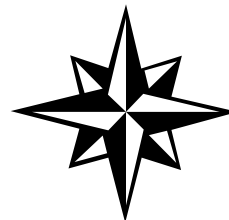


# Epiphany Star



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The Light Shines in Darkness.

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*The mission of Church of the Epiphany is to celebrate the light of Christ, proclaim the Gospel, deepen our faith, nurture and encourage all people.*

***~~~Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday Night.~~~***

## ***A Message From Father Paul Abernathy***

My Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

According to our Christian Church calendar...

November 1 is **All Saints' Day**; "saint" being a New Testament appellation for a Christian. On this day, we celebrate all the saints, those who have followed Jesus in ages past, in our current time, and in time to come, and...

November 2 is **All Souls' Day**, our annual commemoration of all the faithful departed or, in the words of the hymn,

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who Thee, by faith, before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

At Epiphany Church, per our annual custom, we will fold these two grand tributes into one. On Sunday, November 4, we will observe All Saints' Day. The Collect of the Day expresses well our intention:

*Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

And during *The Prayers of the People*, we will recite the names of our loved ones who have died, who, in the faithfulness of our fondest memories ever abide with us as surely, we believe, they dwell eternally with God.

Love, always and in all ways,  
Paul

## ***An Additional Message From Father Paul***

John, the evangelist, in his gospel account of the life of Jesus, wrote near the end of the first century of the Common Era. At that time, the Jesus-movement began to be seen and understood as distinguished from (and, at times, in competition with and antagonistic to) Judaism. John, immersed in his time, oft used the phrase, "the Jews," to refer to the religious authorities who were opposed to Jesus. Sadly, through the centuries, many Christians have heard these references and, woefully mistakenly, have embraced them as an indictment of (and a justification for considering) Jews as "Christ-killers." In the light, verily, in the shadow of the historic denigration of Jews, including the Holocaust, horrifically recently manifested in the massacre of eleven of our Jewish sisters and brothers of the Tree of Life synagogue, Pittsburgh, PA, I, as your Priest-in-Charge, in the public reading of the Gospel of John, no longer will utter the words, "the Jews." I will replace them with "the people." In this small, yet significant step, I pray that we, in our public reading of scripture, will not fortify any false conception of Judaism or serve as any rationale, however subtle, for anti-Semitism.

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## ***November 2018 Backpack Ministry Update***



We are seeking volunteers who are able to sort, package and/or deliver the backpacks to Ford Elementary. If any of you are able to donate an hour or two at 9 a.m. on Thursdays, please let me know. We have set up shop, so to speak, at Laurens 55 District office. The District Office has generously allowed us to use two rooms for storage and packing. We are very grateful to Kara Horner at PRTC for a donation of two tables and a sturdy storage shelf.

Please keep your eyes out for great bargains and let us know of great sales as our funding goes further with smart shopping!

As always, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, regarding the Backpack Ministry please contact Connie Daniels, e-mail [cdaniels1234@hotmail.com](mailto:cdaniels1234@hotmail.com).

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To Bill Cooper at [mthappy@prtcnet.com](mailto:mthappy@prtcnet.com) or call 864-969-2707.***

## ***Updated Website***

The Church of the Epiphany website has been updated. Take a look at the new format at <http://epiphanyoflaurens.org/>. You will find Father Paul's blog, Hugh Brownlee's blog on Miss Lucy's garden, the church calendar, and back issues of the Epiphany Star. People are invited to submit historical photos to Lorri Roughton, e-mail [Lorrioughton@gmail.com](mailto:Lorrioughton@gmail.com).

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### ***November Birthdays and Anniversaries***

Nov 11:	Autumn Irons (granddaughter of Lorri Roughton)
Nov 15:	M. J. Ladd Berryman
Nov 20:	Barbara Mann
Nov 21:	Marilyn Ladd
Nov 22:	Frank Barksdale
Nov 27:	Laura Hamby

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### ***November Usher, Nursery, and LEM Schedule***

Nov 4:	Reid Cox	Sarah Daniels	Graham Duncan
Nov 11:	John Womack	Harriet Barksdale	Graham Duncan
Nov 18:	Reid Cox	Linda Barksdale	Lorri Roughton/Donna Babineau
Nov 25:	John Womack	Base Smith	Lorri Roughton/Donna Babineau

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***Visit Miss Lucy's Garden Blog at***  
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### ***Sunday Schedule***

10 AM: Adult Sunday Bible study in the library (Parish House, upper level) (No class Nov. 25)

11 AM: Holy Eucharist