

Epiphany
JANUARY 6-7, 2024

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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

Today's Bible Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6	Pew Bible p. 602
Ephesians 3:1-12	Pew Bible p. 950
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Pew Bible p. 464
Matthew 2:1-12	Pew Bible p. 783

Today's Message

"Our Journey Forward"

by Rev. Ralph Mineo

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Psalm 72:11

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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Sandy Alwens, and Nancy Varner.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Amy Nupp, Michelle S., Rev. Rhodes and family as they mourn the loss of Owen Jr., Natalie Zimmerly, David Gaston, Michelle S., and Carol B.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Glicerica Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., Ian Minner, and Jason Beeler.

Other prayer requests: The congregation of St. John's to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

Choir Rehearsals: Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, January 7th. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:00 AM and the Bell Choir at 11:15 AM. New members are welcome. Start the New Year with a resolution to sing and ring for the Lord.

Annual Congregational Meeting: following the 10 AM worship service on Sunday, January 21st.

First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion Retreat being hosted by Rev. Mineo has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 13th, with First Holy Communion being held on January 14th. This retreat is intended for students in 4th grade and above who have not yet received communion.

We welcome Janel Anderson and Molinda Kearns into membership today.