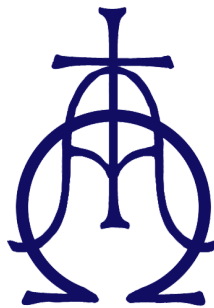


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Baptism of Our Lord



Streaming live to Facebook: use this link
[CECX Facebook link](#)

**Link for Sunday Worship on Zoom: click button
below**

ZOOM link

A message from Rev. Jennifer

Epiphany--the manifestation of God to the world at the visitation of the magi--is a major feast of the Church, always falling on January 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. That means tonight is "Twelfth Night" (for all you Shakespeare fans)--from Christmas eve to sundown on the 11th night brings us to the beginning of the 12th Day (in the Bible, the next day begins when the sun has set on the present day). Whether you have lords a'leapin or ladies dancing or drummers drumming, know that in

many cultures, Epiphany is the big gift giving day, remembering the gifts brought by the magi to Baby Jesus.

There are many folk traditions that have sprung up around Epiphany (just as we have Santa Claus)--in Italy, not only do they celebrate the coming of the Babbo Natale (Father Christmas) and Befana, the witch who comes to deliver nice things to good children, and coal and rocks to those who need to mend their ways. You might enjoy this explanation--and don't miss the video of the little girl and her Befana (with a big heart on her dress). Here's the link: [Italian Epiphany](#)

We still have our lights and tree up, and will have them shining today and tomorrow, but I'll take them down at the end of Epiphany tomorrow (at least, if the snow stops!).

God bless you and those whom you care about--

Jennifer+

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Thanksgivings

We give thanks for a new year of life, service, and fellowship--and that COVID vaccinations have begun, signalling that God willing we will return to in-service church this year.

Prayers

A Prayer for Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces

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

Outreach: A Family in Need

A local mother has reached out for help for her two young sons. They do not have socks and need new shoes and winter coats.

If you are able to help with this outreach, please let Rev. Jennifer know. You can reach her at joldstonemoore@wittenberg.edu or 937-284-0221.

Bless you for your generosity to those who today need a hand.

January 10, 2021 Epiphany 1
The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021 is Second Sunday

Scripture Readings for January 10

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

*you can find copies of the scripture on our weekly devotional
at the bottom of this note*

Your Guide to Worship at Christ Episcopal and COVID-19

Due to high levels of COVID-19 in our county,
we are currently worshipping online

Here is a copy of the new **4 Dec Updated Worship Guidelines** (click on the bolded and underlined words) for worship during COVID. The bishops of Southern Ohio and Ohio have asked us to stay remote until the current rates of infection are lessened. With the terrible spike in cases and COVID-related deaths, we will be remote until further notice.

Click on the button below to check on Greene County's status

Ohio Dept of Health Map

Stewardship and Pledges

Please help us close the 2020 financial year with your remaining pledge, and please prayerfully consider what you can offer to in 2021.

Call the church office for details.

Click on the [button below](#) if you'd like to give your pledge via the Diocese of Southern Ohio (this is set up especially for churches like ours). You can also mail or deliver your pledge to Becky at Nickell House.

Give pledge online

++Parish Prayer List++

Please contact church office to update or add names

Prayers for your daily devotions

Healing

For Jim S, David E, Olivea, David O, Beth, Marilyn, Brad, Cynda, Connie, Diana, Peter, Heather, Rev John T, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

In God's Nearer Presence

Barbara Symonds

Mary Sheehan

Alice B.

Peter Lachmann

Lynn Rigsbee

For all victims of COVID-19

All the victims of racial unrest

We pray for comfort and healing for those who grieve.

On-going prayer

Matt, Trisha, Reid, Trish, Carolyn, Shayna, Kathy, Steve, Dorothy, Marcia, Shirley, Terry, Arlene, Kim, Jill, Lynne, Cynthia, Tiffany, Heidi, Madysun, Ken, Lamar, Laura and Avis, John, Greg, Jess and Tim, Tom, Tawn, Autumn, and Marsha S.

Diocese of Southern Ohio

Please keep our diocese in your prayers, especially Bishop Ken, Bishop Nedi, and Bishop Wendell, and the Standing Committee who will be serving the diocese for the coming months as we discern the process for calling a new bishop.

++Christian Formation++

Weekly Devotional

Our readings this week include exploration of hunger--spiritual and physical hunger. Suzanne Guthrie's weekly devotional is found at the button below. At

the top left hand corner you will find the readings of the week.
Here is the link for the weeks readings as well as the devotional **Edge of the Enclosure**

++Previous Sermons++
What would you do? (click below for sermon)
+++++Rev Jen Sermon Jan 3+++++

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