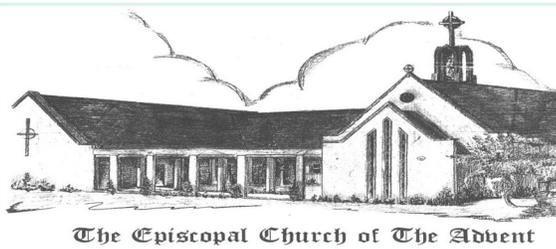


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But if anyone does sin, we have
an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; " 1 John 2:1

The Advocate

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026

Recalling December, 2025, we began the season of Advent, celebrated Christmas and prepared ourselves for the New Year, 2026.

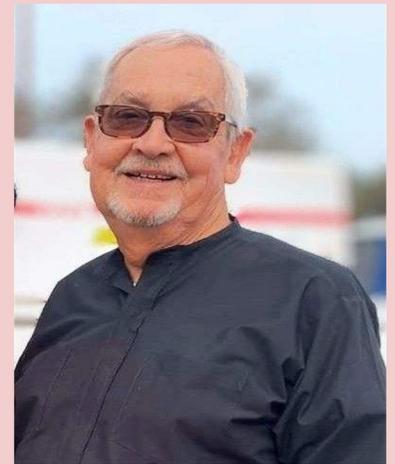
In January, 2026, the Christmas season continued until Epiphany on January 6th. We continue in the season of Epiphany throughout January.

We held the annual Parish meeting on January 18th. We elected new vestry members and the Delegates and Alternates to Council.

And speaking of Council, we will gather in Corpus Christi for the 122nd Council of the Diocese of West Texas, February 26 - 28. The elected Delegates and Alternates will assist in conducting the business of the Diocese, enjoy the fellowship with many others gathered there and peruse the booths of the many vendors present.

On February 15th the Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read will be visiting and we look forward to welcoming him.

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Ash Wednesday is on February 18th. We will have our usual service with the Imposition of Ashes.

Lent will continue from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday on March 29th. During this time of Lent, we need to make a special effort to pray and to reflect on the presence of Christ in our lives and to live into his teaching.

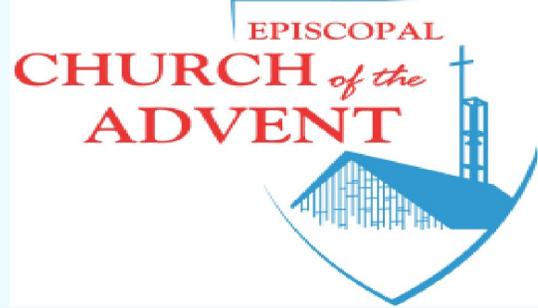
Just a couple of other things that deserve mention:

I will be in LA from March 5th through March 9th.

We return to Daylight Saving time on March 8th. There will be Morning Prayer on the 8th. St. Patrick's Day is on March 17th.

As the days begin to get warmer and brighter, let us warm our hearts and brighten our lives by beginning each day in prayer, praying for ourselves and for all those "who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity". Amen

Tom



Linda's Book Club List 2026

January Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, Clare Wonders

February The Mystic Jesus by Marianne Williamson, MJ Rives

March The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, Bonnie Whitley

April The Second Life of Marielle West by Amanda Skenandore, Aaronette Housley

May The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton, Jacqi Nix

June The Hound of the Baskervilles by Conan Doyle, Juliette Wood

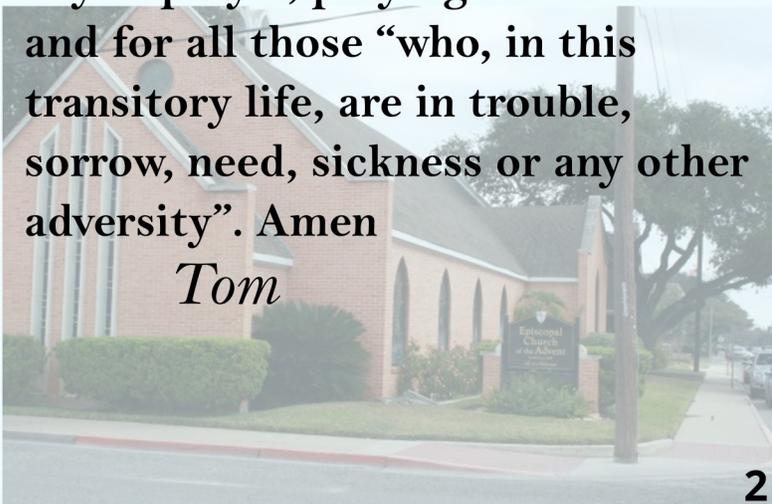
July At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities by Heather Webber, Glenda Dove

August Culpability by Bruce Holsinger, Heather Bilbrey

September People I Met at the Gates of Heaven by Don Piper, Judy Mumme

October The Heaven & earth Grocery Store by James McBride, Katrina Morris

November A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst, Megan Lemaster





