

# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:

Sunday, February 1, 2026 ♦ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



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We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Dick Briggs and Sara Schulz and in loving memory of Dick's mother, Eleanor Coon Briggs, on the anniversary of her birth.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

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## This Week at St. Francis

### **Sunday, February 1**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:00 pm Liturgy Lab

### **Monday, February 2**

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, February 3**

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)

### **Wednesday, February 4**

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group Meeting
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

### **Thursday, February 5**

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

### **Friday, February 6**

- 9:30 am Beaders Group
- 6:00 pm Lunar New Year Celebration (Parish Hall)

### **Saturday, February 7**

- 5:00 pm Harbor Connects Musical Fundraiser and Reception

### **Sunday, February 8**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

*The Prelude**Abide With Me*

arr. Moses Hogan

The Processional Hymn: Tell Out, My Soul ..... Hymnal #437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Un -  
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make  
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers  
 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word! Firm

5  
 num - bered known his  
 and do - might, the  
 is his min - ions lay their  
 prom - ise and his

10  
 bless - ings give my  
 min - ions lay their  
 prom - ise and his

14  
 spi - rit voice; ten - der to  
 arm has done; his mer - cy  
 glo - ry by. sure.  
 mer - cy  
 Proud hearts and  
 Tell out, my

me the prom - ise of his word; in God my Sa - vior  
 sure, from stub - born soul, the great-ness of the same; his ho - ly Name, the  
 wills are put to flight, the hun - gry fed, the  
 great-ness of the Lord to chil - dren's chil - dren

shall my heart re - joice.  
 Lord, the Might - y One.  
 hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 and for ev - er - more!

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The Opening Acclamation ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
 The Collect for Purity ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
 The Summary of the Law ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 324  
 The Kyrie ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 324  
 The Collect of the Day ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 164

The First Lesson ..... Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

“Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.”

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Response ..... Psalm 15 (Book of Common Prayer p. 599)

The Epistle ..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human

standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Sermon ..... The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 332

### The Welcome and Announcements

*Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:*

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 333

The Post-Communion Prayer ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Blessing and Sending Forth ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine ..... Hymnal #477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, didst yield the glo - ry that of  
 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; by thee the out - cast and the  
 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, who wast a ser - vant that we  
 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou art high ex - alt - ed o'er all  
 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord in heaven and earth that Je - sus

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right was thine, that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
 poor were sought; and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 might be free, hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 crea - tures now, and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
 Christ is Lord; and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

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1, 2, 3, 4. Final ending

— Al - le - lu - ia!  
 — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 — Al - le - lu - ia!  
 — Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le lu - ia!  
 A - men.

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## *The Postlude*

*Joyful, Joyful*

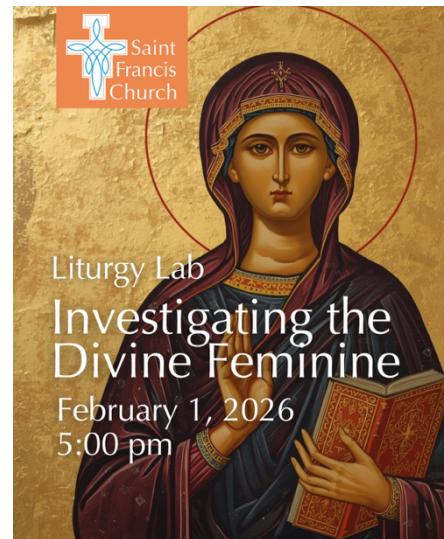
arr. Mervyn Warren

## Introducing Liturgy Lab

Join us for a special liturgy on February 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Is God feminine as well as masculine? Genesis 1:27 proclaims both male and female to be made in the image of God. However, we typically see and hear exclusively masculine pronouns and names for God in our liturgy on Sundays. This can create the sense that, even when we affirm that men and women are both created in God's image, males are, well, closer to God's image. What would it be like to hear and speak of God using feminine terms?

You are invited to come and explore this question in community at a special evening liturgy put together by our Discerner, Cara Nilsen with Fr. Jason as Celebrant.



The service will be followed by dinner, and a safe and welcoming discussion where we can process feelings or questions that come up for anyone.

All are welcome—come worship, wonder, and share the table with us.

## St Teresa's Lunar New Year Event – Celebrate the Year of the Horse



FRIDAY, February 6, 2026

St. Francis Parish Hall  
6:00 to 8:00 PM

\$ 10 Advance Purchase  
\$ 13 At the Door

Kids Under 4 are FREE!

**Dinner, Entertainment and Auction Fun for the Family**

# *An Evening of Music*

At St. Francis Episcopal Church  
2200 Via Rosa, PVE

**Feb. 7, 2026**

Starting in the main church at 5:30 pm  
**David Nemo Knight**, Musical Creator  
with special guest  
Musical Theatre Superstar, **Tamra Glaser**

Following in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm  
Dinner and Drinks

Music at 7:30 pm by  
the **HAZ B'ENZ**  
featuring  
Warren Dow, Ben Egan, Alex Sams and Eric Tanaka

Entrance fee: \$50 per person  
or \$80 per couple

Price includes music, two bar drinks, and dinner.

\* All proceeds go to Harbor Connects and the St. Francis Music Guild

## Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, and TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble:

Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Cери Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn & Dale Ghere, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susie Zimmerman, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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