
We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

– C.S. Lewis

Prelude “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” Woodward

***Gathering Words** *John 1:1-5 (CEB)*

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

The Word was with God in the beginning.

Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.

What came into being
through the Word was life,

and the life was the light for all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't
extinguish the light.

We come, seeking both light and life.

Let us worship the Lord.

***Gathering Hymn #127** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Call to Prayer

As we continue to live in the light of the Christmas star, we are reminded – that even if we have put our Christmas decorations away – the Light has not gone out of the world. For the Light that is also the Life, is still in the world. In the knowledge of this promise, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Jesus, Light of the World, you bring light to that which we would prefer remain hidden. In the corners of our hearts, we have secreted away the things we do not want you to see.

Our closets are full of our insecurities and grudges.

We try to sweep our jealousies and prejudices under the rug.

We decorate our lies with good intentions.

But the light shines in the darkness, and we choose to recognize the light.

silent confession

Merciful God, even when your light hurts our eyes, we welcome it in our lives.

For your light brings us life. Your grace heals our darkness. Amen.

Words of Light *John 8:12 (CEB)*

Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Our Response #673 “Jesus, Light of Joy” *verse 1*

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

God's Word Comes Alive

Prayer for Illumination – *from John 8:12 (CEB)*

Light of the World, shine upon your word so that it may be life to us. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophets Isaiah 9:1-7 (NRSV)

9 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Carol of the Star”

Moore

A Reading from the Gospels John 8:12-20 (CEB)

¹² Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, “Because you are testifying about yourself, your testimony isn’t valid.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true, since I know where I came from and where I’m going. You don’t know where I come from or where I’m going. ¹⁵ You judge according to human standards, but I judge no one. ¹⁶ Even if I do judge, my judgment is truthful, because I’m not alone. My judgments come from me and from the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the witness of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am one witness concerning myself, and the Father who sent me is the other.”

¹⁹ They asked him, “Where is your Father?”

Jesus answered, “You don’t know me and you don’t know my Father. If you knew me, you would also know my Father.” ²⁰ He

spoke these words while he was teaching in the temple area known as the treasury. No one arrested him, because his time hadn't yet come.

Message

“Light and Life”

Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Ordination and Installation of Officers

In ordination, the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called through election by the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders. In installation, the church sets apart with prayer those previously ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders, and called anew to service in that ministry. – Book of Order

Office of Elder: Jane Arloszynski, Sam Henrichs, Glenn Sheridan

Office of Deacon: Kathy Buehler

Constitutional Questions

For the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Our Shared Life

Welcome, members, guests and residents of Tudor Oaks! We hope that you will join us again soon. Please sign the red fellowship folder as it is passed and read the announcements in the bulletin.

If you have an announcement, please alert the liturgist, who will bring the microphone to you.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

(Please use whichever words are most familiar to you.)

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

With joyful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory

“Living for Jesus”

Turner

***Doxology #606** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Jesus, Immanuel, Epiphany still happens today because you still speak words of life in this world. We ask that you would speak boldly in our lives, giving us not only the ability to hear but also the courage to act. May the star word we have received provide illumination into both self and faith. May the offerings we bring be the first fruits of our faith in the world, so that your light may increase. Amen.

***Sending Song #744** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

***Benediction**

Postlude “To God Be the Glory” Doane, arr. Shackley



**Today and This Week at Heritage
Ordination/Installation of Officers**

9:15 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship: Rev. Michelle Henrichs
Liturgist: Glenn Kozicki
Ushers/Greeters: Glenn & Kathy Kozicki
Set-up / Take-down: Ron Kohler & helpers
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
Refreshments: Jineen Sheridan
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2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

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A Visit with the Pastor

Pastor Michelle is in the office on Tuesday afternoons (except the 3rd Tuesday) from 2:00 - 4:30. If you would like a visit with Pastor Michelle at another time, please contact her at 262-488-5100

or mahenrichs@gmail.com. You may also leave a message with the church office at 414-425-2050.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Each week, we remember two families in prayer. We thank God for them, ask God's blessing upon them and God's presence with them. Please keep these highlighted families and the other listed people and places in your personal prayers throughout the week.

Highlighted Families:

Julee Scanlon
Glenn & Kathy Kozicki
Adam and Alex

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

Presbytery of Whitewater
Valley, IN
The people of Hong Kong

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Lebanon

In Our Prayers

This week's prayer list:

Joy that David Block was able to worship with us last Sunday as we dedicated our new worship pieces made from the burr oak tree on our former property.

Joy for all the love in the room last Sunday, children caring for parents and friends caring for friends.

Gerry Kohl moved into assisted care at Heritage Homes last week and is adjusting to her new living situation.

Ben Lawrence started his new job in California this morning. Although they are happy about the move, there is still a great deal of anxiety and they are living in a hotel until they finalize the details and can move into their new home.

Health Care resident Arlene Lutsch died on Friday, Jan 4.

Jerry Zebrick has transitioned to hospice care. Prayers for Pat, as well, and for her health and energy as she continues to care for Jerry.

Our on-going prayer list:

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Jean Ripple, Gerry Kohl, Jerry and Pat Zebrick, Jane Arlozynski's brother Earl Duckwall.

Announcements

In case a Tudor Oaks resident needs assistance, please notify the Nursing Station in the Health Center or the Front Desk or call 1-414-529-0100.

The Wired Word Update

The Wired Word will meet today and each Sunday at 11:15 in the Olive Wood Theater.

Pastor's Bible Study Update

The Bible Study group meets at 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday of the month except the third Tuesday. (Thus, no meeting this Tuesday, Jan. 15.) Join us as we reflect on the texts for the following Sunday. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at mahenrichs@gmail.com.

Host Orientation at Divine Intervention

Please come today **Sunday, January 13, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** to learn more about hosting at DI. We will go over our philosophy and intention, share the covenants for our Guests as well as Hosts which serve as our guidelines to know what to do, how to do it, why we do it.

You will have the opportunity to sit in on our team orientation ahead of greeting Guests at 6 p.m. You are free to join dinner at 6:40 or so if you would like. There is no commitment to Host if you attend.