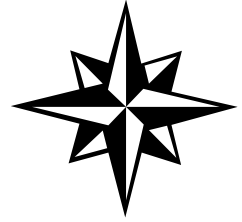


The Epiphany Star



December 2025

The Light Shines in Darkness.

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday School. 10 AM. Holy Eucharist. 11 AM

From Mother Kelly



Epiphany Beloved,

You might think that this is premature, but in our Christian calendar the New Year starts with Advent 1. So I say, Happy New Year. Throughout the year, we traverse the seasons of life as represented by Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and then through Ordinary Time. You may recognize these seasons by the colors on the Altar-Purple, White, Red, and Green for Ordinary time.

Advent is a time of reflection and anticipation. We reflect on the past year on all the ways Jesus has worked in our lives, and now in Advent we anticipate his birth into our lives for the year ahead. I hope you have a fruitful Advent.

This is a busy season for us. I am so thankful and proud of all who participated in our Thanksgiving dinner for the first responders. We were done making plates and had them delivered in record time.

This Advent, we will be having dinner and Compline on Wednesdays Dec 3, 10, and 17 at 6pm in the parish hall. Each week we will have a specific charitable intention. Whether you come on Wednesday or not, each week will be collecting donations of money and items. Dec 3 and 10 - we will be collecting monetary donations for the Memorial Home and the Safe House. Dec 17 - we will be collecting canned goods and non-perishables for the Food Pantry.

Please bring your donations to church or drop them off at the church.

Christmas Eve service, Wednesday Dec 24 at 6pm. We will be collecting Cookies and Coco to give to the first responders of our county. We need enough for 65 people.

Vestry - Dec 8

Theology on Tap Dec 16 at Senor Garcia.

Happy Advent

Mother Kelly+

SEMPER AMABERIS ([God says] You are loved, you will always be loved)
The Rev. Dr. Kelly Ayer+

Deus Semper Amaberis,
The Rev Dr Kelly Ayer+



December 2025 Backpack Ministry Update

We are still adjusting to the revised school calendar year. The students were off the week of Thanksgiving so we provided two separate weekend food packs. One food pack contained mainly traditional Thanksgiving food products (but no turkey or ham, just chicken). The students will be back in session for three weeks before the Christmas break. We will again provide two food packs for the two weekends of Christmas break. It is only because of the generosity of the congregants that we are able to provide food for these additional weekends. Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

If you wish to donate to the Backpack Ministry, please make your check payable to the Church of the Epiphany and write "Backpacks" on the Memo line. Your check may be placed in the offering during Sunday services or mailed to the Church of the Epiphany's Treasurer: Harriett Barksdale, 225 West Main St., Laurens, SC 29360.

As always, don't hesitate to contact Connie Daniels, cdaniels1234@hotmail.com, with any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Backpack Ministry. Thank you for your donations and prayers for this ministry.



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 2: Isaac Foggie
Dec. 3: Will Hellams
Dec. 10: Mary Ellis Power
Dec. 21: Phil Betette



~~ Prayer Requests ~~

Pray for healing and comfort: Donna Babineau, Eddie Brouillete, Randy Davis, Hannah Deerman, Randy Frantz, Andrea Glampapa, Barbara Barbery Mann, Heidi Stephens, Susan Mitchell, Those Unemployed, and The Armed Forces of Our Country.

Prayer requests can be sent to the church in many ways: Our website at <http://epiphanyoflaurens.org/find-us> or by e-mail to PriestInCharge@epiphanyoflaurens.org or by phone at 864.984.7000 (leave message) or drop a note in the basket at the church.

December and January Schedule

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ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 7: Loren Taylor
Dec. 14: Mark Adams
Dec. 21: Lois Love
Dec. 24: Donna Babineau
& Loren Taylor
Dec. 28: Loren Taylor

Jan. 4: Mark Adams
Jan. 11: Lois Love
Jan. 18: Donna Babineau
& Loren Taylor
Jan. 25: Loren Taylor

Sarah Flynn and Loren Taylor
Harriet Barksdale and Base Smith
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Want to learn how to set up the altar for communion? Then, the Altar Guild is looking for you! If you are unable to be a regular part of the guild, but you are willing to fill in for someone on an occasional basis, we also want you. We are in the process of making detailed notes for guild members to use for preparing for services. If you are interested, please contact a guild member. This is an important and rewarding way in which to serve God and his church.

Facebook

If you have a Facebook account, please like Epiphany's page and posts and share them. Our Facebook page is updated regularly and can be found at www.facebook.com/EpiphanyOfLaurens

Likewise, visit Epiphany's website, www.EpiphanyOfLaurens.org. It is updated weekly with service information and includes links to newsletters and other pieces of information about Epiphany and the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Miss Lucy's Garden

Hugh Brownlee has an Instagram page for Miss Lucy's Garden. It is under the name gardenepiphany.

Send Items for future editions of the Epiphany Star to Bill Cooper at mthappy@prtcnet.com, telephone 864-969-2707 or mail to PO Box 400, Enoree, SC 29335. Let me know of additions or changes to the birthday and anniversary list.