm
- **Christmas Day**, Tuesday, December 25: Worship at 10 am
- Wednesday, December 26: No Wednesday Dinner or Worship
- Sunday, December 30: Worship service at 10 am (one service)
- Wednesday, January 2: No Wednesday Dinner or Worship

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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 17

7:00 PM Monthly Book Club - Cathy Laszewski's home

Tuesday, December 18

10:00 AM Weekly Book Club
7:00 PM Rainbow Village Big Recess

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
6:25 PM Children's Choir
7:00 PM Worship - Holden Evening Prayer Service
8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, December 21

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

Sunday, December 23

8:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship
12:15 PM Handbells Practice

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 "cup of living water" in the middle of your week with a short sermon and communion. **Join us for the Christmas candlelight dinner at 6 pm** for Glazed Pork Loin, carrots, butter noodles, broccoli, rolls and dessert. Suggested free-will offering is \$6/adult, \$3/child. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. **Sign up on the Blue slip if you're coming for dinner.**

Children's choir is at 6:25 pm - pre-school through elementary-age kids. **Worship is at 7 pm.** Worship Rehearsal follows the service at 8 pm. **No Wednesdays at the Well dinner or worship service on December 26 and January 2.**

Daily Prayer Calendar

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:
Monday.....Dave, Debbie & Laila Thomas
Tuesday.....Margaret Thompson
Wednesday...Wade, Renae, Cole, Jack & Peyton Thompson
Thursday.....Nathan, Laurie, Connor & Kenna Tinc
Friday.....Chris, Kim, Jack & Lena Towne
SaturdayScott & Chris Townsend