Called to Serve

February 2026 & March 2026

February 1

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Clif Hammock

Usher: Steve Findley

February 8

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Clif Hammock & Juliette Wood

Usher: Bruce Hoffman

February 15 Bishop's Visit

Celebrant: Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read

Co-Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Bishop's Chaplain: Sadie Nix

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Jacqi Nix & Bruce Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

February 18 Ash Wednesday

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Liz & Roge Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

February 22

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Clif Hammock

Usher: Steve Findley

March 1

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman

Usher: Bruce Hoffman

March 8 Morning Prayer

Lay Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Clif Hammock & Bruce Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

March 15

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Liz & Roge Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

March 22

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Jacqui Nix

Usher: Steve Findley

March 29 Palm Sunday

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Clif Hammock & Jacqui Nix

Usher: Bruce Hoffman

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
HE Rite I 9:00 am	Pre-Council Meeting online					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HE Rite II 9:00 am						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
HE Rite II 9:00 am		Vestry Meeting 5:15 pm	Ash Wednesday 5:30 Service	Linda's Book Club meets 5:30 pm		
Bishop Read will be here			Lent Begins			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
HE Rite I 9:00 am				Diocesan Council Corpus Christi	Diocesan Council Corpus Christi	Diocesan Council Corpus Christi

Tom Gone

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Debbie Gone



MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>HE Rite I</i> 9:00 am	2	3		4	5 Tom Gone	6 Tom Gone
						1
8	9	10		11	12	13
<i>Morning Prayer</i> Tom Gone		Tom Gone				
15	16	17		18	19	20
<i>HE Rite I</i> 9:00 am		Vestry Meeting 5:15 pm			Linda's Book Club meets 5:30 pm	21
22	23	24		25	26	27
<i>HE Rite I</i> 9:00 am						
29	30	31		5		
<i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>HE Rite II</i> 9:00 am		Tom Gone			Debbie Gone	

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Please Pray For:

Pray for our Military Family

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad;

Especially **Correy, Drew, Joseph and Noah.**

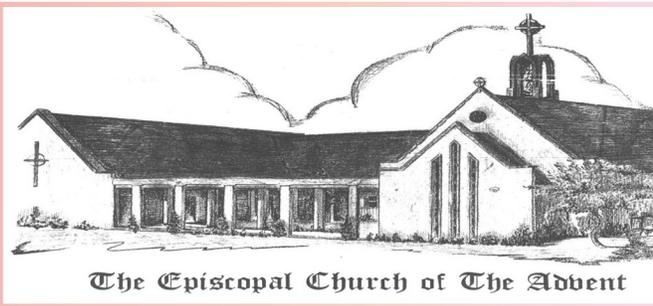
Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~Amen~

Bill Acker, Blaine Ainsworth, Keith & Linda Arnold, Bette & Rachal Ash, Alex Aquino, Sandra Barnum, Mike Bishop, Clayton & Susie Black, Brad Blankerbecker, Buzzy Botard, Molly Bradford, Nicole Bunch, Cindy Case, Bill Christian, Shannon Davis, Gregg Edelen, Bob Eifling, Eva Elkins, Garron Farrar, Rhonda Farrar, Tammy Findley, Delfi Flores, Melba Gafford, Michaela Gannon, Cindy Gonzales, D.W. Herrmann, Bosco Hillman, Erica Hoelscher, Liz Hoffman, Aaronette Housley, Kelly Hunter, Hank Jackson, Mickey Johnson, Carol Jordan, Tracy Kehrer, Cindy Kinney, Jill Kirby, David Light, Melissa Loomis, Alex Lopez, Tessa Matthews, Katherine Milligan, Nellie Ann Martin, Gary Morgan, Pat Myane, Jim and Jamie McLarty, Megan McLaughlin, Sanka Odell, Sarah Perkins, Nena Pitts, Patricia Ramirez, Jim Siverd, Paulette Southard, Annette Starr, David Sullivan, Michelle Texiera, Lainey Topacio, Tom Turner, George Vaughn, Carl Walker, Holden Weaver, David Webster, Dale Wilson, and Cinco Woods.



Some of the ladies from Church went to see Melba at Christmas time. We brought several boxes of books and filled up 2 shelves! It was so nice to see Melba and visit with her!





