



ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
HELENA, MONTANA

THE RT. REV. MARTY STEBBINS, BISHOP
THE VERY REV. KENDRA WILDE, DEAN

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY

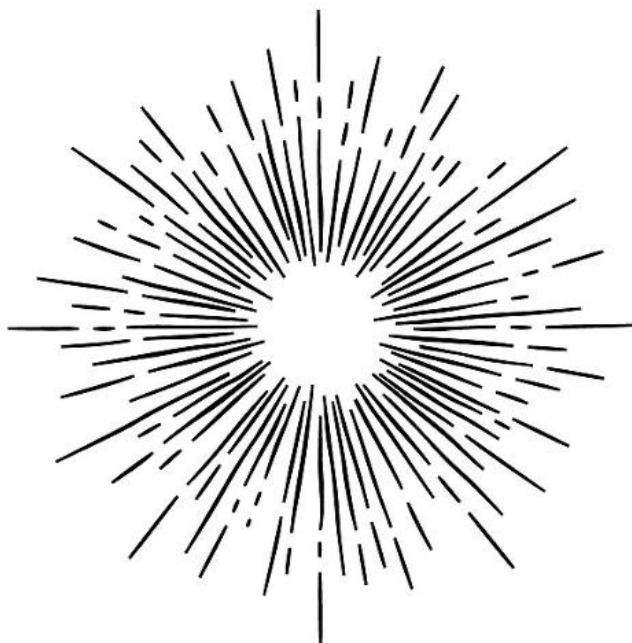
FEBRUARY 8, 2026
9:00AM AND LIVESTREAMED

WELCOME, ALL

We are blessed by your presence here. If you have been worshiping at St. Peter's for years or if you are here for the first time, we hope you find spiritual richness in this holy space today. Whoever you are, wherever you hurt, whatever joys and concerns you bring, you are welcome at Christ's table and at St. Peter's Cathedral.

If you have a prayer request, or would like a visit from clergy, please complete a "Welcome" card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher as you leave.

Please join us downstairs after worship for snacks and fellowship with friends old and new.



**The People's responses
are printed in boldface.**

**Hymns not included in the leaflet
are found in the latter portion of
the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pew
racks (after the "S" section)**

*Please silence
electronic devices.*

*We draw our liturgy from a variety of
approved resources. Please see endnotes
for sources and permission*

Today's Ministers:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Robin Biffle

Acolytes: Peter Jaynes and William Jaynes

Lectors: Bill Shropshire
Ruth Ann Shuler

Eucharistic Minister: Nick Jaynes

Eucharistic Visitors: Maggie Stockwell
Jennie Ekwortzel
Robin Ericksen
Barb and Manny Hoag

Ushers: Sam Gilbert
Donna Lloyd

Organ: John Goodwin

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, holy and living One. **You come to your people and set them free.**

HYMN OF PRAISE, *Glory to God*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



THE RESPONSE: Psalm 112:1-9 (*Leader and people alternate by whole verse*)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD *
and have great delight in his commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

A little bit of salt

Tune: Leoni



A lit - tle bit of salt will quick - ly show its worth;
A lamp that's in a house, gives safe - ty, warmth, and light;
It's tempt-ing to re - main well - hid - den, qui - et, bland;
a lit - tle bit of faith - ful - ness will change the earth.
it's set up - on a ta - ble where it shines so bright.
yet God, you make us salt and light to shape our land.
God, make us worth our salt— a church that's glad to be
God, make your church a light that brave - ly takes a stand
You send us out to love, to build, and to re - pair
the change that you de - sire in each com - mun - it - y.
to bring your love and jus - tice in - to all the land.
so peace and jus - tice flour - ish here and ev - ry - where.

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Matthew 5:13-20

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit

SERMON

The Rev. Robin Biffle

The People may stand, as able

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor O God, renew us in our joy at your call to dwell in you.

Silence

Indwelling God, abide in us as love, that we may we never shut our hearts to our neighbor.
Hear our prayer.

Enlivening God, compel our hearts to serve your creation as you own faithful stewards.
Hear our prayer.

Encouraging God, strengthen us to your own service of love.
Hear our prayer.

Loving God, build up your Church for works of merciful justice wherever darkness dwells.
Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, accompany those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: restore them to peace and health.
Hear our prayer.

Welcoming God, embrace those who have died into the life of eternity: may their eyes see the light that never sets.
Hear our prayer.

