

balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

11:00am

**asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able*

please turn your cell phones to silent

Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

***Call to Worship¹**

Erich Shultz

One: Arise! Shine! The glory of God has risen upon us!

All: Glory of God, fill this sanctuary, dispelling the darkness that stalks our souls.

One: Arise! Shine! God's light shines to illumine the path for the coming year.

All: Light of God, shine Your everlasting light that we may follow Your signs, be astonished at Your wonders, and faithfully follow where You lead.

***Hymn 151**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

KINGS OF ORIENT

Confession²

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: God who leads us, we admit to You that we fail to look for the signs of Your presence and Your guidance which are all around us. We cling to our fears, our proud opinions, and our apathy towards change and renewal. Forgive us. Create in us clean hearts. Renew right spirits within us. Give us willing, responsive hearts and minds. Make us fit for this new year of walking daily with You. Guide us as You guided the wise ones who followed the star to lay their gifts and treasures at the feet of the Christ child.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Congregational Response Hymn 155

"Raise a Song of Gladness"

JUBILATE DEO

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Rev. Carla Meisterman

***Congregational Chorus³**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator We are family, Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now;

With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Musical Offering

"Beautiful Savior"

Michael Burkhardt

Congregation joins on verse 4:

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

Prayer for Illumination

Erich Shultz

Centering Silence...*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12

Erich Shultz & Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon

"From Radiant to Refugee"

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Silent Reflection...*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

Hymn 153 *(please remain seated)*

"In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"

IN BETHLEHEM

Choir will sing verse 1. Choir and congregation will sing verses 2-5.

The Prayers of God's People

Erich Shultz

Offering

Erich Shultz

Please place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

Offertory

*Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Usher

Commissioning of Volunteers to Cistern Ministry

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Communion

Rev. Carla Meisterman and Ruling Elders

Cathy Bailey, Kristen Gurlen, Susie Knight & Mary Schmitz

At the elders' invitation, please come forward row by row to receive communion by intinction. Exit your row to your right, come forward to the elders holding the bread and cup. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and place it in your mouth. Return to your row from the left side.

*Hymn 154

"Jesus Entered Egypt"

KING'S WESTON

*Charge & Blessing

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Benediction Hymn

"Lord, Let Us Leave Now"

Old English Tune

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**

Though we have some questions, our faith in Thee is sure.

We know Thou art with us; Thy way will endure.

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**

announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **XPUJIL, MEXICO CISTERN MINISTRY** volunteers will be commissioned in worship this morning. This year's volunteers to be commissioned are Kay and Scott Dawson, Janice Hill, Beverly and Bill Hooker, and Jane and Tom Schneider. The Schneiders will be heading to Mexico January 8, and the rest will be travelling February 5.
- **RESERVATIONS** for the *Tapestry Presbyterian Leadership Training event* are due to Kristen Gurlen by **Monday, January 7**. The training session is Fri. & Sat, Jan. 25 & 26, 2019. There will be carpooling from the church for Saturday events. For more information, contact Kristen or Carla.
- **BOOK CLUB** meets Tuesday, January 8, at 1:30pm in the Office Conference Room.
- **OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING** will be Tuesday, January 8, at 5:30pm in the Library area.
- **REV. CARLA MEISTERMAN** will be out of town serving with Synod of Living Waters matters from Wednesday, January 9, through Saturday, January 12. **REV. ANNE HAGLER** will be on call during that time. You can reach Anne at 901-628-2104 or anneh6616@gmail.com.
- **SESSION REMINDER:** The January Session meeting will be right after worship on **January 13** in Conference Room C. (Note the special date and time.)
- **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** meets Monday, January 14, at 6:30pm in Conference Room C.
- **SIGN UP for the FOOD SORT** on Thursday, January 17, at 5:30pm. Volunteers will meet in the church parking lot to travel to the Mid South Food Bank. The group will have dinner together after the sort.
- The **OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, January 21, for the **Martin Luther King** holiday.
- The **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held after worship Sunday, January 27. Following the meeting, there will be **Sunday Soup Day** lunch. Bring your favorite soup to share. Tea & lemonade will be provided.

¹Call To Worship adapted from "Epiphany Call to Worship and Invocation," Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church, ©2019. (www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/epiphany-call-to-worship-and-invocation)

²Confession adapted from Bruce Prewer, "Confession and Assurance: Epiphany," on re:Worship, Dec. 26, 2011. (re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/confession-assurance-epiphany.html)

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prayer concerns...

birthdays...

JANUARY: Frank Carney (7), Mona Kernan (11), John Jones (12), Cecil Rousseau (13), Sandra Lamb (13), Do Kaiser (18), Kathrine Getske (19), Jerry Sparger (19), Janie Pearson (21), Dorothy Stockdale (21), Janice Hill (23), Glenda Ellis (29), Bob Kaiser (29)

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