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From the Rector:

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1.5

Happy New Year!

After a challenging few years in our community and throughout the world, and even as we endure a heavy wave of the pandemic in Tyler, this New Year holds great promise for all of us.

The Christmas lights have come down, and a new season has begun—**Epiphany.**

Rooted in a word meaning ‘appearance’ or ‘manifestation’, in Epiphany the Church recalls two events: the visit and gift-giving of the Magi to baby Jesus, and the Baptism of our Lord. Indeed, this past Sunday, we celebrated the Lord’s baptism as we baptized seven children in church!

At its heart, Epiphany is a season in which we celebrate the coming of Christ, announcing to the world that **Jesus is Lord!**

Like a fire on a winter night, the coming of Christ has brought warmth to a cold world, and light to a land shrouded in darkness. Epiphany is a season at the heart of the life of Christ Church: sharing the light of Christ Jesus to a world that is living in shadow, and bringing the warmth of God’s love to people numbed by the trials of life.

So many have endured great difficulty. And all of us are eager to be delivered from the challenges of this season, and put it behind us.

Whatever you might endure, know that the Lord stands with you through thick and thin. Invite Him to fill your heart with the love of God. And “let your light so shine before others that they will see your good works and give glory to your Heavenly Father” (Matthew 5.16).

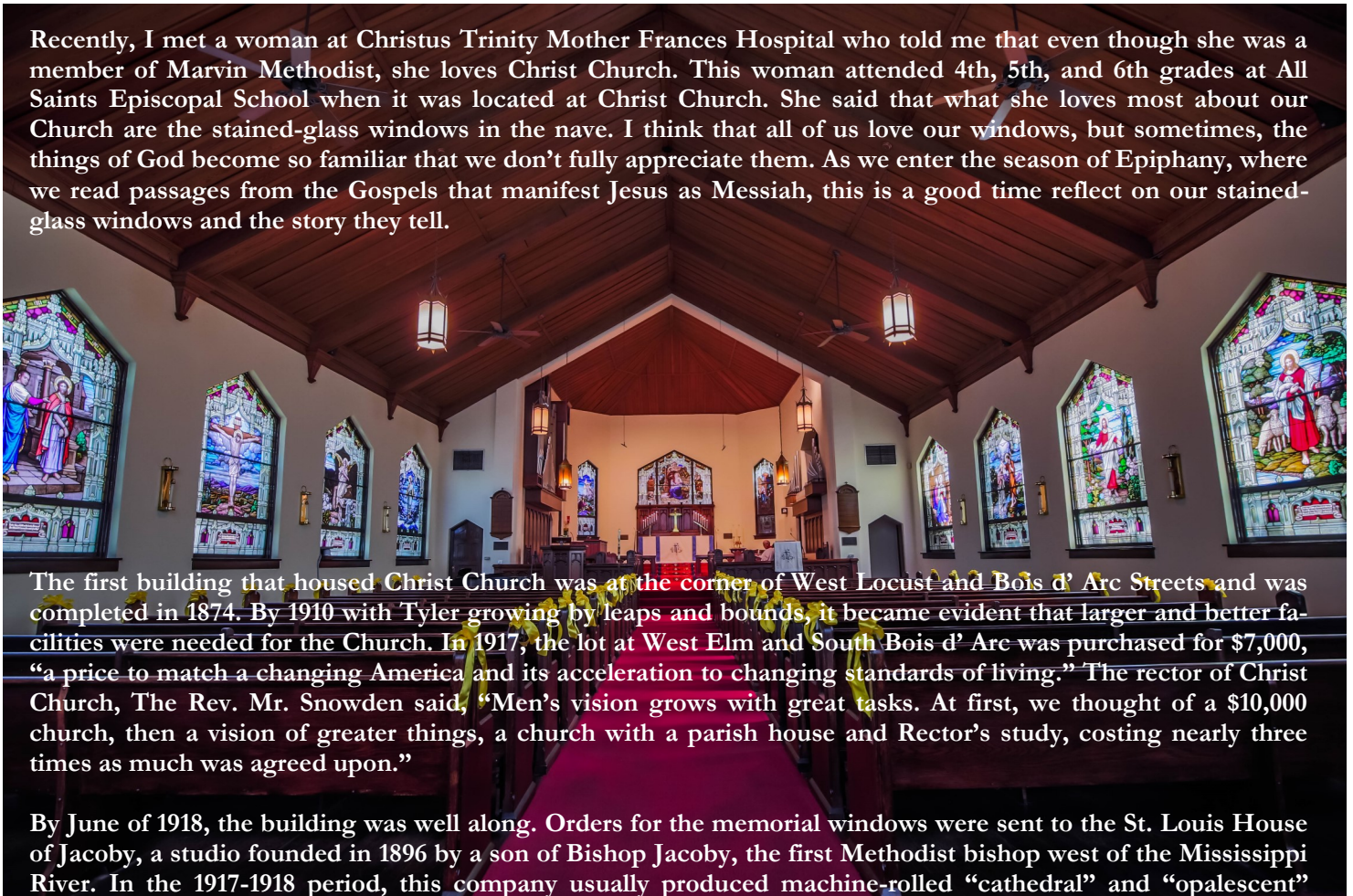
Yours Faithfully in Christ,

David +

from the associate rector...

The Rev. Ted Welty / *Associate Rector of Christian Formation*

Our Own Christ Church Epiphany



Recently, I met a woman at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital who told me that even though she was a member of Marvin Methodist, she loves Christ Church. This woman attended 4th, 5th, and 6th grades at All Saints Episcopal School when it was located at Christ Church. She said that what she loves most about our Church are the stained-glass windows in the nave. I think that all of us love our windows, but sometimes, the things of God become so familiar that we don't fully appreciate them. As we enter the season of Epiphany, where we read passages from the Gospels that manifest Jesus as Messiah, this is a good time reflect on our stained-glass windows and the story they tell.

