Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
“A welcoming, loving, Christian community, committed to serving God, one another and our neighbors”.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany  10:30am      January 11, 2009

10:25am Prelude
10:30am Opening Hymn - “Shall We Gather”  LEVAS 141

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Liturgy of the Word
Opening Acclamation  (standing)  BCP 355
Collect for Purity  BCP 356
Gloria in Excelsis  S-280
Collect of the Day  (insert)
The Lessons
The First Lesson  (Genesis 1:1-5)  (insert)
Psalms 29  (sitting, Chanted in unison)
The Second Lesson  (Acts 19:1-7)

The Holy Gospel (standing)  (Mark 1:4-11)
The Sermon
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The Very Rev. Ross Jones
BCP 358

The Nicene Creed (standing)

Prayers of the People II
Confession & Absolution
The Peace (standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Hymn: “Glory Glory Hallelujah” (seated) LEVAS 130

Please stand as the ushers present the gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord
Response: And of thine own have we given thee.

Eucharistic Prayer B (standing or kneeling)

BCP 367

Prayer Requests & Concerns
(listed for one month unless otherwise requested)

One of our missions as a spiritual community is to offer, together, the prayers of each of us. To make this possible, we offer several opportunities.

Prayer Chain: Call Peggy Wilson 645-5880 and your prayer will be passed on to all those who choose this as their ministry.

The Prayer Box: Written prayers placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary, will be offered at the altar at the 10:30 worship on Sunday. All prayers put in the box are removed and burned at the Easter Vigil.

The Parish Prayer List: Speak to Rector, Secretary or Peggy Wilson if you wish to add a name. It will remain on the list for 30 days, but can be renewed at your request.

Our Prayer List for this week:

For healing: Terry Thompson, Charlie Sanders, Joe Connolly, Jim Edmonds, Ruth Smith, Anne Bruce (friend of Pat Magnus), Ronnie Simpkins (brother-in-law of Teresa Matthews), Beth Mangum (Rob Mangum’s mother), Fred Moring (Beth Mangum’s father), Anika Allen (staff person at My Sisters Place) Katy Singhas, Barb McQueen, Allyson Nichtern (daughter of Diane Pemberton) Eugenia Mackenzie (mother of Clare Barry).

For caregivers: Barbara Smith, Lynn Simpkins

For those who will be traveling: Kaye Butler, Bob & Pat Magnus

For those in the service: Wesley Magnus, Philip Magnus, Pete Wirth

For others for whom prayers have been requested: John Smith, Anna & Ross Dickerson (daughter & son-in-law of Pete & Lin Von Dreele), Linda & Stanley Sorrells (cousin of Claire Gillespie)

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: we pray for Porter, our Bishop, for Bob our retired Bishop; for Holy Family, Raineh; and Jhalda CNI Church, Purulia in the Diocese of Durgapur, India; Holy Family, Mills River.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: we pray for Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Katharine, our presiding Bishop, for Lebombo (South Africa).

Birthdays this week: Gene Vaughn, Lynda Miller, Ginny Lentz, Laura Smith & Miki Kilpatrick

For servant leaders: Carol (Sr. Warden), Larry (Jr. Warden), Pat, Anne, John, Carolyn, Julie, Bill, Lynda & Pete, (Vestry Members), Clare & Bill (Deacons), O.C., Bob, (Adjunct Priests).
Announcements for the week beginning January 11th

Today 01/11 – Adult Ed 9:30am – Eucharist 10:30am
Tuesday 01/13 – NA Meeting 6:30-7:30pm (Community room)
Thursday 01/15 – Kindermusik 9:00-10:00am
Friday 01/16 – Kindermusik 9:45-10:30am
Sunday 01/18 – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany – Adult Ed 9:30am – Eucharist 10:30am – Deadline for Mountain Spirit

The 8:30 service has recessed until Spring or until our new Rector arrives.

An Adult Bible Study on the Gospel According to John began today at 9:30am led by the Rector. Please speak to him if you would like to suggest a particular book.

Holy Spirit is in need of another Lay Eucharistic Visitor to take the Eucharist to those unable to attend services at Church. It is one of the most rewarding of all ministries. Please speak to the Rector if you would like to be trained to do so. Our shut-ins would love you for it!

The Lord’s Prayer

John Myers

Freely, with expression

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and for ever.
The Breaking of the Bread

A few moments of silence are kept after the breaking of the bread

The Communion

Priest: The gifts of God for the people of God
All those who seek Christ are welcome to come forward to receive communion, following the guidance of the usher. Hold your hands crossed palms up to receive the bread. You may reverently consume the bread and take a sip from the chalice of wine, or dip the bread in the wine, or pass by the chalice and return to your seat. “Amen” is the response after receiving each element. You may come forward to receive a blessing if you prefer, simply cross your arms on your chest. Those who wish to ask for special prayers are invited to go to the prayer station after receiving communion.

Communion Music: “Meditation for John 1 29-41” “Come Follow Me” (tune, The Water is Wide) with Robert John Gillespie on the fiddle

The grace of God is like a road
that draws the heart from its first home –
We long to go, but we hate to leave,
and the Spirit calls, “Come follow me.”

The voice of God is like the wind,
it comes and goes and comes again –
We read the signs in the bending trees,
and the Spirit calls, “Come follow me.”

The strength of God is like a stone;
it firms the will of soul and bone –
Still soul and bone grow worn and weak,
and the Spirit calls, “Come follow me.”

The hope of God is like the sun;
it shines until the day is done –
And the night stars rise in the East,
and the Spirit calls, “come follow me.”

The love of God is like a stream;
it fills and feeds our deepest dreams –
It finds a thirst and leaves a spring,
and the Spirit calls, “Come follow me.”

The peace of God is like a friend
who sees us through the journey’s end –
The road is long and the talk is sweet,
and the Spirit calls, “Come follow me.”

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Post-Communion Prayer

All: 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.

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Minister

Priest: We send you out to share communion with those who could not be with the gathered community.

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence. May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have in our Lord Jesus Christ

The Blessing

Hymn: “Wade in the Water” (standing) LEVAS 143

Announcements

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.