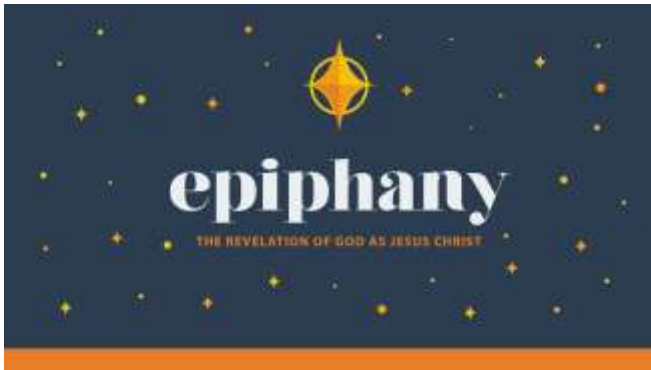


LAST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY
(Transfiguration Sunday)
February 15, 2026



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We acknowledge that the land on which
we gather is the traditional unceded
territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Alternative Services*.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Scripture Sentence

Processional “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” CP 381

Greeting

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

And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

While standing, as you're able, let us pray,

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires 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.**

Canticle “Glory to God on High”

CP 365

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

3 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.

Text Glory to God; para. Paul Gibson (1932-2022)

Music DARWALL, John Darwall (1731-1789)

Collect of the Day

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**Almighty God,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus.

¹² The Lord said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. [NRSV-A]

Hear God’s word for God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
 against the Lord and against his anointed?**
- 3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; *
 “let us cast off their bonds from us.”
- 4 **He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
 the Lord has them in derision.**
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
 and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 **“I myself have set my king *
 upon my holy hill of Zion.”**
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
 he said to me, “You are my Son;
 this day have I begotten you.
- 8 **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for
your inheritance *
 and the ends of the earth for your
 possession.**
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
 and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
- 10 **And now, you kings, be wise; *
 be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
 and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 **Lest he be angry and you perish; *
 or his wrath is quickly kindled.**
- 13 Happy are they all *
 who take refuge in him!

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from Second Peter.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice

was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. [NRSV-A]

Hear God’s word for God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn “*We Have Come*”

CP 166

- 1 We have come at Christ’s own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.
- 2 Light breaks in upon our darkness,
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.
- 3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.' [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop of Fredericton
Brief quiet time held for reflection

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People *Litany #3*

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Confession and Absolution

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THE EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

Offertory Hymn "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" CP 167

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While the church receives communion, in silence take this time to reflect or pray or sit in silence and to enable others to do so, and/or at any time to join in the singing of the following music:

“Lamb of God” *p. 226*

“Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord” **MP 50**

“Here, O my Lord, I see Thee”

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face
 Here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
 Here would I grasp with firmer hand thy grace,
 And all my weariness upon thee lean.

- 2 Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
 Here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
 Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
 Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

- 3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
 Another arm save thine to lean upon;
 Its enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
 My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

- 4 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace
 Thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God!

*Horatius Bonar (1808-89)
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Prayer after Communion *p. 214*

Blessing

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” CP 321 Postlude

Those serving today’s worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Bev Doiron, Sharon Titus
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Pam Boucher
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Joyce Mitchell
<i>Second Reader</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Archbishop David Edwards
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Susan Jack

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, Feb 15, 11:45 am HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	No Lunch School is closed
Mon, Feb 16, 11:30 am HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	No Lunch School is closed

Who’s serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

This week – the beginning of Lent – ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 pm we begin the journey of renewal. The season of Lent begins – it's ASH WEDNESDAY – in a service of **Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes**. Let us all come, one and all, to begin this journey together here at Good Shepherd.

As we continue to prepare for the journey of Lent, a journey of renewal in our faith and relationship with Christ and in which we prepare for the paschal mystery, we need to consider intentionally and what we will take with us on that journey. As it has been done down through the ages, we will be invited to take with us: **self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**, and by **reading and meditating on the word of God**.

Through these 'items' in our journey we will experience that spiritual renewal of our souls and the life-giving impact of God's presence in our lives. It's helpful, therefore, to think ahead about how 'using' these items in Lent will impact our daily lives.

There is no journey quite like it!

THIS WEEK

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| Mon, Feb 16, 6:00 pm | <u>Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474 |
| Wed, Feb 18, 10:00 am | <u>Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard</u> (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677 |
| Wed, Feb 18, 7:00 pm | Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes for ASH WEDNESDAY |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sun, Mar 8, noon | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING right after worship – a " <i>bagged lunch</i> " will be provided for all who attend! |
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FOR OUR WORSHIP AND LEARNING

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 18 *First Day of Lent*
Scripture readings Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Next Sunday – February 22 *First Sunday in Lent*
Scripture readings Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:10-19; Matthew 4:1-11

NOTICES

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***Happy Birthday this Week to:***

March 3 – Katelyn Pickel-MacDonald

March 8 – Bailey Anne Connors  
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Upcoming Election of Wardens and Vestry

At our Annual Meeting on March 8th, we need to elect two new **Wardens** as Terry and Susan have completed their term. The role of warden has some key components but tends to change according to the skills and interest of the person in the role. The main responsibilities include:

1. Support the incumbent in the wider mission of the church.
2. Ensure that the financial activities of the church including recording offerings, reviewing expenditures, signing cheques and creating tax receipts are taken care of.
3. Ensure a welcoming atmosphere for the congregation and visitors.
4. Ensure that the maintenance, safety and use of our church building and rectory are appropriate.

If you feel called to become a warden, you will have the support of a strong leadership team.

We are also looking for new **Vestry members** and are grateful for those who are willing to serve another term. Being on Vestry is a great way to learn more about your church.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry or Susan.

PRAYER

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of March 2-8

Mon: Prabin Yesuhasan, Esther Sheeba Rani and Family

Tue: Andrew and Barbara Aalund, and Sergiy

Wed: Ginny Abbott

Thur: Lynn Adams and Family

Fri: Programs of Gentle Path Counselling Services

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Elsie Rusling, Arlene Trask

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle

In February, we pray for marine safety, that the International Maritime Organizations and all the Marine Safety inspectors may be blessed in their efforts to ensure that ships are safe, and crews are well trained.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows best what we need! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson 672-8666

ASH WEDNESDAY
That's this Wednesday,
February 18th
7:00 pm - Imposition of
Ashes and Holy
Communion



Let us all come for this special occasion of worship to begin our Lenten journey together as a church family.

“To repent is to adopt God’s viewpoint in place of your own... In itself, far from being sorrowful, it is the most joyful thing in the world, because when you have done it, you have adopted the viewpoint of truth itself and you are in fellowship with God.”
—Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944)

May we each have a blessed and holy Lent!