

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 6, 2019 9:00 A.M. and 11:15 A.M.

\*Those who are able will please stand.

**Bold print** = Congregational participation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TRANSITIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

\*MOMENT FOR GREETING

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

(Let the Congregation prepare for worship with silent prayer.)

PRELUDE *Moderato* Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT *The Call* Alexander Brent Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

**Darkness has been banished!**

God's light of hope floods the earth.

**God's light comes to us all.**

Lord, make us ready to journey to this light.

**Prepare our hearts to receive this light. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 85 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION (Including Personal Reflection)

LITANY OF CONFESSION (Responsive; Hymn 570)

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and inactions. Lord, we walk in the darkness;

**(sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We confess that we have shrunk from your glory and shown our smallness of vision. We recognize that in Christ Jesus our light has come, yet so often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore that light. Lord, we walk in the darkness;

**(sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We confess our pride and smallness of vision. We have put faith in our own tribes in place of your kingdom. We confess we have failed to reflect your light. But we sulk in the darkness of selfish circles, protecting our interests, insisting on our own way, building our own kingdoms. Lord, we walk in the darkness;

**(sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gracious God, forgive our sins, and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.

Lord, we walk in the darkness;

**(sung) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

(Silence is kept.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Together)

**God, you are with us and encourage us with your grace. We are forgiven in Christ and illumined by your Spirit, O God. May we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 546

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

"The Jesse Tree"

(Children 3K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for the Children's Worship Service during the 11:15 service. McArn Bldg., Room 40)

ANTHEM *Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come*

Allen Pote

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Holy Terror"

Reverend Jim Burton

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN NO. 138

*Light of the World, We Hail Thee*

\*THE NICENE CREED

Hymnal, page 12

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, page 12

(In joy and in sadness... **we do not walk alone.**)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Music

*Adagio*

Rinck

\*The Doxology

Hymn No. 544

\*Prayer of Dedication (Together)

**God of extravagant love, fill our spirits with your love and place upon our hearts your call to serve all in the name of Christ. We ask that you dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful service and ministry. Amen.**

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 499

*The Morning Light Is Breaking*

\*THE CHARGE (Together; Howard Thurman)

**When the song of the angels is stilled**

**When the star in the sky is gone**

**When the kings and princes are home**

**When the shepherds are back with their flocks the work of Christmas begins:**

**to find the lost; to heal the broken; to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner;**

**to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among the people; to make music in the heart.**

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

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**Welcome visitors and guests.** We are glad that you have come to share in worship with us.

A Nursery for small children is available during the worship service in McArn Building, Room 38.

# CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

January 6, 2019

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Sunday School
	11:15 AM	Worship Service
<b>MONDAY</b>	10:00 AM	Member Care
	11:00 AM	PWCT
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:30 AM	PW Circle 2
	2:30 PM	PW Circle 1
	5:30 PM	CE Meeting
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3:15 PM	Choir+Plus/Pioneers
	5:45 PM	Supper
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir

**USHER CAPTAIN:** 9:00 A.M. Mike Satterwhite 11:15 A.M. Jody Kelly  
**GREETER CAPTAIN:** 9:00 A.M. Art Maxwell 11:15 A.M. Eric Rundlett

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

**MEMBERS:** Bettysue Webber, Susan Brimmer, Ruth Anne Pullum, Susan Marshall, Jim and Gail Sinclair, Maria Brimmer, Brett McLeod, Liz Outlaw, Dr. Curtis Watkins

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Lou Beth Kelly (Jody's mother), Jim Holmes (friend of Serena Ogburn), Betty Whitman (Debbie Herman's mother), Collins Watts (child – friend of Prestages), Amy Mulvaney (friend of Susan Coble), Lyn Everngam (Betsy McLeod's sister-in-law), Debra Taylor, Alisa K. (friend of the Blanks), Caitlin Siems (the Outlaw's granddaughter), Tammy Clay (Dan Outlaw's sister), Parkin and Emily Thomas (John Thomas' parents), Linda Cleveland (Lyn Bradley's niece), Anna Moody, Tami Hames (friend of the Satterwhites), Don James, Isabelle Donovan (friend of the Deals), Judy Lefferts, Scott Gibbes, Terry Steele (friend of the Shaylors), Tim Hoyt Duncan (friend of the Shaylors), Jeff Tindall (friend of Cathy Floyd), Leigh Ann Mellichamp (friend of Cathy Floyd), Wanda H. Hein (friend of Lindsay and Angie Guy), Anna Ruth Cox (relative of Jim Moody & Jamey Price), Chela Gomez (friend of the Hokes), Tatum Stidham (granddaughter of Steenrods), Lyn Neil (Jan Massalon's cousin), Rev. Frank Neil (Jan Massalon's uncle), Clara Fife (Lisa McCaskill's mother)

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Contributions Last Week (Dec 30-31) \$14,703  
 Weekly Budget \$10,230  
 YTD Budget \$531,960  
 YTD Contributions \$498,752

## 2019 PLEDGE STATUS

Pledges Received To Date 102  
 Amount Pledged To Date \$417,164

## BYG - Bethesda Youth Group

No youth meeting today.

Rake-N-Run with dinner at San Jose - Sunday, January 13th 3:00-6:30 Bring \$5  
 Youth of Faith - Community Wide Youth Group, Sunday January 27th 5:30-7:30

## CCM FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

They are in desperate need of jelly, canned leafy vegetables, and canned potatoes. You can drop off items at the church or at the pantry. They also need volunteers to help stock and distribute food items. The contact number is 432-1431.

## HEALTH CABINET

Monitor your blood sugar by getting a glucose blood test. Come by on Monday mornings or during **Coffee Fellowship** Sundays. Don't wait for signs of diabetes

## PASTORAL INFORMATION

Pastor Jim is available for pastoral visits, conversation, personal visits most any time.

Call his cell phone to make sure that he's available. 803-225-4051

**He will also be available at the baptismal font for personal prayer and voluntary anointing at both services.**

## 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Members who requested dated/numbered offering envelopes for 2019 may pick them up on the table outside the church office.

## \*\*ELDERS ELECT MEETING\*\*

The elders elect will meet during the Sunday School hour today in the conference room located near the church offices. The schedule for the next month of study will be determined. I thank God for you.

Pastor Jim

## SACKS OF LOVE

Monetary donations are welcome and needed to fill any shortfalls that we may have in donated food items. Anyone interested in volunteering to help shop, pack or deliver to the school this year, please email Dee and Neal Blank, Jr. at [nealdeblank@aol.com](mailto:nealdeblank@aol.com).

Items needed:

\*All should be individual serving sizes with pop-tops or tear-off lids\*

Tuna, chicken, spam	Peanut butter or cheese crackers
Beanie Weenies	Ramen noodles
Spaghettios, Beefaroni, or other canned pasta	Vienna sausage
Poptarts	pudding cups
Raisins	Instant oatmeal
Soup	Instant grits
Individual cereal boxes	Fruit or applesauce cups
Canned vegetables	Juice boxes