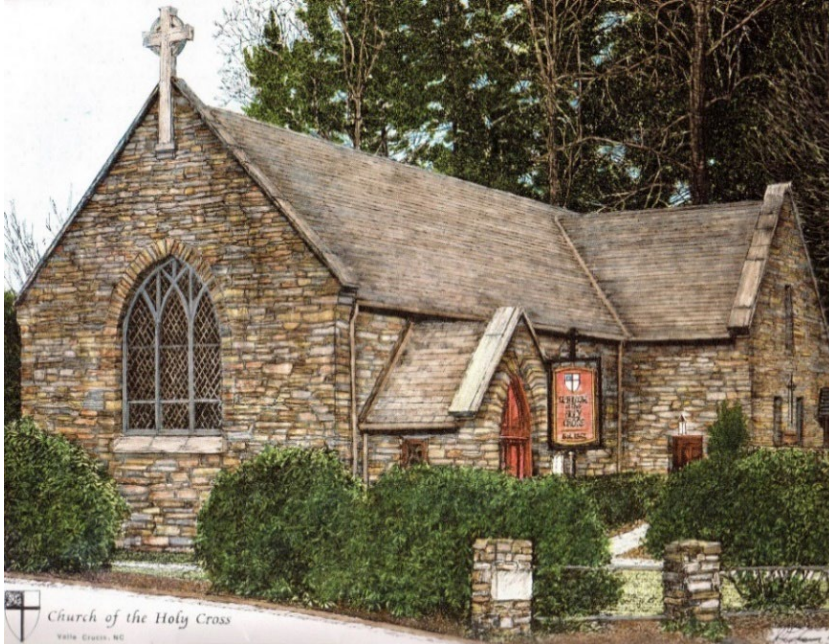


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:00 AM

Welcome Home to Holy Cross!

It is our privilege to worship with you this morning! Please know that all baptized Christians regardless of Church denomination, and all who seek a deeper knowledge and love of God in Christ are most welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist.

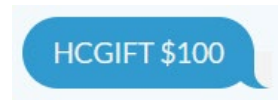
Children are most welcome and encouraged to participate in all services at Holy Cross. Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.

If this is your first time at Holy Cross, please complete a *Visitor Card* and let us know about your visit, especially if you have a specific need or prayer request. Visitor Cards are found in the pew racks. If you would like additional information about our many ministries and activities, speak to one of our Ushers or Greeters, or stop by Skiles Hall during the fellowship hour that follows each service. We would be happy to speak with you in person.

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It is the custom in The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by gathering in reverent silence and prayer, and during the worship service, stand for praise, sit for instruction, and, as you are able, kneel for prayer. Please respect the devotional needs of others by turning off cellular telephones and electronic devices, and by speaking with hushed voices.

Again, Welcome Home to Holy Cross! And may God's peace enfold you.

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Prelude: *Offered by Shane Watson*

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The Processional Hymn: #493 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *Azmon*

Opening Acclamation: EOW I 50

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity: BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise: #118 (vs. 1) “Brightest and Best of the Stars” *Star in the East*

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.

The Lesson from the Old Testament:**Isaiah 62:1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People:* Thanks be to God.A time for silent reflection follows.***The Children's Homily:****"Dr. Martin Luther King: Saint of the Church"****The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans***All children are most welcome to come forward for the children's homily.**After the story all are invited to rejoin their parents or to join Patty and Mary for activities in Skiles Hall.**Children will return at the Passing of the Peace.***The Lesson from the New Testament:****1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn: #516

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Down Ampney

The Holy Gospel:

John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon:

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

A time of silence follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

The Prayers of the People:

Leader: On God’s creation in infinite diversity,

All: Jesus, have mercy.

Leader: For those who represent us to God’s world,

All: Jesus, inspire.

Leader: For those who dare to proclaim God’s love,

All: Jesus, give courage.

Leader: On the hopes and decisions of this community,

All: Jesus, grant wisdom.

Continued...

Leader: On those who suffer and those in any trouble,

All: Jesus, have mercy.

Leader: I invite your prayers silently or out loud.

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer.”

The people will respond:

All: This is our prayer.

