

# EPIPHANY

CHRIST OUR LIGHT



## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

January 29, 2023

**Epiphany 4**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2023**  
*(\* indicates the assembly stands)*

**Gathering**

Prelude *"Passacaille"* F. Couperin

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 318 *"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"*

\*Greeting

\*Glory to God p. 167

\*Prayer of the Day

Duet *"Concerto in A minor"* A. Vivaldi

**Word**

First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Anthem *"What Does God Demand?"* S. Knarr

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

\*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 171

\*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 728 *"Blest Are They"*

\*Apostles' Creed p. 105

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

\*Peace

**Meal**

\*Offering Hymn 686 *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

\*Offering Prayer

\*Great Thanksgiving p. 172

\*Holy, Holy, Holy p. 173

*Thanksgiving at the Table IX	p. 68
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>"Our Father in heaven..."</i> )	p. 173
Lamb of God	p. 174
Communion Hymns 725, 715	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 546	<i>"To Be Your Presence"</i>
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>"Offertoire sur les grand jeux"</i> F. Couperin

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**Who are the blessed ones of God?** For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peace-makers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister & violinist:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Linda McLellan

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

**Violinist:** Lana Moses

**Choral Scholars:** Grace Mason Soucie, Laura Moolenbeek, Jacob Steinmann, Dylan Siebert

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

**Building Monitor:** Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

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## Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.

## General Announcements

**Update: West Tower Door for Emergency Only.** Due to the current demolition, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

**Fire Exits:** All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

**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.

## Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented to 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.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

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Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.



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