

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Julie Ciuro

PRELUDE:

I. *Light of the World* - Franklin Ritter

II. *Prelude on MORNING STAR* - From "Kentucky Harmony", arr. David Paxton

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Psalm 118 says: This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Please remember to sign the attendance registers located in each pew. It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **God has called us into being and has given us good things,**

People: **as faithful followers of Christ we come to raise our praises.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PRAISE CHORUS:**

Hymn # 645 "*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*" (vs. 1)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**

**With healing balm my soul is filled, and ever faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to Yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer Him our hearts and souls, and return from His presence to live as He has taught. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is an insert in your bulletins, "All Beautiful the March of Days"

***HYMN** (see insert)

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

GOD IN NATURE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray...

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God whose mercy knows no limits, hear our prayers we bring today. We try to follow You faithfully, but often follow the crowd because it is easier. When we find ourselves tempted it can seem like those who give in do better than we do. Faith comes hard in our lives at times. Forgive us when we struggle to be faithful followers. Teach us Your ways and support us as we try to act on faith in all we do. (Please wait about 20 seconds, and then say,) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn #833 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” (vs. 1) ST. MARGARET

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

You may be seated and at this time would our youth please come forward. (If there are no youth (besides the regulars,) then just say “you may be seated.”)

TIME FOR YOUTH

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Gracious Father, make Your words accessible to each of us. Shine a light on the way we can use it to guide our daily actions. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Give the king Your justice, O God, and Your righteousness to a king's son.

People: May He judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice.

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

People: May He defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Leader: May He live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

People: May He be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

Leader: In His days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

People: May the Kings of Tarshish and of the isles render Him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

Leader: May all kings fall down before Him, all nations give Him service.

People: For He delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

Leader: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

People: From oppression and violence He redeems their life; and precious is their blood in His sight.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 60:1-6, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Page 690

Our special music today is a solo by Nina Swaney, One King

SPECIAL MUSIC: One King - Borders/Lowell, SOLOIST, Nina Swaney

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 2:1-12, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Page 2

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

KINGS OF ORIENT

You may be seated. Would Ransome Kanu, Pat Nash and Lori Gast please come forward.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

(Youth Elder – Ransome Kanu, Ruling Elders – Pat Nash and Lori Gast)

AFFIRMATION The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

It is now time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Prayer concerns and celebrations

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus* – CRUSADER'S HYMN, arr. David H. Hegarty,

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We thank You Lord for all the good things You give us. It is with gratitude for Your gifts that we return a portion for the work of Your church. Help us to always be thankful for the greatest gift ever given, the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, Your only Son. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 150**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** Hymn #700 vs 1

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *Another Year is Dawning* - AURELIA, arr. Mary McDonald

***Those who are able may stand.**

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Today’s flowers are donated by
Joan Christy

*Please join us for Coffee and Refreshments
following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Winter is here and our thoughts are with the homeless. We are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

Thank you, Faith in Action

BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

It's easy to find BOX TOPS, you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 12 at 10:00a.m. Please come and help us get everything put away. The more people we have helping us, the quicker we can get it done.

Thank You! The Worship Committee

POINSETTIAS

If you bought any poinsettias, this is the last Sunday to take them home. We will either give them to someone who wants them, or we'll throw them away!

Thank you, Pat Nash

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

SATURDAY

10:00 AM Take down decorations

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Millie Allen

Tom Price needs continued prayers

Continued prayers for Bill and Nina Swaney

Bill's father, Bill Gast

Sue Fitch

Continued prayers for Joan's nephew, Ryan McNeil

Makia and Mireille Epie

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Joan's sister Shirley Gearheart and her kids

Irmagene Mitchell

Steve Rangel

Bob Drury

Bruce Allen

Prayers for those who are unable to go to church, but would love to

Joe's friend, Kevin Kimsy – he had a stroke and has other medical problems

Pray for Russia – Christians can't share Christ in public

Travel mercies for Okoro, he went back home for 2 weeks

Karla Krueger, she has M.S. and is very sick

Mireille's co-workers

Fires in California

Carolyn Douglas – recovering from knee surgery

Nancy's granddaughter is being deployed for 4 months to an unknown location

Howard and Cathy McCreary and family

Cora Marsaw is having some tests done, pray for a good outcome

CELEBRATIONS

Mike and Josie Keffer were here for Christmas, and returned home safely

Chikezie and Nnennaya's 40th Anniversary party

Chikezie and Nnennaya want to celebrate the church and they want to celebrate that their children are going to continue their foundation

Elizabeth celebrates that Julie Adkins was here, and she celebrates her message

Celebrate the church in 2018 and may it continue in 2019 and beyond