

**ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLE OF HOPE
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 25, 2026**

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 AM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 163

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

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PSALM 27:1, 5-13

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THE GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

Thank you for joining us at worship. Restrooms are available in our parish hall and in the Christian Education building.

Children's faith formation is available during the 10:00 am service for children 0 years old to 5th grade. In the Nursery, those from 0-4 years old learn songs, hear Bible stories, do crafts, as well as play and have snack time. If you do choose to utilize our nursery, we hope you will bring your children back into church to receive communion or a blessing. During the school year we have "Children's Chapel" for the first part of the service. Children can process behind the cross where they will exit to go the CE Building. The children will return to the church from Children's Chapel at the Peace. For both the nursery and Children's Chapel, adults are welcome to accompany their child if that would be helpful. Please see an usher if you have any questions.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to be fed at God's table. We use the "common cup" at St. Thomas. You can choose to eat your bread and sip from the chalice when it comes to you or you may hold on to your bread and dip it into the chalice when it comes to you. If you do not wish to receive wine, you may cross your arms over your chest. If you would like to come forward for a blessing, come to the railing and cross your arms over your chest to receive God's blessing. If you would like to learn more about the customs of our tradition, please contact The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr.

Please, fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and give to one of the clergy or the ushers so that we may greet you more formally in the days to come.

The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr, Priest in Charge of
Parish Life, Worship, and Pastoral Care
Tripp Hardee, Minister of Music
Dionne Greenlee, Parish Administrator
Mallory Abshire, Bookkeeper
Greg Washabaugh, Sexton
Dianne Jones, Nursery Supervisor

The Vestry

Chris Conner, Senior Warden

Lizann Roberts & David Castleberry, Co-Junior Wardens

Mitch Green, Treasurer Jane Gilchrist, Clerk

Joseph Bernard

Jennifer Calver

David Castleberry

Chris Conner

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Aria

by Paul Manz

THE OPENING HYMN

Praise to the living God!

Hymnal #372

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

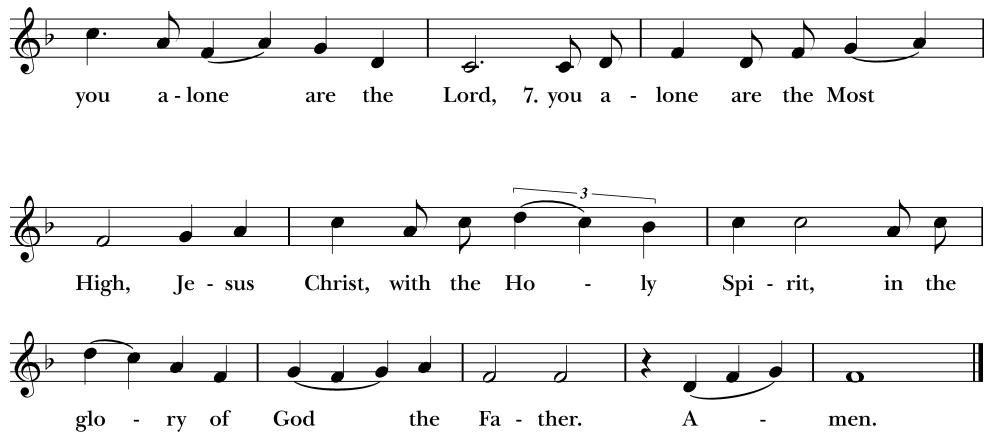
Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE GLORIA

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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,



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 215

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

A Reading from Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

**the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A Reading from First Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
 the people who sat in darkness
 have seen a great light,
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
 light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Litanist As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Litanist Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for world and local leaders and all those in authority. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for all who are in need of your healing power, especially those we name aloud or silently within our hearts (*brief silence*). Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

Litanist Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

Litanist Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE CONFSSION OF SIN

Celebrant says
 Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept
Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lead me, Lord

arr. Carlton Young

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Because in 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Thomas, Anna Alexander, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 FRACTION

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Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HYMN AT COMMUNION

I am the bread of life

Hymnal #335

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those unable to take communion today may pray this prayer

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
People **We who are many are one body as we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, that shall turn their hearts to the
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, that shall lift their hearts to the
 3. We've a mes-sage to give to the na - tions, that the Lord who reign-eth a -
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, who the path of sor - row hath

right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a
 Lord, a song that shall con - quer e - vil and
 bove, hath sent us his Son to save us, and
 trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples might

sto - ry of peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
 shat - ter the spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
 show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
 come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

Refrain

For the dark-ness shall turn to dawn-ing, and the dawn-ing to noon-day bright;

and Christ's great king-dom shall come on earth, the king-dom of love and light.

