

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 4, 2008 10:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PREPARATION As we begin the new year, loving Creator, give us guidance and the willingness to follow where you lead.

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 *The Three Kings* -Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shout out God's praise!

People: The One we seek has come to us.

Leader: Arise, shine with God's light!

People: The One who brings peace is among us.

Leader: Arise, give thanks, let your hearts rejoice!

People: The One who brings God's love is alive with us.

*HYMN 61 *What Child is This?*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

God of glory, you send out your love as a beacon, that all may find their way to you. All too often we see only our own shadows, and take pleasure in the stature we assume, sure that we are the keepers of the light. We are surprised - even frightened - when others come to your light, bringing their gifts in ways that are different from ours. Forgive our down-turned eyes, O God. Lift our heads to see Jesus Christ the light of the world. Take away our fear and fill us with wonder, that we too may worship him with all who come.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*All who are able may stand

***RESPONSE** 579 *Gloria Patri*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM *Three Men On Camelback* -Ker

SECOND READING: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON *Follow the Star* - Elder Richard Jones

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (all together)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

***HYMN** 66 *We Three Kings*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all together)

**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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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)

We reach for the boundless riches of Christ, even as we give the tithes and offerings we have pledged. An abundance of things does not satisfy, and the wealth of nations cannot buy peace. Therefore, we join our efforts in the church to make a difference in the world, not through instruments of oppression but through the power of love. Employ our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** 36 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 538 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* vs. 1

POSTLUDE

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

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Guest Preacher: Richard Jones
Usher: Tim Miller
Greeters: Diane Molnar
Counters: Bruce & Linda Barrows
Building Check: Administration & Finance
(January 11th – Faith Education – January 18th – Worship)

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 4	10:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon.	- January 5	6:30 p.m.	All Committee Night
Sun.	- January 11	10:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

Please note there will be no Sunday School classes today. Children should remain upstairs with their family.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members of our congregation

Bruce Barrows ♦ Marge Edington ♦ Dawn Dulski ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert
Pastor Bronwen and her family as they mourn the death of her father, Isaac
Woodson

Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona
Wojcik) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy
Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦
Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy
Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr)
♦ Barry McCaskey (Helen Sommer) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Marguerite
Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ *Dee Dee Labby* (Cheryl Labby) ♦
Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve
Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh & Dave Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Abigail Nathlich and her
parents (Marcy Partacz) ♦ Erv Noblett (Diane Molnar) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦
Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ *Kathy Reinard* (Sue Piersa) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer
(George Shaffer) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Annalynn Surace (Sue Piersa) ♦
Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakenham)

Service Men & Women

Chris Kalinowski ⊕ Matthew Jones ⊕ 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 ⊕ Erik 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:
Bruce & Linda Barrows Nancy Galley The Messoro family The Saeli family