



Epiphany *Light*

Ministry highlights for December 8, 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!**

Our Real Time High School group went Ice Skating last weekend. Thankfully, no injuries were reported. Up next is their Christmas Party & Secret Santa Gift Exchange on Sunday, December 15 after the 11 am service. Names for Secret Santa will be distributed in the Realm chat for the group, so please make sure they have the app set up.

Epiphany Today

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 11 am. There are no Faith Formation classes today since we are having our All-Ages Advent Event at 9:45 am. All activities are downstairs.

All-Ages Advent Event We have an All-Ages Advent Event during the Faith Formation time today 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.

Reminder—CIA/Confirmation meets today after the 11 am service

Giving Tree Items Due Today It's time to bring in the gifts and gift cards for Quinn House and Rainbow Village recipients. **Return the gift or gift card unwrapped with the original angel securely attached to it TODAY. Make sure to put a check-mark next to the angel number/your name on the sign-up sheet so we know you returned it. If you purchased a gift card, please put it in the designated box on the table next to the tree.**

If you forgot yours this morning, the church will be open until 2:30 pm today. If your gift is not here today, you will need to take it directly to Quinn House Thrift Store in Lawrenceville no later than Tuesday, December 10.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesdays in Advent with Holden Evening Prayer Service:
December 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

Wednesdays in Advent Please join us on Wednesday, **December 11 and 18 at 7 pm** for our Holden Evening Prayer Service. Come to dinner at 6 pm, and then stay for this reflective, peaceful service with Holy Communion.

Congregational Meeting We are having a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, December 15 at 9:45 am** to discuss and vote on changes to our Bylaws. The proposed changes to our Bylaws are regarding our First Fruits giving; please refer to the email that was sent out on November 30 to see the proposed changes. We will need a quorum at the meeting, so please make it a priority to attend and participate in this important discussion.

CIA/Middle School Christmas Caroling All Middle School youth are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Caroling outing on **Sunday, December 15th!** We will be dropping in on our local firefighters, and two assisted living facilities to sing a number of classic Christmas carols. We'll have lunch after the 11 am service, practice our carols, and then we'll take off for the fire station around 12:45 or so. We aim to be back at Epiphany by 3:15 pm. Please sign up on the Blue Slip if you can join us!

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.

Realm Reminder If you have received an email invitation from us to create a Realm account, we need you to do so. Our goal is to have the majority of members active on Realm by the end of the year since we will begin a full roll-out in January 2020.

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 **Monday, December 16 at 7 pm**. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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

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 9

9:00 AM Staff & Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 PM **Holden Evening Prayer Service**

8:00 PM Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

10:00 AM Bible Study

Friday, December 13

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

Sunday, December 15

8:30 AM **Worship Service**

9:45 AM Congregational Meeting

11:00 AM **Worship Service**

12:00 PM CIA Caroling

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**—dinner will be Sloppy Joes, mac-n-cheese, carrots, chips & dessert. 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 be Cherry-glazed Ham, Rosemary-Lemon Chicken., scalloped potatoes, broccoli, salad & dessert. *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..... Wendy Albrecht, Vivianne & Raphael Caceras
 Tuesday..... Anne Arris
 Wed. Brad, Kristin & Brynn Atchison
 Thursday..... Fred Aubrey
 Friday..... Roland, Eliane, Cameron & Emilie Balli
 Saturday..... Mike & Leslie Barnes