

**Where is the child who has
been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star
at its rising, and have come
to pay him homage.**

Matthew 2.2



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**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Epiphany Sunday**

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist & Choir Director

11.00 A.M.

January 6, 2019

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude **Taylor**
"I 'm Going To Live So God Can Use Me"

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude **Smith**
"He Is Lord"

Call to Worship **Antiphonal**
(Litany for Epiphany)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The light shines in the darkness,

People: *and the darkness did not overcome it.*

Leader: Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined.

People: *We have beheld God's glory as of the only Son of the Father.*

Leader: For to us a child is born,

People: *to us a Son is given.*

Leader: In him was life,

People: *and the life was the light of all people.*

THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

***Hymn**

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“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Call to Confession**

Wherever there is epiphany there is also darkness that hates the Light and tries to dispose of it. Let us confess the ways in which we have embraced the shadows and rejected God's vision of wholeness.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying these words: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Individual Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners, and through his grace we are freed to live without shame or anxiety.

Thanks be to God!

**Gloria Patri
The Peace**

#546

Offertory **Young**

"Pastel"

***Organ Response** **#552**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology** **#544**

***Hymn** **#174**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination **Unison**
All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading **Pew Bible pg. 690**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading **Pew Bible pg. 193**

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel Reading **Pew Bible pg. 2**

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon **Rev. Walkup**

"The Not So Wise Man"

THE RESPONSE OF LOVE

Invitation

Minister

The Great Thanksgiving

Responsive

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: Give thanks to God, for he is good.

P: His love is everlasting.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Petition

Words of Institution

Sacrament of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn**

INSERT

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

***Charge & Blessing**

Minister

***Response**

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"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

(Verses 1&2)

***Postlude**

Bach

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

****Please Stand if Able***

WORSHIP & COMMUNION TEAM TODAY: Nancy Brown, Jeri Stoehr, Giness Mumba

WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Colleen Frey, Sean Frey, Craig Frey

Bible Readings



SUNDAY: "God Of Restoration" Philippians 4:10-13
MONDAY: "The New Is Hers!" Isaiah 43:18-21
TUESDAY: "The Promise Of Forgiveness" Matthew 6:9-15
WEDNESDAY: "Look Around" Jeremiah 2:4-8
THURSDAY: "Restore With Love" Colossians 3:12-14
FRIDAY: "The Aroma Of Christ" 2 Corinthians 2:14-17
SATURDAY: "Answering Our Cries" Matthew 7:7-11
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *"If you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14 (NIV)*

Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Also pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Norman Coliane, Bob Knight, Charlotte Maegle, Tom Shearer, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Sherri Rodgers, Eloise Berglund, Dave Martin, Brenda Torrance and Rose Marie Neill.



The annual **Congregational Meeting** for the ordination/installation of officers will be **Sunday January 20, 2019**. All end of the year reports are due in the office by **January 10, 2019**. You can email the report to margiebupc@verizon.net.

There will be an officer's Training meeting on **Saturday, January 26th** from **9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon** for new and current officers. Lunch will be provided.



There will be a **Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** after **Worship Service** today. Stop down at **Fellowship Hall** for some delicious soup. **Eat- in or take-out.** Also please pre-order any large requests (3 or more) of soup and/or sandwiches the week before. Thank you.



There will be a **Session meeting** **Tuesday, January 8th** at **7:00 PM.** Copies of last month's minutes are on the hall table for the Elder's review.

There will be a **Deacons' meeting** next **Sunday, January 13th** after **Worship Service.**



The **Super Bowl Hoagie Sale** is underway. **February 2** will be the pick-up date. **Italian and turkey** will be sold. Sign-up sheets will be on the hall table or call the office to place your order. **Deadline for orders is January 27.** Thank you.



The **2019 Worship and Communion Team's Schedule** is on the **hall table.** Please note that the **2019 schedule** becomes effective **next week, January 13th,** starting with the **Second Sunday.** Thank you.

The **2019 Church Calendar** is on the hall table for distribution. Also, if you would like to order **flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one,** mark the **Flower Calendar** and fill out the registration and place on the offering plate or take to the church office. The fee is **\$40.00 for 2 vases of flowers.**

UPPER ROOM

The **January-February 2019 "Upper-Room" devotional booklets** are on the hall table and displayed in the narthex. The cost is **\$.50/booklet.**