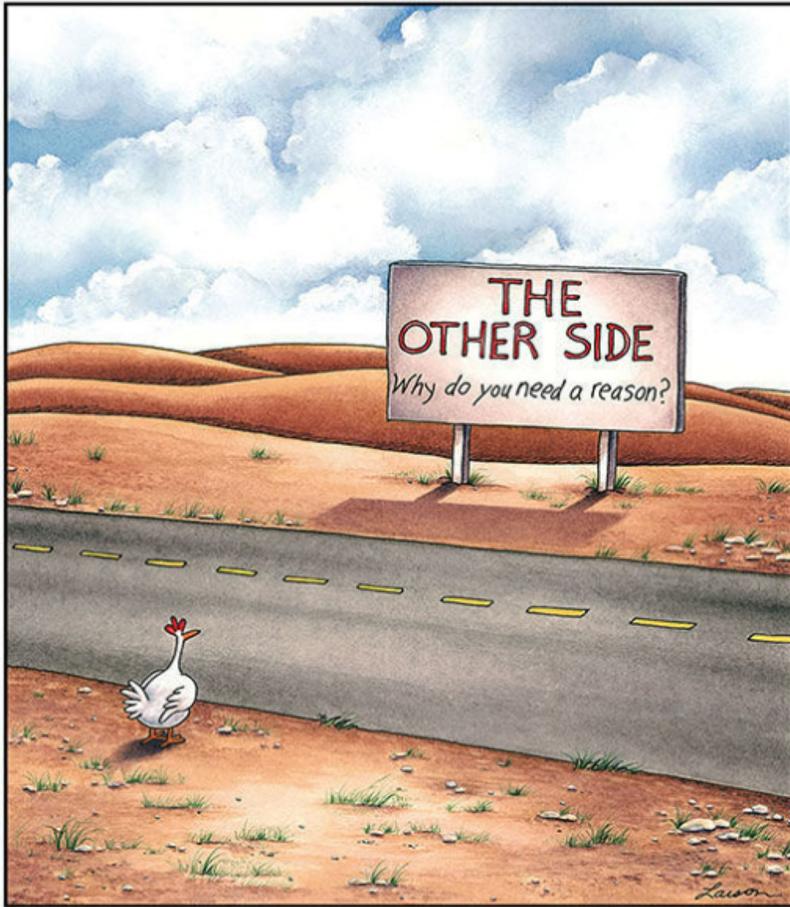
February Birthdays

- 1 Clare Wonders
- 2 W. E. Findley III
- 7 JoAnn Hammock
- 14 Brooke (Hunter) Casanova
- 24 Matthew Turner
- 28 Justin Findley

Happy Birthday

March Birthdays

- 4 Caitlynn Sullivan
- 4 Tammy Findley
- 5 Bruce Hoffman
- 7 Liz Hoffman
- 10 Briggs Hoffman
- 10 Mike McLaughlin (Tom's son-in-law)
- 15 Kristen Turner
- 18 Ray Keliehor
- 19 Eddie Findley
- 26 Joanne Bowden



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WORSHIP:

SUNDAY - 9AM - HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERMON,
**Followed by Coffee, Fellowship,
and Bible Study**

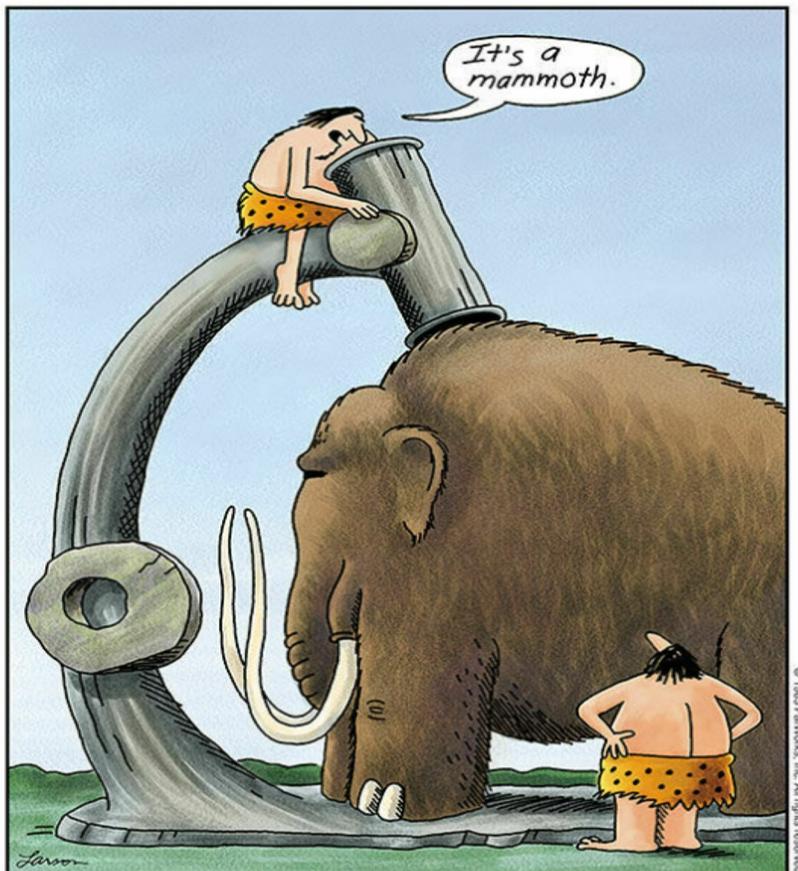
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