Leader: On those who have departed this life,

All: Jesus, have mercy.

Leader: For all the blessings of this life

All: Jesus, we give you thanks.

Leader: I invite you to name those blessings silently or aloud.

The people are invited to offer thanksgivings either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My thanksgiving is: _____. This is my thanksgiving.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our thanksgiving.

Leader: On those who humble themselves in your presence,

All: Jesus, give grace.

The Confession of Sin:

Priest: Now let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God’s love.

All: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Priest: For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf.

All: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Priest: For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven.

All: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

The Absolution:

Priest: Hear the word of Jesus,

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.’

Priest: God has put away our sins.

All: Amen!

All stand.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Welcome:

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

The Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:

Watch over your child(ren) O Lord,
as *their* days increase.
Bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be.
Strengthen *them* when *they* stand.
Comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful.
Raise *them* up if *they* fall.
And in *their* heart(s) may your peace
which passes understanding,
abide with *them* all the days of *their* lives;
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,
Amen.

Concerning The Holy Communion

A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination.

We consider it an honor and privilege to commune with all present as one united body of Christ.

To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive the bread and wine together via intinction, place your right hand over your left shoulder. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms across your chest.

If you have a gluten allergy, simply inform the priest when you come to the rail.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Scottish Fiddle Tunes

The Presentation Hymn: #380 (vs. 3) “The Doxology”

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sanctus:

#S-124

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Priest and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Mother Mary, Brother Skiles, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer:

Traditional Version

BCP 364

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread: (The Fraction)

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Invitation: *The Priest invites the people to Communion.*

Please come to the Altar to receive Communion. At the Altar Rail move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last. Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.

Hymns during the Communion:

**#306 “Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest”
#308 “O Food to Pilgrims Given”**

*An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.
When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.*

Kneeling Hymn: #304 (vs. 3-4) “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”

Land of Rest

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.**

An additional time for silent prayer and reflection precedes the following prayer.

The Post-communion Prayer:

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All stand.

The Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing concluding with,

And the Blessing of Almighty God: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you this day and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Processional Hymn: #707

“Take My Life, and Let it Be”

Hollingside

The Dismissal:

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude:

Offered by Shane Watson

We thank those who served this morning

Organist:

Shane Watson

Greeters/Oblationers:

Stella Barbato & Katie Hall

Ushers:

Stella Barbato & Katie Hall

Lector:

Andrea McDonough

Prayers of the People:

Andrea McDonough

Chalice:

Sis Kinney & Edie Tugman

Acolytes:

Sis Kinney

Linen Fairies:

Edie Tugman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

9:00 am Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service

9:45 am Christian Formation (***Bishop Ives Cabin***)

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*with music and hymnody*)
(*This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel*)

12:30 pm Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025
9:45 am in Bishop Ives Cabin
Christian Formation – Discussions on Faith

You are invited to a series of discussions about how our faith impacts our lives. The discussion topics will be focused on the basic of the Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion. We will start in January with discussions on the Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures. Some questions that we will take up:

- What is the difference between the parts of Scripture?
- What makes a text Sacred?
- Are the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures relevant to my life?
- Why do we call it the Old Testament?

This inquirers style class is open to youth and adults. It is designed to help each other learn about our faith tradition while providing an opportunity to contribute with your own learnings, ideas, and faith experiences.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025
7:00 pm at Boone Mennonite Brethren Church
Interfaith Service to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.

All are most invited to join the interfaith community of the High Country for a service in honor of the life of MLK Jr. at Boone Mennonite Brethren Church (161 Church Street, Boone). There will be music, prayer, and a series of speakers. Refreshments and fellowship will be provided after the service. Overflow parking will be available at the library, with shuttle service provided.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

