

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 6, 2008 10:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

**People: They shall mount up with wings like eagles,**

Leader: They shall run and not be weary,

**People: They shall walk and not faint.**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, let us worship the Lord our God.

**\*SONG OF EPIPHANY** 66 We Three Kings of Orient Are

#### AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

**\*CONFESSING OUR FAILINGS** (all together)

**Eternal God: you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can't forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong, and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**\*A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*DECLARING AND HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Hear the good news! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

**People: He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*All who are able may stand

**\*GIVING GLORY TO GOD**      579      *Gloria Patri*

**\* EXCHANGING THE SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

**Leader:**      The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:**      **And also with you.**

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

**LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (unison)

**Judge eternal: in your purpose our lives are lived, and by your grace our hopes are bright. Be with us in the coming year, forgiving, leading, and saving; so that we may walk without fear, in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**      Isaiah 60:1-6

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**      Matthew 2:1-12

**SERMON**      "One of You"

-Dr. Lance Brown

**RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**A BIDDING PRAYER FOR THE COMING NEW YEAR**

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**People:** **Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us to pray: let our prayers for others be the kind you want, and not just ways of getting what we want, who already have so much in Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray for the world.

**People:** **Lord of all the worlds that are, Savior of all people: we pray for the whole creation. Order unruly powers, deal with injustice, feed and satisfy the longing peoples, so that in freedom your children may enjoy the world you have made, and cheerfully sing your praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray for the Church.

**People: Gracious God: you called us to be the church of Jesus Christ. Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together, and telling good news to the world; so that all may believe you are love, and live to give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray for peace.

**People: Eternal God: send peace on earth, and put down greed, pride, and anger, which turn against each other and set nation against nation. Speed the day when wars will end and all people call you Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray for enemies.

**People: O God, whom we cannot love unless we love our sisters and brothers: remove hate and prejudice from us and all your people, so that your children may be reconciled with those they fear, resent, or threaten; and live together in your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray for those who govern us.

**People: Almighty God, ruler of all people: direct those who make, administer, and judge our laws; the President of the United States and others in authority among us; that, led by your wisdom, they may lead us in the way of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray for world leaders.

**People: Great God our hope: give vision to those who serve the United Nations, or govern people; that, with goodwill and justice, they may take down barriers, and draw together one new world in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray for the work we do.

**People:** Manage us, wise God, by your Spirit, so the work we do may serve your purpose, and make this world a good home for all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray for the sick.

**People:** Merciful God: you bear the hurts of the world. Look with compassion on those who are sick; cheer them by your word, and bring health as a sign that, in your promised Kingdom, there will be no more pain or crying; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray for those who sorrow.

**People:** God of comfort: stand with those who sorrow, especially those who have lost a loved one this year passing by; that they may be sure that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall separate them from your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray for friends and families.

**People:** God of our fathers and mothers: we praise you for all your servants who, having been faithful to you on earth, now live with you in heaven. Keep us in fellowship with them, until we meet with all your children in the joy of the Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Prayer*

**All:** Mighty God, whose word we trust, whose Spirit prays in our prayers: sort out our requests, and further those which are helpful, and will bring about your purpose for the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRESENTING GIFTS TO GOD

### OFFERTORY

**\*PRAISING GOD'S GOODNESS**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

**O God, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshipped a newly born baby, so also we bring offerings in praise of him whom you sent. The star that we follow is the light of Christ's teachings, calling us to be faithful in service to all in need. Accept what we earn, the products of our creative energy and talent. Let this be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we bring. By our gifts may a sad and needy world be enriched and comforted. Amen.**

**SHARING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**\*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**\*A COMMUNION SONG:** 63 As With Gladness Men of Old

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD**

**\*A SONG OF EPIPHANY** 29 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**\*THE BLESSING OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)*

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Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lance Brown  
Guest Organist: Bruce Jacobs  
Usher: Tim Miller  
Layreader: Dick Fischer  
Counters: Bob & Marsha Barnhart  
Building Check: Worship  
(January 13<sup>th</sup> – Personnel – January 20<sup>th</sup> – Church & Society)

## SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome all who** worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

**Large print copies** of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

**Phonic Ear hearing assistance** program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

**Prayer Request Cards**, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

### CHILD CARE

**Infant/Toddler Nursery Care** during worship is provided for your children.

### CALENDAR

Today	January 6	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion Rev. Lance Brown preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Tues.	- January 8	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Sun.	- January 13	10:00 a.m.	Worship Gladys Gifford preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bruce Barrows ♦ Marion Bartnik (The Fiegls) ♦ Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Dick Fischer ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Ollie Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Pam Setzer (The Fiegls) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Betty Sroczyk ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam)

Chris Kalinowski ⊕ Matthew Jones ⊕ Bill Cenkner Jr. ⊕ Patrick Baskerville ⊕ Sammy Russo ⊕ Kimberly Trudeau ⊕ Steve Odebralski ⊕ Jason Zimmerman ⊕ Andrew Zalikowski ⊕ Nick Turvey ⊕ Kristen Pelc ⊕ Ben Schauss ⊕ Phillip Schott ⊕ Josh Winkler ⊕ Russell Molnar ⊕ Pat McCullough ⊕ Ryan M. Ratigan ⊕ Larry Lloyd ⊕ Joshua Feldman ⊕ Dan Dudziak ⊕ David Ferg ⊕ Zachery Goggins ⊕ Alison Lankes ⊕ Eric Brown

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:  
The Chryniewicz Family   Elisabeth Helman   Jim & Deanna Pagliaccio   Pearl Weber