



# St. Edward's Episcopal Church

**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 1, 2026+ 8:00 am**  
**The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1**

**The Procession into the Church**

**Violin**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 323**

**Gloria**

**BCP 324**

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson:**

**Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Psalms 15**

**BCP 599**

**The Second Lesson:**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**The Gospel:**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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**The Homily**

**Rev. Mark Lafler**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 327**

**The Prayers of the People**

**BCP 328**

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 331**

**The Peace**

**BCP 332**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**The Doxology**

**Hymn 380, vs. 3**

**Eucharistic Prayer 1**

**BCP 333**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 336**

**The Communion**

*All Christians who have been baptized and of a clean conscience are welcome to receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.*

**Healing Prayers**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 339**

**The Blessing**

**The Procession into the World**

**Violin**

**Dismissal**

**BCP 340**

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**The Procession**

**Hymn 7**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Gloria**

**Hymn S-280**

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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**Psalm 15**

**(Sung)**

**BCP 599**

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**Sequence**

**Hymn 362**

**The Gospel**

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**The Homily**

**Rev. Mark Lafler**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People, Form 3**

**BCP 387**

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 360**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**Choir**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

**Sanctus**

**Hymn S-130**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Fraction Anthem**

**Hymn S-161**

**The Communion**

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**Communion Hymn**

**Choir**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

**The Blessing**

**The Procession into the World**

**Hymn 135**

**Dismissal**

**BCP 366**

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## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

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## **What are the Wardens of a Parish?**

Officers of a parish. Two wardens are selected to serve with members of the vestry and are called “senior” and “junior.” The senior warden is usually the primary elected lay leader of the congregation, and serves as a principal liaison between the parish and the rector. The junior warden is often given responsibility for the upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds. The senior warden typically presides at vestry meetings in the absence of the rector, and the junior warden presides at vestry meetings if both are absent. In case of clerical vacancy, the senior warden may be the ecclesiastical authority of the parish for certain purposes.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DINNER & MORE resumes this Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm. Bring a covered dish to share. Dennis, our postulant, will share his story of his journey to become a deacon.

THE GOLFING GROUP will meet this Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Tee time is 8:04 am. Please call the office if you plan to join us.

THE SECOND ANNUAL TASTE OF ST. EDWARD is this Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 pm in Hartridge Hall.

Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased today.

KIRKIN O' TARTAN will be celebrated at the 10:00 am service next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Wear or bring your tartan to be blessed during the service.

READING WITH THE RECTOR meets on Tuesdays at 11:30 am in the Hall. You are invited to pray the Noonday Prayers and read a chapter of Matthew with us. We have great conversations about the reading and how to apply the scriptures in our life. We would love to have you join us.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday	Art Festival Parking EYC -12:00 pm AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm
Tuesday	Reading with the Rector-11:30 am
Wednesday	Women's Caring & Sharing-10:00 am Pre School Chapel-11:25 am Wednesday Eucharist-12:15 pm Dinner & More-6:00 pm
Thursday	Golf-8:04 am Choir-5:00 pm
Saturday	Taste of St. Edward's-5:00 pm

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

### **ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH**

Sophia Olesen	02/01	James Parrish	02/03
David Loux	02/04	Terry Fitte	02/04
Gary Hopcraft	02/05	Ron Green	02/07

### **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH**

Leland Potter	02/01	William Taylor	02/01
William Chesley	02/01	Alice Rees	02/01
Rev. Robert Gibson	02/01	Helen Freeman	02/01
Marion Masters	02/04	Gertrude Calpin	02/04
Violette Jolley	02/04	Phyllis Chesley	02/06
Richard Olfsson	02/06	Harry Hopcraft	02/06
Doris Clbeck	02/06	Martha Udell	02/07
Elizabeth Bryan	02/07		

## **PRAYERS**

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

Libby S.	Tom B.	Janet M.	Lorraine M.	Corey B.
Greg S.	Joe W.	Kitty S.	Ambrosio K.	Luanne W.

### **SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

T.J. Glennon	Mary Hyland	Laura Cain
Trevor Orr	Steve Husted	Emma Hogan
Andrew Seley	Zack Ryan	

### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Christ Church, Ft. Meade  
St. Andrew's Church, Fort Pierce  
For our parish members Chip and Betty Chernault

## **SERVING TODAY**

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Tré Conrader	Harry Hackney
Second Reading	Tom Felcher	Randall Sluder
LEM 1	Tré Conrader	Randall Sluder
LEM 2	Tom Felcher	Gloria Vest
Ushers	Pam Bow	Mike Martin
	Patti Conrader	Janet Martin
Deacon	Deacon Mickey	Deacon Dan
Altar Guild	Patti Conrader	
Flower Guild	Joe Welch	
Screens	Jerry Marsh	Michael Viel
Video	Amanda Burkhalter	
Postulant	Dennis Hartenstein	
Music	Libby Sellers	Choir

## **PARISH LEADERSHIP**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb  
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler  
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell  
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

## **VESTRY**

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Margaret Dohnalek
Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden	James Cartlidge	Michael Viel
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

## **OFFICERS**

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer

## **PARISH STAFF**

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch  
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter  
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King  
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson  
Organist & Choir Director: Libby Sellers  
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell  
Nursery Director: Cathy Love  
Steward: Walter Burkhalter