



Welcome to St. David's Episcopal Church

90 S. Main Street, Cranbury, NJ

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Liturgy of the Word

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Wasserklavier
Luciano Berio (1925-2003)

Brian Katona

Processional Hymn

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1982 Hymnal 7

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Salutation

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lesson Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

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

Psalm 112:1-9, [10] *(read in unison by half verse)*

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- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

[10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

Lesson 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

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

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
 3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: Dundee, melody *The CL Psalms of Davis*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Megan Thomas

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.

Prayers of the People

Reader	Merciful God.
All	Receive our prayer.

Confession of Sin *(the people may stand or kneel)*

Deacon	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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People	<p>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.</p>
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**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.**

Celebrant 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 keeps you in eternal life.
Amen.

Exchange of Peace

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

Children's Talk

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

Outreach Sunday

February's outreach will benefit Be The Light.

Offertory Music

St. David's Choir

God Be in My Head
Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A (the people may stand or kneel)

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Hymn

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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.

The Communion of God's People

One bread, one bod-y,

The first system of the hymn features a vocal line and piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, key of D major. It begins with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are "One bread, one bod-y,".

one Lord of all, one cup of

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are "one Lord of all, one cup of".

bles - ing which we bless. And we, though

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are "bles - ing which we bless. And we, though".

man - y, through - out the earth, We are one

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are "man - y, through - out the earth, We are one".

bod - y in this one Lord.

Last time ⊕

The fifth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are "bod - y in this one Lord." and "Last time" with a repeat sign. The piano accompaniment features a final chord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

1. — no more. One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One

D.S.

⊕ CODA

Lord. _____

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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.

Vestry and Search Committee Prayer *(in unison)*

Lord, we ask you to guide the members of our Vestry and Search Committee so that they may hear Your voice leading St. David's Church into the future to which you are calling us. Give them wisdom and insight into the qualities of leadership needed to best serve our precious church. Inspire also the person You intend to be our spiritual leader and priest. Give us all a sense of happy anticipation as we wait the one we know will be the right one according to Your plan for us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

1982 Hymnal 497

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
 phin adored, assumed our very nature;
 Conqueror, till all know thy salvation.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Tocatta in F Major
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Brian Katona

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Participants in the Services

8 am

10 am

Celebrant	The Rev. Megan Thomas	The Rev. Megan Thomas
Deacon	The Rev. Carol Patterson	The Rev. Carol Patterson
Director of Music		Dr. Brian Katona
Eucharist Ministers		Kim Elaine Neighbor Edmund Abramovitz
Lay Readers	David Miller	Kim Elaine Neighbor Chaplain Kate O'Connor Edmund Abramovitz
Intercessor		
Acolytes	David Miller	Ashley Astudillo Arleen Astudillo Leslie Terhune
Ushers		Larry Kraft Pat Kraft
Presenters		Joyce Hiscock Virginia Davis
Verger		
Counters		Pat Kraft Winsome Bailey

Welcome, Visitors! If you are a visitor or newcomer to our worship this morning, please print your name, address and phone number in the guest book in the Narthex. To learn more about the Episcopal Church or St. David's, please take a copy of our current newsletter located on the table by the guest book.

Free Wifi: Withopenarms

Birthdays this week: Winsome Bailey, and Auria Valverde

Wedding Anniversaries this week: Stephen & Jean Krupa.

Today is Outreach Sunday. The second collection today will benefit Be The Li9ht. This is a foundation established recently to help local young people with their mental health by providing a place to "just be". This youth drop-in center is in Hightstown. The foundation was started by the St. Phard family after the tragic loss of their son (and brother) Coby to suicide. The "9" in li9ht was his soccer jersey number. More details at <https://betheli9ht.org>.

J2A Souper Bowl Sunday – Today!

Our J2A is having their Annual Souper Bowl! Soup is available after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. Come early, as we often sell out!

Lunch & Learn Discussion Group

Our women's discussion group will meet on **Wednesday, February 11, at 12:00 p.m. in the Library**. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. We will be discussing Ch.1-8 of "*Wholehearted Faith*" by Rachel Held Evans. This is a brown-bag lunch, so please bring your own meal and join us for conversation and fellowship.

Please join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Meirs Hall and Lobby (eat in or take out)

Included (single order)

Pancakes (4 medium-large) * Gluten Free Upon REQUEST

French Toast Sticks (2) - Sausage (3) - Bacon (2) – Applesauce – Syrup & Dessert

DONATION – Adults (12-up) \$12.00 - Children (3-11) \$6.00 - Under 3 – Free

Please return RESERVATION/ORDER form by Sunday, Feb 15. Forms are located in the Narthex or see Kathy Herzog.



Ash Wednesday Services February 18, 2026

9:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service w/Imposition of Ashes

Noon Ashes to Go – (*no service – Imposition of Ashes only*)

7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist w/Imposition of Ashes

Please remember in your prayers those suffering with short-term illness: JoAnn, Eve C., Diane & Valla Family.

Please remember in your prayers those suffering with long-term illness: Pat, Rita, Erik, Fiona, Spencer, Ilona, Larry, Joyce, Tom, Judy, Skip, Kemi, Susan, Jim, Bob, Renee V., Henry, Ethan, Jordan, Beau, Helena, Devon, Lily, Gabriel, Nora, Ed, Marnie.

Pray for those in the Armed Forces who are serving at home and abroad: Gabriel, Luke, Stephen.

This Week's Calendar

- Sunday, 2/8:** J2A Souper Bowl
8 am Holy Eucharist II
10 am Holy Eucharist II, Church School, Choir
- Monday, 2/9:** 9:30 am / 10:30 am / 5:30 pm Jazzercise
- Tuesday, 2/10:** 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
7 pm Vestry Meeting
- Wednesday, 2/11:** 9:00 am / 10:30 am / 5:30 pm Jazzercise
9:30 am Morning Prayer
Noon - Lunch & Learn Discussion Group
7 pm Pentecostal Service
- Thursday, 2/12:** 8:30 am / 5:30 pm Jazzercise
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, 2/13:** 9:00 am / 10:30 am Jazzercise
Office Closed
- Saturday, 2/14:** 9 am Jazzercise
9 am – 5 pm New Life Fellowship
11 am – 6 pm NA
7 pm Pentecostal Service
- Sunday, 2/15:** 8 am Holy Eucharist II
10 am Holy Eucharist II, Church School, Choir

Looking Ahead

- Tuesday, 2/17:** 5 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Wednesday, 2/18:** 9:30 am Ash Wednesday Service w/ Imposition of Ashes
Noon – Ashes to Go (*no service – Impositions of Ashes only*)
7 pm Choral Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes

Please note: Self-help Meetings are held at various times during the week in Meirs Hall.
Please contact the office if you need any assistance locating a meeting.

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