Presider Lord of fierce compassion, you name the forces of death in our hearts and institutions and even in holy places: lift from us the canopy of fear that pushes away what it cannot abide; go with us to dark and lonely places where we can learn again who we are called to be; through Jesus Christ, the healer of creation. **Amen.**

The People may kneel as able

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

The People stand

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Christ

The Holy Communion

The Offertory sentence

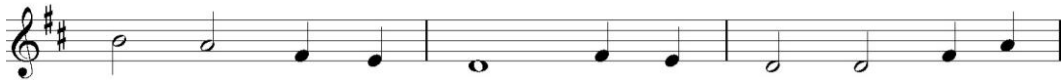
OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, whose love through humble service

Tune: *Nettleton*



1. Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the
2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, 'til your
4. Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in



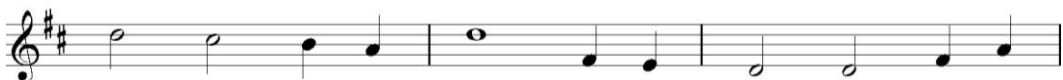
weight of hu - man need, who up - on the cross for-
hun - gry cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for
love's re - veal - ing light, in its height and depth and
your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the



sak - en of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed,
free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
great - ness, dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring your wor - ship not of
As, O Lord, your deep com pas - sion healed the
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com -
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel,



voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing in your
sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spi - rit
pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to tire-less
aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants, Lord, in



pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
stri - ving, your a - bun - dant life to share.
free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

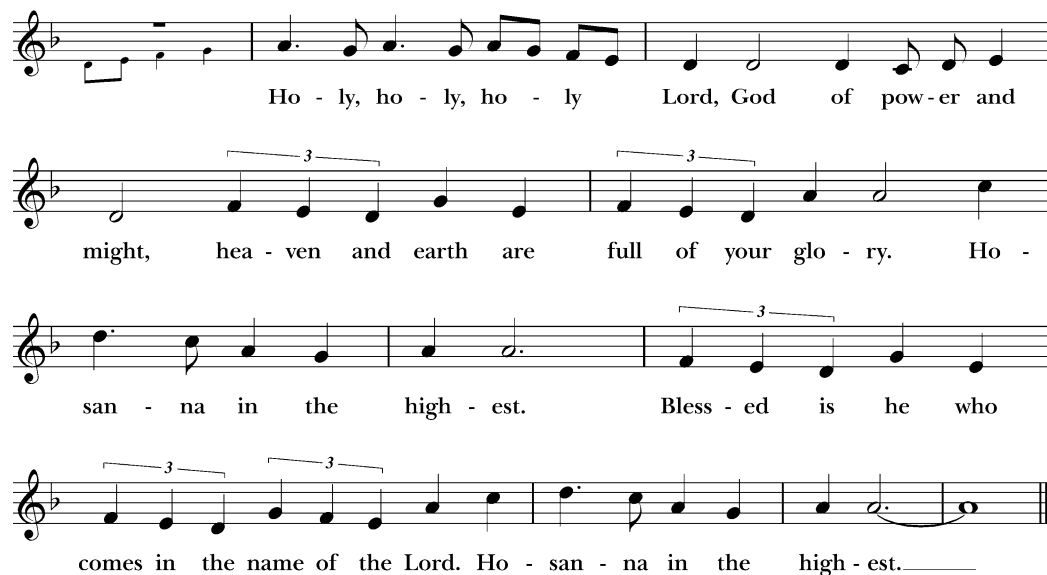
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, because of 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. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

The People may stand, kneel, or sit, as able.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

Silence

Alleluia. We who are many are one body;

Because we share one bread and one cup. Alleluia.

The invitation to communion

The people may sit before and after receiving communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, helping the minister guide the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. ■ You may respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Tell the minister if you require gluten-free elements or alcohol-free wine. ■ In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more. ■

ORGAN INTERLUDE


COMMUNION HYMNS

Remaining seated, all may sing


HYMN

Longing for light


Tune: *Christ be our light*



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less, long-ing for
5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the




truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone has
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.____
pow-er to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.____
bro-ken for o-thers, shared un-til all are fed.____
shel-ter-ing o-thers, wall made of liv-ing stone.____
to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.____

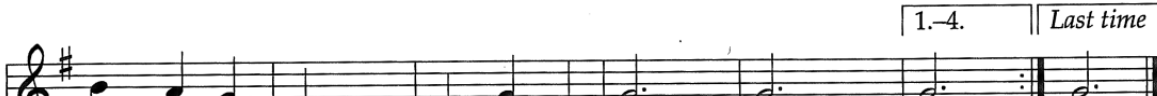
Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.____

1.-4. Last time

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Tune: Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

On behalf of those participating online, the Presider offers a prayer for Spiritual Communion

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

The people may stand or kneel.

**Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

| SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send forth Barb, Jennie, Maggie, Manny, and Robin bearing these holy gifts, that Charlotte Eskildsen and Peggy Kude may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

The People may sit

| THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Robin Biffle

THE PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

**Watch over your children, 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 hearts may your peace which
passes understanding abide all the days
of their lives; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

**We thank you, O God, for consecrating
the marriage of N. and N. in Christ's
Name and presence. Lead them in
companionship with each other and
with you. Give them grace to live
together in love and fidelity.
Strengthen them all their days, and
bring them to that holy table where,
with those we love, we will feast for
ever in our heavenly home; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

| THE DOXOLOGY

Tune: Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The People may sit for announcements

| ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People stand to receive the blessing

| THE BLESSING

| SENDING HYMN

This little light of mine

Tune: This little light of mine

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Hide it under a bushel—No! I’m gonna let it shine (x 3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don’t let anyone blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine (x 3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine (x 3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE, *Offertoire*

