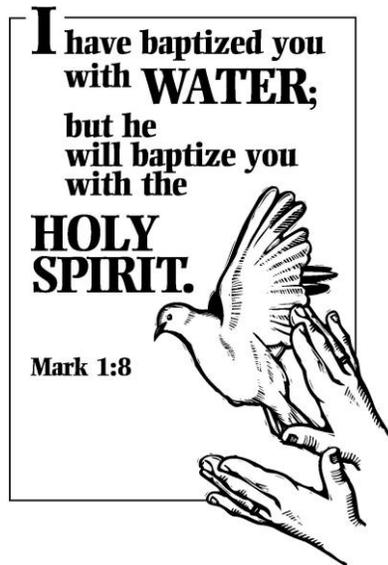


Saint Christopher Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio
The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio



The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Welcome!

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent,
for this is the house of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another during fellowship

So we may become friends and be strangers no longer.

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 7, 2018**

**The Celebration of Holy Communion
Ten o'clock in the morning**

Sunday School - 9:15 AM and 10:00 AM

Nursery Care - 10:00 AM

Enter to Know Christ – Leave to Make Him Known

~ *Hail Guest! We ask not what thou art; If Friend, we greet thee, hand and heart;
If Stranger, such no longer be; If Foe, our love shall conquer thee!* ~

The Prelude

Special Music

Melody Kelley

The Liturgy of the Word

All as are able, standing

The Processional Hymn: # 128.....“We Three Kings”

As the Wiseman are placed in the Crèche, the following antiphon is said:

Celebrant Nations shall come to your light.

People **And kings to the brightness of your rising.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

(in unison)

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First ReadingGenesis 1:1-5

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 29 *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading Acts 19:1-7

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All as are able, standing

The Gradual Hymn: # 121 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"vs 1-2

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: # 121 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"vs 3-4

The Homily **The Rev. Gregory Sammons**



Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

We present Evan Evelio Sanchez Mejia to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant asks the candidate

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that this 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.**

Celebrant asks the candidate

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.**

Celebrant addresses the congregation: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Evan in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with Evan who is committing himself 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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for Evan who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader Deliver Evan, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader We also remember those who have asked for our prayers:
 Judy, Thom, Carol, Toni, Daphne, Florence, Warren, Pat, Sandi, Joe, Frank,
 Jim and Ann, Vicky, Camden, Kelly, Jan, Bob and Doris, Zada, Melody, Jim,
 Nikki, and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying 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.

The Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit that he who is 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 Celebrant then pours water upon the candidate, saying

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Evan the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.**

Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

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

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

Evan, 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.



Parents: Nora Argentina Mejia Quezada and Evelio Arturo Sanchez Gonsalez

Godparents: Cynthia Jeanne Feltz
Antonio Franco Solorio
Xochitl Alonso Miramontes

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Peace

All as are able, standing.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer for a Birthday

(said in unison)

Watch over your child N., O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant proceeds (preface: Epiphany)

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:

(sing in unison)

The Sanctus

S-130 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

S-130 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (cont.)

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est."



The Celebrant continues

All as are able, kneeling, or standing.

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.

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 Mary and Joseph, shepherds and Wisemen, Christopher, 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.**

All standing, the Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(in unison)*

**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. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

A period of reflective silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem: S-164 "Jesus, Lamb of God"

The image shows a musical score for a fraction anthem. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." for the first system, and "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." for the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement.

S-164 “Jesus, Lamb of God” (cont)

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, Lamb of God' (continued). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

The Administration of Communion

The Celebrant says

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.

~ All are welcome to the Lord’s Table: open to all who come, so all may be fed. ~

The Communion Hymns: # 645 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

490 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

The Post Communion Prayer

All as are able, kneeling.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray *(in unison)*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Recessional Hymn # 119 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

The Announcements

The Dismissal

Go forth in the light and love of God,
giving glory to God in all that you do.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Postlude

“March of the Kings” (traditional)

Melody Kelley



Sunday Attendance

It is important that we are aware of how many people are in attendance on Sunday. So each month we show the attendance numbers. Remember, statistics indicate that to have a thriving and prosperous congregation, we need to shoot for 100 as the average Sunday attendance.

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
1 st Sunday	45	53	72	67	58
2 nd Sunday	62	59	48	57	64
3 rd Sunday	51	67	67	68	78
4 th Sunday	88	72	55	71	C'Mas Eve 103
5 th Sunday	n/a	n/a	68	n/a	54
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>357</u>



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ Altar flowers Sunday January 7 – given by previous donations.
- ☆ Sunday School Schedule
 - **9:15 Sunday School:** Third Grade and up.
 - **10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for Pre-K to Second Grade.
- ☆ Sunday January 7 – First Sunday after the Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

☆ **Tuesday January 9** – 6:30 – 8:00 Girl Scouts Fairborn Service Unit meeting.

☆ **Monday January 15** – **HOLIDAY** Martin Luther King Jr.

☆ **Tuesday January 16** – 10:30 meeting Fellowship Committee.

☆ **Sunday January 21** – **Annual meeting, elections, and Potluck.**

☆ **Sunday January 21** – Discretionary Fund offering

☆ **Sunday January 21** – ECW used book sale

☆ **Monday January 22** – Deadline for **February 2018 Lantern** articles and info.

☆ **Sunday January 28** – 4th Sunday for **FISH** donations.

☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – Tuesdays at noon a Healing Service with Holy Communion is held in the church proper. The service is open to anyone who wants to attend.

☆ **Thursdays – 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice**

☆ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher’s Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW activities, Prayer Chain, etc. *** **Please note: our cost for Altar Flowers is now \$25, so we are asking for a \$25 donation.**

☆ **OUTREACH** –Remember **Box Tops for Education**. Please continue with donations for FISH; they need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank – for 2 cents a meal.

☆ **Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email Joyce D'Allessandris to activate the Prayer Chain.
e-mail: dallessa@aol.com, phone: 254-0005.

☆ **The January Lantern** – is online at stchristophersfairborn.org.

☆ We are still collecting used printer cartridges. They can be recycled at the office supply stores. There is a plastic container in Christopher's corner for you to fill!!



Sunday January 21 – Congregational Annual meeting and Potluck.

Annual Meeting Notification

The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher’s will be held **January 21, 2018**. All commission and financial reports need to be submitted to the office by **January 8, 2018**. Those going off Vestry will be Judy Brainard (Junior Warden), and David Manship. At this time, we will need to elect two positions at large and the Junior Warden, and those who will be delegates to Diocesan Convention will be selected. Please prayerfully consider serving on the Vestry and being a delegate to convention. There will be, as usual, a potluck on that day. Annual Meeting information will be sent out on **January 12th** via e-mail. Hard copies will be available at the church for those not using e-mail.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Deb Snavelly.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**“Living the Great Commandment by Ministering to
Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

Celebrant	The Rev. Gregory P. Sammons
Worship Leader	Ann Volkmer
Chalice Bearers	James Lester
Acolyte	Iyabo Eguaroje
First Reader	Sierra Lester
Second Reader	Judy Brainard
Ushers	Ann Foster, Hayward Learn
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Judy Brainard, Telesa Learn
Altar Guild	Mel Bigi, Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Bob Bigi, Gordon Walbroehl
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