

OUR VOICE

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S THIS WEEK

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WEEK OF JANUARY 10TH – 16TH

1ST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Today's Hymns

Prelude

Processional – “As With Gladness Men of Old” (vs 1,2,3)

The Gloria

Gospel Processional: “On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry” (vs 1,2,3)

Gospel Recessional: “On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry” (vs 4,5)

Offertory Hymn

Fraction Anthem (Breaking of the Bread)

Communion Hymns: “I Come With Joy” (vs 1-5)

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (vs 1-3)

Recessional – “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (vs 1,2,3)

Postlude

Organ

Hymnal 119

Hymnal S-280

Hymnal 76

Hymnal 76

Organ

Hymnal S-154

Hymnal 304

Hymnal 325

Hymnal 135

Organ

Calendar:

Our January Ministry is the **Mission Soup Kitchen**. The Soup Kitchen serves a hot meal to those in need. Volunteers and donations are needed to sustain this non-profit organization. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Hull at (254) 368-3175. If you do not have time to serve meals, they will gladly accept donations of food, clean clothing (especially men's) or unused personal care items. Please place donations in the box in the narthex.

January 17th – Annual Parish Meeting – 11 am – In Worship area and online (on our Facebook page)
Ministry Leaders – Please submit your ministry reports to Debbie, in the office, by January 12th.

Links:

- [Book of Common Prayer – www.bcponline.com](http://www.bcponline.com)
- Hymn lyrics: see the Worship Guide, and <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/EH1982>
- For our scripture readings, see www.lectionarypage.net
- Our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/stchriskilleen

Birthdays:

January 11th – Scott Kroeger

January 12 – Judy Van Riper

January 16 – Isaac VanMeter

Services:

Check Out Our Virtual Service !!

- **Services are both Live and Virtual (“Facebook Live”), at 9:30 each Sunday!**
- *Please remember:* Whenever we gather, everyone wears Masks, Practices Social Distancing, and Sanitizes their Hands.
- Pew sheets, readings, and worship guides are available during office hours, by email, on our website, or on our Facebook page.
- **We are cancelling our Mid-Week Eucharist on Wednesdays**, but we will offer a book study by Fr. Steve March 3-31. The book title is: Uncommon Decency, by Richard Muow. It is readily available inexpensive through Amazon. The class will be 2:00pm-2:45pm on Facebook LIVE and in-person. The New Zealand Eucharist will follow for any interested students who attend in person.

Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild: Jan. 10th – Team B, Jan. 17th – Team C

Readers/Lectors: January 10th – Barnett Carthey, Penny Gillespie
January 17th – Jayne Doxsey, Michael Blomquist
January 24th – Dave & Holly Miller
January 31st – George & Judy Van Riper

VOD/Ushers: January 10th – VOD – Holly Miller
January 17th – VOD – Michael Blomquist
January 24th – VOD – Nichole Gailey
January 31st – VOD – Steve Bodkin

Ushers/VODs: *Please* count attendance. Make sure that we practice Covid safety protocols. Turn on/off the lights. Make sure the altar candles are lit before, and extinguished after, each service. Count the offertory receipts with our Treasurer, Valerie, and sign the form after the service.

Please Continue to Support St. Christopher’s

As St. Christopher’s continues to rebuild and adapt, we are thriving!

So great! St. Chris’s *really* needs your ongoing, generous support.

Every gift really matters! Thanks, so much, Ya’ll!

St. Chris’s Preschool is in session!

Come for a tour! Call them or visit their webpage.

- Registration - 18 months through Kindergarten - is ongoing.
- Sign up online, <http://www.stchrisps.com/admissions.html>
- Tue, Wed, Thur, 8:45-2:15pm (before and after school care available!)

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Fr. Steve's Thoughts:

"As the New Year, and our little part of creation spins madly about, we must each decide how we shall live. Let's all agree that we are one church family, and that, as in any family, love must be the first and the last, the Alpha and the Omega. Christ has showed us how to live. Let's all agree to keep Jesus' example foremost as we work, love and live through these tumultuous days!

In His Peace,

- Fr. Steve



Jesus' baptism, by John the Baptizer, is described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Our Episcopal sacramental view of Baptism stems in part from St. Paul's comments about baptism, in Acts 19:1-7. Indeed, Jesus' baptism was both the launch of his earthly work, and the basis for later understandings of Baptism as a sacrament, rather than the mere assertion of membership in one church community or another. Roman Catholics view the baptism of Jesus as a "Luminous Mystery", sometimes added to the Rosary. It is a Trinitarian feast in the Eastern Orthodox Churches.

See, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baptism_of_Jesus

Month of January

National Blood Donor Month

National Glaucoma Awareness Month

National Soup Month

Walk Your Dog Month

January 10th

National Houseplant Appreciation Day

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

January 11th

National Clean Your Desk Day

January 12th

National Pharmacist Day

January 13th

Korean American Day

January 14th

National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day

January 15th

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

National Bagel Day

January 16th

National Fig Newton Day

National Nothing Day

Managing Coronavirus in the Diocese of Texas – December 2020

For more information, see the Diocesan website: <https://www.epicenter.org/health-resources/>.

Updated Guidelines for congregations and worship:

<https://www.epicenter.org/updated-guidelines-for-congregations/>

https://www.bellcountytexas.com/publicnotice_detail_T3_R311.php

Other Resources:

- CDC Guidelines – Patients currently under quarantine, must remain in isolation unless at least seven days have passed from when COVID symptoms first appeared, and are fever-free for 72 hours (without fever-reducing medication), and have neither shortness of breath nor a cough. See, also, the Information at www.cdc.gov
- Texas COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program – Bill Payment Assistance <https://electricityplans.com/electricity-relief-program-covid19-bill-payment-assistance/#howapply>
- Salvation Army <https://www.salvationarmy.org/>
- Veterans Crisis Hotline | Call 1-800-273- 8255, text 838255, or visit <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>
- The American Red Cross, Virtual Family Assistance Center (VFAC). 833-492-0094/local: 254-200-4400 | www.redcross.org/vfac

Texas Governor's Office latest COVID news: [Governor Abbott's Proactive Response To COVID-19](#)