United Methodist Hymnal 569
 WORDS: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896
 MUSIC (MESSAGE): 10 8.87 with Refrain: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

March of the Priests

by Felix Mendelssohn

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lizann Roberts, and in celebration of Joe's birthday.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

*Acolytes: Crucifer: Karen Otto, Book Bearer: Sydney Calver, Children's Cross: Gabe Ochsner
Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 am) Dave White*

(10:00 am) Charlie Barrow and Susan Tutan-Gonzales

Lectors: (8:00 am) Dave White (10:00 am) Will Calver

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Jane Gilchrist

Ushers: (10:00 am) Stewart and Kelley Marshall

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 am) Robert Hughes

Worship Tech: Luke Varner

Altar Guild: Donna Dunn, G.

Nursery: Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar

Children's Chapel: Karen Otto and Kim T.

Cantors: Emma Reardon and Larry Roberson

Carole S. Linnemann and Harry Robertson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Sunday, January 25 | 11:00 am 5:30 pm | Annual Parish Meeting AA Meeting in the CE Building |
| Monday, January 26 | 10:00 am 2:00 pm 5:30 pm | Planning in the CE Building Open Play Mahjong with Martie Gay in the Parish Hall (Register at: IOH Mahjong FB page) Fashion Show Rehearsal in the Parish Hall |
| Tuesday, January 27 | 11:00 am 5:30 pm | Women's Bible Study Fashion Show Rehearsal in the Parish Hall |
| Wednesday, January 28 | 11:30 am 6:30 pm | Healing Service in the Chapel Choir Rehearsal |
| Saturday, January 31 | 11:00 am 5:00 pm | Funeral for The Rev. Liam Collins, St. Paul's, Savannah Parish Hall Rental |

The Rev. Colette will be out of town all week for continuing education at the Lombard Clergy Retreat at Epworth by the Sea. If you need assistance, please contact the office.

January Outreach

For our January service project, we are collecting grocery store gift cards for Unseen Guests. Unseen Guests is a mission of St. Thomas. They cook and pack over 200 meals once a month for the residents of Union Mission's Phoenix House, a 10-bed housing program for those living with HIV/AIDS that also offers short-term rental and utility assistance. Next time you're shopping, please consider purchasing a gift card (from ANY grocery store!) to help them replenish their pantry for the new year. Gift cards can be put in the box in the parish hall by January 30th.

February Outreach

On Super Bowl Sunday, we will be supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Coastal Empire, a non-profit organization that provides a restful, comfortable place for children and their families to find refuge and support as they receive medical treatment at our nearby hospitals. Housed on the campus of Memorial Hospital, we will provide a Super Bowl Party for the residents of their Ronald McDonald House. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for items and donations needed. Monetary donations can be made by cash, check. For more information and questions, please contact Betty Henderson at beatrice_henderson28@comcast.net. All donations are needed no later than February 6th.

Are You Interested in Crafting?

...Or maybe interested in learning how to do some fun, easy crafts, all while in the company of good friends? Then, please attend our meeting on Monday, February 2nd at 1:00 in the library, to talk about getting this started! We'll talk about things you might be interested in learning and doing. And if you have a crafting skill to share with others, bring it along! For more information, contact Marie Centgraf at (912) 667-7645

Acolyte Training

There will be an acolyte training session immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday February 8th. This is for all acolytes and LEMs. Some of the responsibilities are changing, so please attend even if you are a "seasoned" acolyte or LEM. If you are not currently serving in one of these roles but you would like to, please come to the training. We need more people to assist on Sundays. For more information, contact Billy Steinhauser at (912) 660-0375.

Newcomer Meet and Greet

If you are new to St. Thomas' we would like to get to know you a little better! Please join the Vestry and the Staff at our Newcomer Meet and Greet, Thursday, February 12th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 10th to Dionne, our Parish Administrator, at dionne@sthomasioh.org or call (912) 355-3110.

50/50 Raffle

In conjunction with the St. Thomas Thrift Store Fashion Show, raffle tickets will be sold throughout the month of January (after each service) and up to the night of the show. The lucky winner of half of the pot will be announced at the end of the show. The other half goes to the Thrift Store to help continue their mission. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per ticket. Cash or Checks (Payable to: St. Thomas' Thrift Store). Contact Stacie Bacon (912)220-2648 for more information.

