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Epiphany II - January 18, 2026 BAS – 10:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP # 153 'Good Christians All, Rejoice'

The Gathering of the Community

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

C: Almighty God,

A: **to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the**

inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father
Blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
Have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
Now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit
One in glorious light.

Prayer of Transition

C: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish of St George's, that they may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support them in their ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
A: **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

C: Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign.
In Jesus' name we pray
A: **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word The Readings

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.'

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Michael DuBoulay

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: CP # 160 'As with Gladness Men of Old' Verses (1, 2)

The Holy Gospel John 1:29–42

Rev Sharla Malliff

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:29–42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but

the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Response to the Gospel: CP # 160 ‘As with Gladness Men of Old’
Verses (3, 4)**

Homily

Rev Sharla Malliff

Apostle’s Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

A: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the

Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,

and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose

again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of

the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion

of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and

the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Catherine Carlson

O: The flowers today are given in loving memory of father and grandfather Frank Simpkins, and in celebration of our family's January birthdays, from Fran Rothenberg.

God of steadfast love, you raise us up when we fall and place our feet on steady ground. Strengthened by your faithfulness, we offer our prayers in thanksgiving for the grace that is ours in Christ.

We pray for the mission of your church, that we may proclaim the good news of the age as we put our trust in you.

We pray for the world, that your saving love may reach to the ends of the earth as we serve the common good.

We pray for all who suffer, that we may heed their cry as we share in your steadfast mercy. Today we remember ...

We pray for your creation, that we may safeguard its well-being as we labor together for redemption.

We remember before you those who have died and pray for those who will die today, that they may know your peace. This morning we remember ...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

C: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

C: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

A: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

C: Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count.
Through steadfast love and faithful care, God enriches us in every way.
Therefore, do not delay! Let us offer to God ourselves this day, all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love of Christ.

Offertory Hymn: CP # 158 'Earth Has Many a Noble City'

Prayer over the Gifts

C: We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.
Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ

A: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #2

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

C: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

A: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

C: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

A: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Unison

G Am7 GM7 Am7 Bm7 CM9 Am7

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

Dsus4 D G C Dsus4 D GM7 C/G G

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

D7/G Am7 Em C Am7 Dsus4 D

take a - way the sins of the world:

G Am/G GM7 Em7 CM7 Am7 Gsus4 G

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score is for a unison setting of a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.' The score includes various chord symbols such as G, Am7, GM7, Bm7, CM9, Dsus4, D, G, C, Em, C, Am7, D, D7/G, Am/G, Em7, CM7, Am7, and Gsus4.

The Communion

Administrants: George Mudry, Cameron Crassweller

Communion Music: CP # 151 'All Poor Folk and Humble'

Prayer after Communion

C God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

A: Amen.

C: Glory to God,

A: Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing

C: May God's steadfast love and mercy lead you, and make your steps secure, keeping you forever safe on paths of righteousness and peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit with you always.

A: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: CP # 434 'The Love of Jesus Calls Us'

Dismissal

O: Go forth in peace, for God in Christ has enriched you with speech and knowledge and every spiritual gift, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 9: 1-4

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Psalms 27: 1, 4-9

Matthew 4: 13-23

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 10:00

Givings

On the plate \$2,633 Auto Debit: \$2,050

Sunday Smile

Jesus sent you a friend request on FAITH book.

Bible Study

Join our Bible Study every Thursday at 1:30 pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome!

ST. ANDREW'S CUPBOARD

Thank-you all so much for your continued support of the St. Andrew's Cupboard

♥ Your donations help so many less fortunate families in that area! Anything you are able you give is very much appreciated but a few things mentioned this week were peanut butter: canned fruit and cleaning supplies!

Heather Murphy - On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Book Club

Please join us for Book Club on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 pm. Our selection is *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. All are welcome!

Lector Ministry

A Lector is a parish member who reads a lesson at one of our regular Sunday or special seasonal services. This is another opportunity to participate in and enjoy the wide array of ministries available here at St. Georges. Scheduled readers do so about once every 5-6 weeks. If you are interested in joining our team, please see or call Jim or Cheryl Fox at 519-579-0684.

Men's Breakfast

The next St. George's Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday January 17 2026 @ 9.00 am. The Men's Breakfast will be at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster Street West, Kitchener, ON The location is fairly large and they are reserving a place for us. They will be set up for 12 people, but they will accommodate more. There is ample parking both at the rear of the restaurant and further along Lancaster Street at a small plaza

For those that like to plan ahead, the dates for 2026 are Feb 21, Mar 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 5.