The first building that housed Christ Church was at the corner of West Locust and Bois d' Arc Streets and was completed in 1874. By 1910 with Tyler growing by leaps and bounds, it became evident that larger and better facilities were needed for the Church. In 1917, the lot at West Elm and South Bois d' Arc was purchased for \$7,000, "a price to match a changing America and its acceleration to changing standards of living." The rector of Christ Church, The Rev. Mr. Snowden said, "Men's vision grows with great tasks. At first, we thought of a \$10,000 church, then a vision of greater things, a church with a parish house and Rector's study, costing nearly three times as much was agreed upon."

By June of 1918, the building was well along. Orders for the memorial windows were sent to the St. Louis House of Jacoby, a studio founded in 1896 by a son of Bishop Jacoby, the first Methodist bishop west of the Mississippi River. In the 1917-1918 period, this company usually produced machine-rolled "cathedral" and "opalescent" types of stained glass, but exactly what method was employed in making the windows for Christ Church cannot be ascertained, because of damage to the firm's records by two fires since 1918. But regardless of the technical evaluation of the type of glass, the windows today could not be readily replaced.

Scenes from the life of Christ were chosen and planned to follow in chronological order in the window openings beginning in the sanctuary to the left of the altar. Communicants who had loved the soft effect of sunlight through the single small window of the Old Church, were soon pointing with pride to the intensity of the blues and golds, combinations of ruby and rose, as well as beauty of detail in the multi-colored designs of the sixteen windows which surrounded the nave and sanctuary of the new building. Polished wood, stone and metal of other memorials in the church soon glistened with light beamed through the patterned glass.