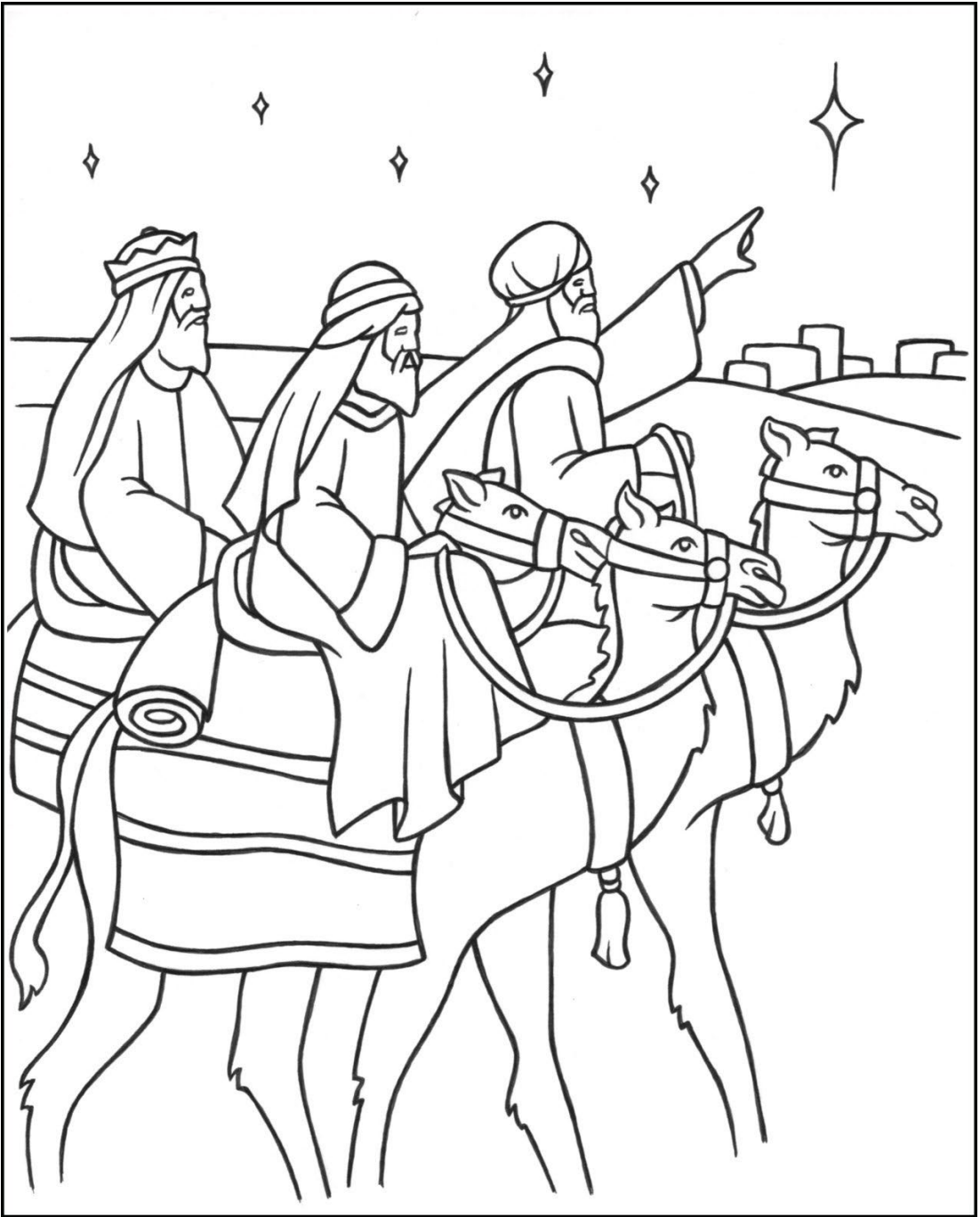
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The Parish Prayer List: January 19, 2025

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

For Healing: Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Dayton C., Wendell S., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., Shane B., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Andrea M., Charles III, Kate M., John N., Floyd T., Ray L., Leslie S., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., Pam C., Ann G., Jan H., Joe U., Rosalie G., Stuart T., Joe V., Jocelyn, _____.

For those in Harm's Way: All who serve with the armed forces at home & abroad, all who serve in the Peace Corps, and all health & relief workers throughout the world.



Epiphany Word Search



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| FIRST MIRACLE | REVELATION | MELCHIOR |
| FRANKINCENSE | BALTHAZAR | BAPTISM |
| WISE MEN | BETHLEHEM | HOLIDAY |
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Tav Gauss (2025)
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