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Celebrant: The Rev Sharla Malliff

Greeter: Mary Ann Millar

Server & Crucifer: Grayson Barclay

Warden on Duty: Nelson Cuthbert

Epiphany III - January 25, 2026 BAS – 10:00 am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP # 148 'See Amid the Winter Snow'

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: God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your
kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear
witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve
to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the
power of the Holy Spirit.
A: **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Nelson Cuthbert

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

9 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

Rev Sharla Malliff

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

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: 10-18

Valerie Cuthbert

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For 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.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: CP # 438 'O Jesus, I Have Promised' Verses (1, 2)

C: The Lord be with you.

A: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 4: 12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel: CP # 438 'O Jesus, I Have Promised'
Verses (3, 4)

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

Roberta Butler

O: The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of my Mother on what would have been her 90th birthday, given by Chris Wagner.

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, God of light, hear our prayer. Loving God, your light reveals the needs of our world and your salvation offers hope to the lost. Therefore we pray for our world and our community. For your holy church, that all the baptized may live in harmony with one another, and our pastors and teachers may be wise and gracious ministers of the gospel; God of light,

A: hear our prayer.

O: For the world and for all who suffer the rod of oppression: break the yoke of violence, and free all people from the burden of war and domestic strife; God of light,

A: hear our prayer.

O: For the leaders of the nations, that they may be just and faithful in their duty and serve the good of all creation; God of light,

A: hear our prayer.

O: For those who suffer disease of body and mind, that they may know the power of your healing grace; God of light,

A: hear our prayer.

O: For those who have died and for those who will die this day, that they may find eternal rest; and for those who care for the dying that they may find peace and comfort. God of light,

A: hear our prayer.

O: For other concerns we offer in silence . . . [*Silence is kept to allow additional intercessions.*] God of light,

A: hear our prayer.

O: Hear, O Lord, the cries of your people. Be gracious to us and answer us, for you are our salvation; through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

A: 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: God, the source of all good things, has given us what we need. In joyful response, let us offer our gifts, the fruit of our labours, and the dedication of our hearts for loving service in the name of Christ.

Offertory Hymn: CP # 146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime'

Prayer over the Gifts

C: God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord

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

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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

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 Communion

Administrants: Adriana Cronin, Catherine Carlson, MaryLynn Forrest

Communion Music: CP # 48 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence'

Prayer after Communion

C Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 the grace of Christ who calls us go with you. May the power of the Holy Spirit who empowers us sustain you. May the salvation of God who loves us give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit with you always.
A: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP # 498 'How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place'

Dismissal

O: Christ call us to be fishers of women and men for the sake of his beloved kingdom. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
A: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

| Readings for Next Week | |
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| Micah 6: 1-8 | Psalms 15 |
| 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 | Matthew 5: 1-12 |

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday: 8:15 27 10:00 46

Givings

On the plate \$1,785 Auto Debit: \$2,050

Sunday Smile

Today's God reigns and the Son shines.

Bible Study

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

Book Club

Join us for Book Club on some Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Our selection is *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. All are welcome! Call Ruth Pearce if you are interested in attending.

ST. ANDREWS CUPBOARD

THANK-YOU everyone for your generous donations to the St. Andrew's Cupboard. Their shelves have been replenished with peanut butter for a little while 🍪 They are so appreciative of everything we give to help so many in need! A few things mentioned this week were canned vegetables, canned fruit and cleaning supplies. Thank-you so much ❤️
Heather Murphy - On behalf of your Outreach Committee

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. George's. 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.

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 pm. 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*.

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

VESTRY SUNDAY

Sunday, February 1, 2026 is Vestry Sunday. We will have one Service at 9:00 am as in previous years followed by our annual Vestry Meeting in the Sanctuary at 10:15 am. After Vestry there will be a Soup Luncheon with Takeout available and a free will offering to cover costs. Please plan on attending as we need your input at the vestry Meeting. Vestry Reports are in the Narthex – please take one. The Financial report is coming asap. Thanks! Nelson Cuthbert

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.

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 – **Sunday, January 25th**

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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