Beginning to the left of the altar, the window depicting the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary inscribed "In memory of Mary Moody Clark," was given by the family of Mrs. A.L. Clark, community leader and communicant at the Old Church. Proceeding to the right, the next window is inscribed, "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Howard Hicks, Jr. Born Dec. 11, 1911 – Died Nov. 28, 1914. 'Suffer the Little Children.'" This window depicting the angels appearing to the Shepherds was given in memory of the son of Howard and Hope Hicks who died of diphtheria. Above the altar is the window, "In loving memory of little Mary, daughter of J.B. and H.B. Mayfield, Aug. 18, 1901 – Feb. 28, 1903." This window depicting the Nativity was given by the Mayfield family to memorialize a child who died of pneumonia. To the immediate right is the window with the inscription, "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Alice, James Herbert, and Mary Alexandria Allsop." This window showing the wise men at the door of the manger was given by Mr. Fred W. Allsop of Little Rock in memory of two sisters and a brother who died young.

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music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*

WINTER MUSIC SERIES

January 23 February 20 March 27

Guest instrumentalist will be brought in to offer music on these days.
Familiar hymns will be sung and beautiful anthems will be sung.
Invite your friends to hear the music at Christ Church.

January 23, 2022 9:00am and 11:00am
in the Nave, Downtown

Flute trio featuring Sue Bugg, Karina McBrayer, and Jessica Ogilvie.



MARDI GRAS Tuesday, March 1

The Music Ministry along with the Children's and Youth Ministry will sponsor a Mardi Gras party Tuesday, March 1 in the Parish Hall, downtown.

This will be an evening for the whole family. *Make plans to attend now.*
Proceeds of the evening will go to help raise money to purchase new robes for the Chancel Choir.



The Chancel Choir as they prepare to present Choral Evensong in 2021

children's ministry

Tina McGee / *Director of Children's Ministries*



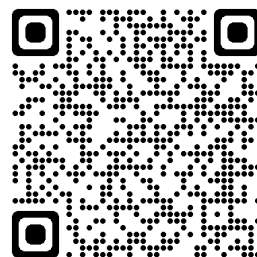
CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

1/16 Jackson Auer, 1/16 Jake Godbold,
1/16 Valeria Hernandez, 1/16 Esin Odle,
1/16 Kate Walker, 1/17 Archer Cassity

EYEC

"Wisdom is choosing to do now what you will be happy with later on". -Joyce Meyer

Christ Church family, hasn't Bible In One Year been such a gift? If you haven't started yet, no worries! Simply download the app and get started right now [scan the QR code below to get all the info]. Pray for the Spirit of God to fill you and help you. Also, do the boring but important thing: create a plan for physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual health with morning and evening routines. BIOY is a good opportunity for us to be changed by God's big story of redemption through the person and work of Jesus, so let's continue saying yes to good things in 2022!



thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List

in your daily devotions:

Jennifer, Lisa, Drew, Virginia, Chad, Lauren, SC, Nita, Stephanie, Christy, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Austin, Lynn, Jeremy, Barbara, Lindsey, Emmi, James, Matthew, Sarah, Betsy, Nina, Steve Cindy, Gregg, Josiah, Marilyn, Julia, Anne, Maxwell, Alexa, Donald, Shelly, Kerry, Patsy, Diedre, Zoe, Gage, Brittini, Woody-Kaye, Rodgers Family, Paul, Lucy, Vickie, Gina, Betsy, Monalee, Katie, Greg, Marie, Tommy, Debby, Sally, Lloyd, Kristi, Walt, Betty, Memphis, Greg, Vonice, James, Gregory, The Mercer family, John, Diane, William, W, Maxine, Carol Ann, Venetia, Jan, Mary Ruth, Pat, Nika, Ray, Brady, Jessica, Rylan, Vivian, Frieda, Penny

The Anglican Communion:

The Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (West Indies)

The Episcopal Church:

Dioceses of Long Island (NY) & Los Angeles (CA)

Diocese of Texas:

*St. Thomas Episcopal Church—Houston
& St. Bede Episcopal Church—Houston*

Prayer Requests

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list changes or additions 903.530.8168.

We will reset the prayer list as of The Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany, January 30, 2022.

