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Voices of Faith at Faith

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To the beloved Faithful Islanders and beyond. The New Year, 2026, is upon us. **How will this year shape my Christian Faith? Will I be willing to allow myself to grow in Christ or will I just treasure keeping things the same and no allowing Christ to shape my life for the better?** Will those around me at home, at work, and in the larger community see the Light of Christ in me by how I live my life and how I treat others? And they will know we are Christians by our love? We have come this far by faith, even if it's the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of plant seeds.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR SAINTS!!!! May God bless us with a Prosperous Year Spiritually, Healthwise and Financially.



JANUARY 6th is The Epiphany of Our Lord.

Epiphany is on January 6th, the 12th day after Christmas, because it traditionally marks the day the Magi (Three Wise Men) arrived in Bethlehem to adore the infant Jesus, revealing His divinity to the world.



The name comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearance," celebrating Jesus's revelation as the Savior for all people, not just the Jewish people, and concludes the Christmas season for many.

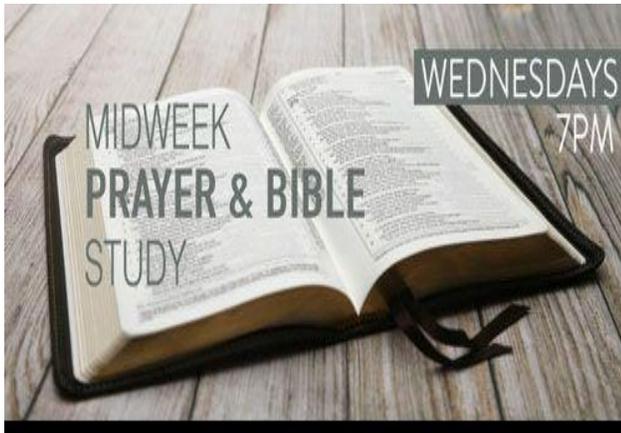
In the church, Epiphany (January 6th) celebrates the revelation (Greek: *epiphaneia*) of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, primarily marking the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) to the infant Jesus, signifying his manifestation to the Gentiles (non-Jewish people). It also commemorates Jesus' baptism and the Wedding at Cana, revealing his divinity, and launches the Epiphany Season (Epiphanytide), a liturgical period focused on Christ's divine nature and mission, with traditions like chalking doors and house blessings.

Key Aspects of Epiphany

- The Magi: The Wise Men from the East were the first Gentiles to worship Jesus as King, symbolizing that salvation is for all people, not just the Jews.
- Other Manifestations: While the Magi are central, the season also highlights Jesus' baptism (where God declared him Son) and his first miracle at Cana (turning water into wine).
- Theophany: In Eastern Christianity, the feast is called Theophany ("revelation of God") and focuses more heavily on Jesus' baptism.

(Thanks to AI for the brief summary of the Epiphany)

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Bible Study in 2026 will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We will not have the morning session due to low or no attendance on many weeks. Please note: Our fist Bible Study will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING THE JANUARY BIRTHDAY SAINTS:



- 01/01 Oliver Lee
- 01/10 Shirley Laport
- 01/14 Karen Hansen
- 01/26 J. Hite

Please let us know if we missed your birthday!!!

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

Jimmy Farr's family, Pastor Josh Knutson's family and his congregations (Christ Community Church, North Charleston and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Moncks Corner) after his untimely death, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Mike Shuey, Mikie Floyd, Ken Herns, Rick Hartley, Bobby Webb, Patricia Beruf, Reid Melton, Jay O'Neill, Phil Ammons, Pat Lane, Helena Bradford, Donna Porritt, Nettie Poulnot, Dolores Dukes, Matthew Sharbrough, Trisha Melton, Harry Rakowski.



THANK YOU SAINTS:

For the gifts of every kind you give to this ministry such as readers/communion set up and assisting and cleaning up/cleaning the building/fixing broken things/sharing your financial gifts/ushering/greeting/providing special music/acolyting/keeping the grounds taken care of/keeping financial records straight/planting flowers/social ministries serving the congregation and beyond...and many other ministries I am yet to learn about.

Thank you to the Saints who beautified our sanctuary with poinsettias.

Thank you to you Saints for the Christmas gifts to church staff. May God bless you abundantly.

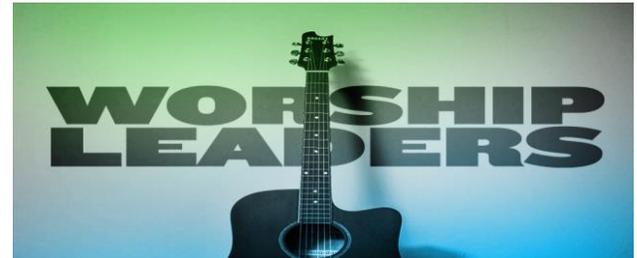
Abundant thanks to all the Saints who helped with the storing away of the Christmas tree and all that went along with it last Sunday (January 4th). I know it is a big production to put/take down the Christmas tree and all Christmassy things year in and year out. Thank you for your patience and thank you to the young people that stayed to help or stayed to just look at us work....

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**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS AND
INSTALLING CHURCH
COUNCIL...**

This coming Sunday, January 11th, we will be receiving new members and also

installing church council. I promise that it will not be as long as it sounds but will be fun for all of us. Come and See what God is doing in our congregation.

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SERVING – Sunday, January 11, 2026

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| Lector & Prayer Leader | David Lingle |
| Acolyte | Holden Ammons |
| Ushers | Jim Jones & Rick Brisbin |
| Communion Assistant | Sharon Hite |
| Communion Prep | Sharon Hite |

WORDS....

“SOURCES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN”

"The fight between yo mind and yo heart ain't no joke."

"Alexa, Knock the power out at work."

"Interviewer: 'So, tell me about yourself.
Me: I'd rather not....I kinda want this job.'"

"I just saw a mosquito with a coat on, they're not giving up!"

"No one will know I got this dress on clearance for \$10. Stranger: 'I like your dress! Me: Thanks! I got it on clearance for \$10!'"

Peace,
Pastor Thulie