



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLE OF HOPE  
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE  
8:00 AM

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 165

*Celebrant* O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son  
didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we,  
beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened  
to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with  
thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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*People*        **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

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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

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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.

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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

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**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**  
**10:00 AM & 11:30 AM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Come, Share the Lord* arr. Mark Hayes

THE OPENING HYMN *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* Hymnal #423

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 217

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

A Reading from Exodus.

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.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 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.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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. 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. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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; \*  
**for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

13 Happy are they all \*  
**who take refuge in him!**

## THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

A Reading from Second Peter.

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. For he received honor 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." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

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. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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.” 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!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Melrose Leigh Williams to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

**People** **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
<i>Leader</i>	Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Open her heart to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Send her into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. <b>Amen.</b>

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

Melrose Leigh, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Melrose, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE CONFESSION 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

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

by Tom Fettke

### THE DOXOLOGY (10:00 am)

Hymnal #380

**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.**

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

*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 -

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*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 (10:00 am)

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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;

**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.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymnal #711

## 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

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hymnal #460

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

by David German

*The flowers are given by Lennie Barfield to the glory of God, in memory of Bettie Shore and W. Leon Barfield.*

*The flowers are given by Mitch and Millie Green to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptism of their granddaughter, Melrose Leigh Williams.*

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#### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

*Acolytes: Crucifer: Sheldon White, Book Bearer: Lela White, Children's Cross: Rawls Oschner  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 am) Dave White*

*(10:00 am) Karen Otto and Anne Quaile*

*Lectors: (8:00 am) Dave White (10:00 am) Alton Aimar (11:30 am) Bill Franklin*

*Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Rick Lantz*

*Ushers: (10:00 am) Sarah Berkman & Eleanor Foster (11:30 am) Bill Franklin*

*Vestry on Duty: (10:00 am) Bob Lupacchino (11:30 am) Tracy Edgar*

*Worship Tech: Tino Aguilar*

*Altar Guild: Marie Centgraf, Jane Gilchrist, Judy Holland, Lizann Roberts, and Elizabeth Varner*

*Hospitality: The Conner Family*

*Nursery: Dianne Jones and Barbara Arnott*

*Children's Chapel: Karen Conner and Kathleen Watson*

*Cantors: Elijah Green, Emma Reardon and Larry Roberson*

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 15	9:00 am	Bible Study in the Library
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting in the CE Building
Monday, February 16		<i>Office closed in observance of President's Day</i>
Tuesday, February 17	7:30 am	Unseen Guest Pickup
	9:00 am	Staff Meeting in the Library
	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study in the Library
	6:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Service with Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday, February 18	7:00 am	Imposition of Ashes- Chapel
	11:30 am	Imposition of Ashes- Church
	6:00 pm	Imposition of Ashes- Church
Thursday, February 19	6:00 pm	Women of St. Thomas' Meeting in the Parish Hall
Saturday, February 21	10:00 am	Growing into the Episcopal Church Class in the Library
	5:00 pm	Parish Hall Rental

#### Blessing Bags

This Sunday we will be putting together "blessing bags" for the unsheltered in our community. Blessing Bags include water, snacks, toiletries, and a gift card. Stop by the parish hall after any of the three services and fill up a bag for your car!

## **Women of St. Thomas**

The Women of St. Thomas will meet next Thursday, February 19, at 6:00 PM. This is an important gathering, and we hope all women will consider attending. As we look ahead to the coming months, it will take all of us pitching in—sharing our gifts, ideas, and time—to continue building God’s church and strengthening our community. We have many exciting things to discuss and plan, including the Easter Egg Hunt, Art Show, and Young Family BBQ, just to name a few. Your presence and participation truly matter, and we would love for you to be part of the conversation.

## **Upcoming Class: Growing into the Episcopal Church**

If you are new to the Episcopal Church—or would like to deepen your understanding of what it means to be Episcopalian, including our beliefs and traditions—please join us on Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. for a day of learning. Bishop Frank Logue, Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia, will be with us at St. Thomas’ on March 8th. Those who complete this class and have not previously been received into the Episcopal Church will have the opportunity to be formally received during the 10:00 a.m. service on March 8th. For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Colette.

## **Holy Crab**

Are you interested in reviving Holy Crab?! (If you know...you know!) Stewart Marshall is holding an interest meeting at 12:00 pm on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please come to the meeting if you’re interested in helping with this event.

## **Game Night**

We’re adding a new twist to our monthly Mahjong Night! Starting Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we’re expanding the fun with Mix, Mingle, and Play. Bring your cards, dominoes, tiles—whatever game you love to play. We’ll have card tables ready, along with sweet and salty snacks to keep the good times rolling. Come for the games, stay for the fellowship!

## **VBS Meeting**

Vacation Bible School is scheduled to begin on June 22. This year, we are considering offering VBS in the mornings. If you are interested in volunteering, please join us for our first planning meeting on Sunday, March 1, at 9:00 AM. We will meet in the meeting room of the Christian Education building.