Welcome the newly baptized:

*Everett Reed Mellon,
Cora Elizabeth Mellon,
Vivian Sue Mellon,
Celia Jane Mellon &
Louisa Marie Mellon*

children of Bria & Andrew Mellon
January 9, 2022 at Christ Church Downtown.

Matthew Griffith Hackney
son of Amanda & Matthew Hackney

&

Bennett Lee Richards
son of Jenny & Jeff Richards

January 9, 2022 at Christ Church South.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

Frances Swann

mother of Thomas, Andrew, and Aleathea;

Charlotte Brelsford,

mother of Bill Brelsford;

Raymond Duke Bryant,

father of Duke Bryant;

and Anne Wheelock



We, the clergy & staff, don't have enough ways to express our gratitude for the extremely generous Christmas gifts from the parishioners of Christ Church!!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 / 10:00AM BOTH CAMPUSES

CHRIST CHURCH TYLER \ **VESTRY2022** \ Nominees

**KIM YELAS MEYER**

I am a cradle Episcopalian born and raised in the Philippines where my father was an Episcopal priest. I graduated from an Episcopal college and have taught kindergarten in Episcopal schools in CA and Hawaii. I left Hawaii in 2000 when we adopted our two grandchildren and moved to Tyler, both attended ASES. My husband and I are both very involved in church activities (VBS, Children's Chapel, Greeters, Supper Club, Loaves and Fishes). I would be honored to serve on our vestry!

**DANNY NOTEWARE**

I was born in Sulphur Springs, TX. As a child my family moved to Tucumcari, NM where I finished high school. I came back to Texas as soon as possible and obtained an undergraduate degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from Baylor University Law School. In 2006, I moved to Tyler to accept a job with the Potter Minton law firm. Tyler is where I met and subsequently married the love of my life, the former Ms. Mercedes Chase. In 2017, I opened my own law office—the Noteware Law Firm, P.C. Mercedes and I have two children: Evelyn Palmer Noteware ("Evie") who is 7, and Daniel Alan Noteware, III ("Tripp") who is 4. In the little spare time I have away from doting on my children and work, I enjoys watching sports, playing golf, and listening to live music.

**SHERYL RICHTER**

I have been a hairdresser my entire life. I owned a salon for 13 years until I sold it and we moved to East Texas in 1998 from Las Colinas, TX. For a time we lived at Callender Lake until my husband passed away, then I came to Tyler. I have 3 grown children and 2 beautiful grandchildren. I have been attending Christ Church South Campus since its doors opened and was confirmed in 2017. I serve as an usher & greeter and really enjoy attending Women's Depth Group. Christ Church has been such a blessing to me and I look forward to serving in any area needed.

**MAK SAIGUSA**

I was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan. I first came to the United States as an high school exchange student. I returned to the US and graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. After completing University of Alabama School of Dentistry, I came to San Antonio to complete University of Texas Medical School and Oral Surgery training. I came to Tyler in 1997 to join ans Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery practice in Tyler. I am married to Jill Saigusa and have two sons, John and Jack. I was confirmed and have been a member of Christ Church South since 2017.

**JAMES DANIEL TONEY**

I have been a member of Christ church since 1980. I am married to Linda, we have two daughters. Leigh and her husband, Wynn Brown, have two sons, Bates & Pierce; and Katie and her husband, Forrest Wynn, have a son, JD, and daughter, Isobel. I have served 2 past terms on the vestry at Christ Church, I have been lay reader, chalice, and worked with childrens ministry. I graduated from University of Texas - Austin in 1964 and UT Medical Branch in 1968. Completed residency in otolaryngology at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in 1973. Served as head of ENT at Martin Army Hospital Ft. Benning, Georgia. Ear nose and throat specialist in Tyler since 1975 .

