



# Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 23, 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, [epiphanyсуwaneе.org](http://epiphanyсуwaneе.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!**

**Our Children's Choir treated us to a bells performance last Sunday!** If your child would like to participate in our children's choir, please join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Thanks to Gina Hermansen and Cathy Laszewski for leading this adorable group!

## **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

**Formation class for Epiphany college and grad school students TODAY** Kris Perkola will be holding a class today for our college and grad students during formation time at 9:45 am. Come catch up with friends, talk about how school is going and how your faith is fitting into all of that.

## **Worship Schedule for Upcoming Holidays:**

- **Christmas Eve**, Monday, December 24:  
Candlelight Services at 5 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm
- **Christmas Day**, Tuesday, December 25:  
Worship at 10 am - Lessons, Carols & Communion
- **Wednesday, December 26:**  
No Wednesday Dinner or Worship
- **Sunday, December 30:**  
*\*Worship service at **10 am** - one service only\**
- **Wednesday, January 2:**  
No Wednesday Dinner or Worship

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

**Real Time High School Youth Bonfire** High school youth will kick off 2019 with a bonfire on **Friday, January 11** at 7 pm. Wear something warm and that you don't mind smelling a little smoky. You are welcome to invite friends to join us! Sign up on the blue slip if you're coming.

**January Happenings at Epiphany** Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events in January:

- January 6** - Sunday School formation time resumes with Large Group Opening at 9:45 am
- January 10** - Just So Seniors Get-Together
- January 13** - Parenting Event/Discussion Group after 11 am service; lunch provided.  
Confirmation formation Session - 12:15 - 2:30 pm
- January 24** - Pub Theology - 7 pm
- January 27** - Congregational Meeting - 9:45 am  
Celebrate Epiphany Dinner - 5 -8 pm

### **Silent Auction at the annual Celebrate Epiphany**

**dinner on Sunday, January 27, 5 - 8 pm** We will celebrate Epiphany's anniversary with a catered dinner and silent auction that 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! *Please note that this is an adults-only event.*

**Book Club Selections** The weekly book club meets at **10 am on Tuesdays** at Epiphany and has chosen *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright for December. The monthly evening book club will meet on **Monday, January 21** at 7 pm La Madeleine French Café in Buford. They are reading *The Grave Digger's Daughter* by Joyce Carol Oates for January.

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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 24 - Christmas Eve**

5 pm, 7 pm & 11 pm - Candlelight Services

### **Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

10:00 AM Worship - Lessons, Carols & Communion

### **Wednesday, December 26 - Church Office Closed**

-No Wednesdays at the Well Dinner or Worship-

### **Thursday, December 27**

-No Bible Study - will resume Jan. 3

### **Friday, December 28**

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

### **Sunday, December 30**

10 AM **Worship Service**

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm; Friday, 9 am-noon.**  
Contact [laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:laurie.tinc@epiphanysuwanee.org) to schedule meetings; send info for the newsletter to Loren Means at [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto: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.

**\*We will not have Wednesdays at the Well dinner or worship service on December 26 and January 2. We will resume with dinner and worship on January 9.\***

**End of Year Giving** Just a reminder that if you'd like to make an end-of-year donation to Epiphany and/or fulfill your 2018 pledge, please get that to us no later than Noon on December 31. If you have any questions, please email Loren Means at [bookkeeper@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:bookkeeper@epiphanysuwanee.org).

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### **Daily Prayer Calendar**

Please include these Epiphany families in your prayers this week:  
Monday.....Steve, Kim & Jackson Volpert  
Tuesday.....John & Wendy Wahl  
Wednesday.....Ana Walker  
Thursday.....Stafford & Kelli Whitman  
Friday.....Chris, Stacie, Chase & Cade Zeman  
Saturday .....Wendy, Vivianne & Raphael Albrecht

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

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