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

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Next Sunday’s ministers (February 15):
Presider and Preacher: The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde
Acolytes: Audrey Towery and Brock Towery
Lectors: Ruth Ann Massey
Sharon Nielsen
Eucharistic Minister: Lizzie Carlson-Thompson
Eucharistic Visitors: Chris Boyce
Dan Carlson-Thomson
Lizzie Carlson-Thompson
Robin Ericksen
Ushers: Gretchen Hibbard
Scott Hibbard
Organ: John Goodwin
St. Peter’s Choir: Patty Dean, Interim Music Director

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Happenings for St. Peter's Cathedral

Calendar

Location Legend: UC: Undercroft, WH: Wilson Hall
SPC: St. Peter's Nave, V: Virtual

for the week of February 8

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Migration with Dignity Sunday

8:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (SPC)

9:00 am Sunday School (WH)

10:15 am Fellowship (UC)

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist at Touchmark

Monday, February 9

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

9:00 am Deadline for the Cathedral Times

10:15 am Lectionary Study Group (WH)

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous (WH)

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 am Men's Fellowship (V)

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist - The Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins Officiating (Diocesan House)

6:30 pm Women's AA Group (G)

Wednesday, February 11

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

12:00 pm Happenings Submission Deadline

4:30 Serve dinner at God's Love

5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday

7:00 pm Youth Collective (St. John's)

Thursday, February 12

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

5:15 pm Social Concerns (WH)

Friday, February 13

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

Saturday, February 14

8:30 am Morning Prayer (V)

5:30 pm Togendowagan Society Service, SPC

6:30 pm Togendowagan Fellowship, UC

Sunday, February 15

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (SPC)

9:00 am Sunday School (WH)

10:15 am Fellowship (UC)

11:00 pm Chapter Meeting, WH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Matthew Reynolds, Feb 9

David Torgerson, Feb 10

Rita Charles, Feb 11

Loretta Day, Feb 12

Bobbie Spilker, Feb 13

Will Berg, Feb 14

The Very Rev. Ray & Joyce Brown, Feb 10

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given by Dave & Gail Gallik in honor of our friends at St. Peter's

Announcements

Scour your cupboards and cubbies and bring back past years' **palm fronds** so we can make ash! Slide them into the vase at the back of the worship space and the children will burn them—and help make ash for Ash Wednesday—during Shrove Tuesday festivities (Feb. 17).

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Our **host week for Family Promise will be Feb 8-14**. Please be in touch with Maggie Stockwell to volunteer.

Find small **“alleluia” banners** on the back table in the undercroft after Eucharist on Sunday. We’ve been coloring them in Sunday School, but you can join our fun. We don’t say “alleluia” during Lent, so the children will process the “alleluia” out of the worship space next Sunday (Feb.15) to bury during Shrove Tuesday festivities (Feb. 17). They will resurrect the “alleluia” with Jesus on Easter morning.

Camp Marshall is committed to ensuring that cost is never a barrier to anyone. Much of that is possible through donations to scholarships or the general fund. As we prepare for another great summer, we must also take into account rising food costs, paying our excellent staff, and of course, the maintenance of the beautiful grounds, buildings, and equipment. If you are a member of the diocese of Montana, an alumnus, or just a friend of the camp, we ask that you consider how you might provide for the future of Camp Marshall.

Please sign up to help with the **Lenten Luncheons**. The sign-up sheet is the kitchen door in the Undercroft. We need 3 soups, at least 1 bread and 2 cookies for each luncheon. You could also sign-up to help set-up. The luncheons start on February 26th and continue each Thursday through March 26th. Any questions, call Darien at 406-431-7464

We are accepting donations of art for the **Heart of Helena**. You may bring them by Wilson Hall during the week. Thank you!

Don’t bite! Another **“phishing” scam** is circulating. Some people are receiving an email from someone posing as Dean Kendra requesting a brief chat or to purchase gift cards. Please ignore these messages. Dean Kendra will not make these requests via email.

Prayer Requests

The Church: for Sarah, our Archbishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for Kendra, our Dean; for the Togendowagan Society, Darcy and Dan, their Elders; and for Connie Campbell-Pearson, Rector and Gethsemane in Manhattan

The Government: for Donald, our President; for Greg, our Governor; for Congress, especially Tim, Steve, Ryan and Troy. Also, for Kelly, Vickie, and Emily, our area mayors.

The Community: for the staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of God’s Love, Good Samaritan Ministries, Family Promise, Helena Food Share, Friendship Center, Head Start, and YWCA.

Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Kevin, Janet, Sarah, David, Charlotte, Hannah, Kathy J., Stephanie, Jim, Jeannie, Matthew, Jane, Dick

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: for David Emineth, Shane Medley, Charles Lewis, Kenneth V Liston, and Parker Jones.