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Proceeding down the right side of the nave is the window showing the boy, Jesus with Jesus against the background of the carpenter shop and is in memory of Julius and Johanna Pabst. Moving clockwise around the nave, the next window is of the baptism of Jesus. This window is in memory of Mary Gladden Minge and Martha Fuqua Taylor. Next is a window memorializing Sallie Nep Pegues who died in 1918. When Mrs. Pegues chose a window in memory of her daughter, The Rev. Snowden helped with the selection of lilies, roses, and forget-me-nots for the garden where Jesus said, "Come unto me." The Good Shepherd scene in the next window honors the man who gently shepherded the first communicants of Christ Church, The Rev. Emir Hamvasy and his wife, Laura.

Facing the rear wall of the nave on the left is a quiet scene showing Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary. The inscription reads, "To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Peace." Vestry minutes of the November 15, 1918 meeting, only four days after the signing of the Armistice, contain a suggestion for installing a peace memorial window. This window represents the great outpouring of hope and solace. "In Memoriam – W.W. and Ann Grinnan" is the large scene of the Last Supper in the center of the south wall of the nave. It was said that Mr. Grinnan was the first Episcopalian in Tyler and was the first Christ Church senior warden while his wife and daughters served many times as organist, choir director, and Sunday School teachers. To the right is the window with Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. This window is in memory of Col. T. Eddie and Jessie Lee James and T.F. and E. Deweese for their devoted service in vestry, choir, Women of the Church, and Sunday School.

Continuing clockwise around the nave, beginning on the left side is the window showing Christ, wearing the crown of thorns, standing before Pilate. This inscription reads, "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Cameron, presented by her 'Boys'." "Mother Cameron" as she was known to many ran a boarding house on West Ferguson Street and the "Boys" were boarders who remembered her good works. The scene of the Crucifixion is a memorial to Charles Adna Smith, M.D., a beloved physician-surgeon at the Cotton Belt Hospital. When Dr. Smith was baptized and confirmed – both in the same service at the Old Church, Sister Phoebe of the Episcopal order of nuns serving at the hospital, was his sponsor. The Resurrection window is memory of John G and Alma E. Woldert who were among the first to be baptized at Christ Church. The Ascension window honors Thomas and Susan Smith, very early settlers in Tyler and among the founders of Christ Church. Mrs. Smith was said to have attended the first Episcopal service in Tyler and her daughter, Elizabeth was in the 1873 confirmation class.

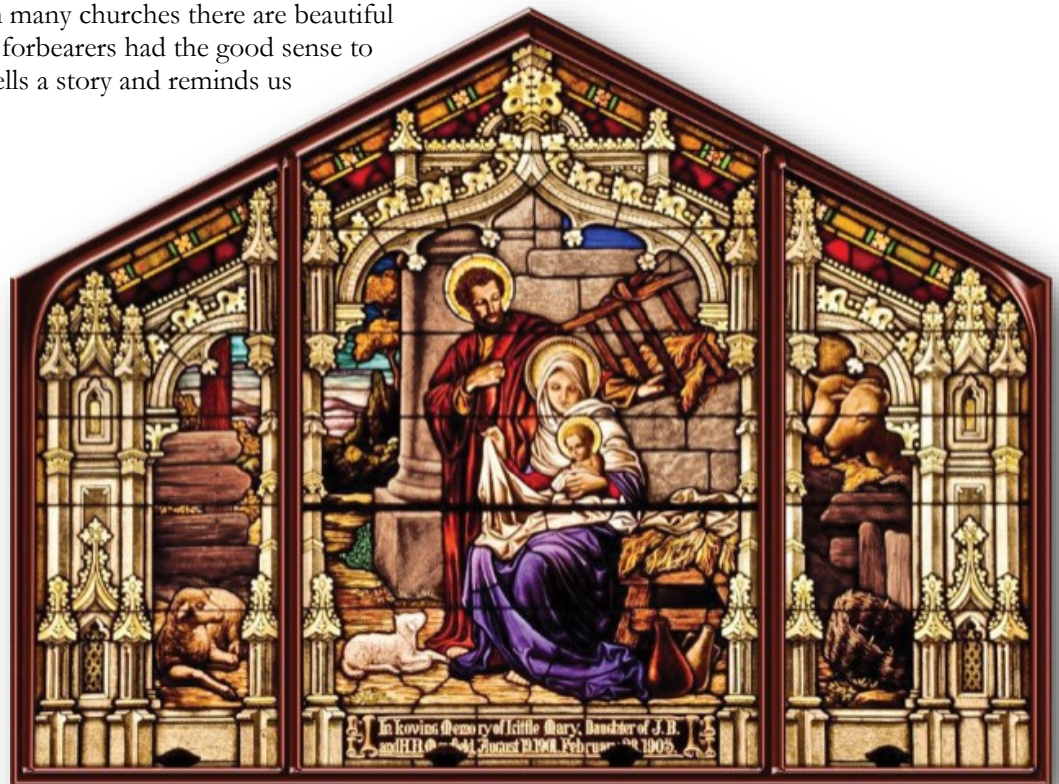
We live in an age where people are searching for spirituality. These stained-glass windows are a gift to us from a bygone era. I can't think of a better way to get close to God than by sitting in our nave on a bright, sunny day and viewing the brilliant depictions of the life of our Lord. In many churches there are beautiful windows, but thanks be to God our forbearers had the good sense to arrange our windows in a way that tells a story and reminds us of our road to salvation.

*Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy word;
may we imitate you still
and obey your perfect will,
that we like to you may be,
at your great Epiphany:
may your glory be confessed,
God in Christ made manifest.*

Blessings in Christ,
Ted+

The information for this article comes from *A Record of Faith, the history of Christ Church from 1867-1967*.

Hymn #176:
Songs of thankfulness and praise



Adult Confirmation Course

January 23- April 3, 2022

10:00am, in the Ascension Room

**on the Third Floor of the Grelling-Spence Building
Christ Church Downtown.**

**The course is open to any adult seeking confirmation in
The Episcopal Church or any confirmed Episcopalian
desiring a refresher course.**

**Have you
ever read
the Bible from
start to finish?**

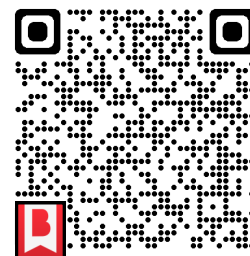
Start a new chapter
Bible in One Year



Christ Church family,
we are going to do it together in 2022.

Christian Formation will be based on
these readings all year.

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SCHEDULE:

Sun, Jan 16

10:00am | *Annual Parish Meeting* CCD & CCS

Mon, Jan 17 *church offices closed*

Tues, Jan 18

8:00am | **Men's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD

Wed, Jan 19

7:15am | **Wednesday Men's Bible Study** CCD Undercroft

10:00am | **Wednesday morning small group**

6:00-7:30pm | EYC

Thurs, Jan 20

10:30am | **Women's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD

6:00pm | **Loaves & Fishes**

Sun, Jan 23

9:00 & 11:00am | **Special Music** in the Nave CCD

10:00am | **Adult Confirmation Course**

Tues, Jan 25

8:00am | **Men's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD

Wed, Jan 26

7:15am | **Wednesday Men's Bible Study** CCD Undercroft

10:00am | **Wednesday morning small group**

6:00-7:30pm | EYC

Thurs, Jan 27

10:30am | **Women's Bible Study with the Rector** CCD

6:00pm | **Loaves & Fishes**



Set your minds on things that are above

The Epistle to the Colossians

Bible Study with the Rector > Winter 2022

Men - Tuesdays 8:00am > Women - Thursdays 10:30am

Christ Church Downtown > Parish Hall

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The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168.
*You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,
during normal business hours.*

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, January 16th

The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 96

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 23rd

The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:2-10

Psalm 113

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Luke 4:14-21



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Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

9:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

11:00 am~ CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*

11:05 am~ CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*

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to be recognized as a joyful,
spirit-filled community of
apostles reaching out and
transforming lives for Christ.*