

# EPIPHANY

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

## **St. Matthews Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

February 2, 2025

# Epiphany 4

Sunday, February 2, 2025

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

## Gathering

Prelude "Allegro" A. Pampani

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Thanksgiving for Baptism

\*Hymn 804 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

\*Greeting

\*Glory to God p. 213

\*Prayer of the Day

Duet "Sonata #8 in G major: Andante, Vivace" G. P. Teleman

## Word

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

Anthem "A New Commandment" J. Enns

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" p. 216

\*Gospel Reading Luke 4:21-30

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 644 "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer**

\*Peace

## Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving 307 "Light Shone in Darkness"

*Thanksgiving for the Word	p. 220
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father in heaven...</i> )	p. 221

## **Sending**

### General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 836 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

\*Dismissal

Postlude *"Offertoire du 3e Ton"* N. Lebegue

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**The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected.** God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister:** Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Lector:** Kim Schaner

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Dylan Siebert, Drew Aarssen

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

**Building Monitor:** Don Robins (519-502-2099)

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## Worship Notes

**In our prayers** George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

### Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

## General Announcements

**The 2025 Tithe Task Force is seeking a few more congregational member** volunteers to become engaged in this year's selection process. They would be recommending donations to worthy community charitable and not-for-profit organizations from the proceeds of the property sale a few years back. If you have an interest to serve in this capacity please contact Pastor Sebastian, Jim Treusch or Tim Schaner.

**Are you having trouble hearing the spoken word during the worship service?** The Broadcast Committee would like to remind you that there is an Assistive Hearing System available for your benefit. The system includes a battery-powered FM receiver and a set of headphones. If you have a favourite pair of your own wired headphones you can use them instead. Please ask an usher to provide you with one before the service. Alcohol wipes are available to sanitize before use.

**Church Breakfast Group;** We meet next on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome. Our speaker will be Shawn Hlowatzki, President of the Board of Directors for HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre. Since 1995 this non-profit organization has been providing support and resources to individuals affected by cancer. With local hospitals handling the medical aspects of cancer, HopeSpring offers a warm and inviting environment where individuals can focus on managing their mental and emotional well being through a variety of wellness programs which are offered free of charge. HopeSpring is now situated in the St. Matthews Church building. Shawn is a very engaging speaker who is eager to share his passion about HopeSpring's impact on our community. Thanks to all attendees who donate a Loonie (or more) each month to cover the cost of breakfast for the speaker. Because of your generosity we have accumulated a surplus of \$251.10 since September 2023. This money will be used to sponsor welcome baskets to the future tenants of the Indwell Magnolia Apartments. On Tuesday, March 18 Father Toby Collins from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, our downtown neighbour will speak to us about Tiny Home Takeout, their innovative program that provides high quality meals based on 'Grab a Bite. Give if You Can.'



## JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Get the newsletter and email updates on upcoming church events, announcements, reminders and service changes.

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**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US

**FEB. 7**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER & GAMES**

**5:30 -7:30 PM**

**RSVP BY FEB. 4 TO PASTOR CAREY**

**FEB. 9**

**BISHOP VISIT & LUNCHEON**

**FEB. 19**

**WINTER SOCIAL 1 PM - 3 PM**

**MAR. 4**

**SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER 5- 7 PM**

**MAR. 5**

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

**JAN. 26, FEB. 9, 23, MARCH 9, 30**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK THE  
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