Hope you can make it to the Men's Breakfasts.

Cheers

Mike Stredwick,

New Refugee Family Update

Our deanery committee met on ZOOM for 80 minutes on the evening of Jan. 13th. We do not yet know when our new family will be arriving, but likely in February or early March. We have decided to rent a two-bedroom apartment for them, beginning Feb 1st. The good news is that rent will be less than we expected - roughly \$1630 a month, rather than \$2100 – for a lease of 14 months. Another bit of good news is that all sorts of people have come forward to provide needed furniture, beds, household items, and kitchen items. What we do think we need, however, are winter clothes and coats for boys aged 9, 4 and 3. If any of you have such items, I would love it if you could get them to me at some point. A third bit of good news is that the *Wine Survivor* contest that I briefly promoted before Christmas, hosted at St. James' Church in Cambridge, raised \$2600 for our committee and new family! We are meeting next, via ZOOM, on Jan. 27th. I will provide a further update after that meeting.

John Ryrie

Ladies Lunch

Ladies Lunch this month will be on Friday, 30 January. We will meet at The Country Boy restaurant in Kitchener at 12.30. Please let Sue know if you plan to attend. suzie_del-simpson@outlook.com

2026 • New Year • New Routine

Join **Rev. Sharla** in reading the **entire Bible in one year!** Just **20 minutes a day** to read the whole Bible in 2026. Interested? Connect with **Rev. Sharla** for the reading outline or a link to the **Bible in a Year Podcast** from *Ascension Presents*.

World Day of Prayer Organizational Meeting: - Friday, Jan 23rd.

We are looking for 3 or 4 people to help prepare and or serve veggies and dip, cheese, crackers, fruit and sweet treats following this meeting. I would ask for those who can help to be at the church from 9:30 - 12:30.

Those participating will meet upstairs in the sanctuary. Our meeting begins at 10 and once it finishes we will move downstairs into the Hall for some light refreshments and some conversations about the actual date for the event, **Friday, March 6th. St Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener** will be the host for the event. This year's service has been written by the women of Nigeria with the theme being *I (will give you rest (Matthew 11: 28-30).*

If you are able to prepare a plate of treats or help serve our guests, please speak with Catherine Carlson. you can send an email if that is easier: c.louisecarlson@gmail.com.

Update on our Deanery Refugee Committee

I have some pretty exciting news. As of roughly a week ago, the government has approved a new refugee family for our deanery who may arrive as early as Feb 1st. The family consists of a 33-year-old Mom – first name Mapenzi – plus three boys: Tumain (aged 3), Utinyele (aged almost 4), and Bukuru (aged almost 9). Mapenzi was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo; the boys were born in Tanzania. If all has gone according to our hopes, we will be shortly securing a two-bedroom apartment in the apartment complex that our last refugee family is still living in, near Pioneer Park in Kitchener.

Financially, we expect to start out with approximately \$28,000 - \$22,000 contributed by our local churches and \$6,000 from our Diocese. We will likely need roughly an additional \$10,000 to get us through the first year. (As I have indicated before, rent is likely to be in the order of \$2000 a month.) I am delighted to indicate that since last October, our St. George's parish has come forward with \$11,078 for this deanery outreach, which is tremendous! As of Jan 1st, we have begun scouting for needed furniture and household goods. Right now we have a couple of beds, a dresser, a bedside table, and some kitchen wares in storage. I will do my best to make our parish know what else is needed after the committee meets on Jan 13th.

John Ryrie

Soup Luncheon

Join us for a Soup Luncheon on February 1st! Cost is \$10, and takeout is available.

Post-Holiday Blues? Join Us!

Join us for a **10-week Bible study** exploring Scripture through stories, conversation, and casual fellowship. **Sundays after 10:00 a.m. worship in the Fireside Room, starting January 18.** Just show up! Bring a Bible if you'd like.

Resource: *Pairings*: by Matthew R. Anderson

(*The Bible and Booze*)

Weekly Schedule

Week 1: The Second Creation Story

Week 2: Joshua

Week 3: Psalm 139

Week 4: The Psalms of Contrition

Week 5: Ruth

Week 6: Isaiah 55 & 60

Week 7: Esther

Week 8: Philemon

Week 9: Matthew

Week 10: Revelation

Photographs

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