

Jan. 6, 2019

Epiphany
Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the 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 people,
To make music in the heart.

– Howard Thurman, “When the Song of the Angels is Stilled”

Prelude “We Three Kings” Hopkins, arr. Birchwood

***Gathering Words** *Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense.

And we shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

***Gathering Hymn #150** “As with Gladness Men of Old”

Call to Prayer

We join the prophets Anna and Simeon as we behold Immanuel. Let us offer our praises and our prayers to the God who is with us.

Our Epiphany Prayer – *with Luke 2:29-38*

Jesus, Immanuel, our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

You are the hope of our present and our future.

As we leave Christmas behind and begin this new year, give us the newborn eyes of your nativity. Let us leave behind our prejudice and pessimism. May we behold with wonder your love and presence in the world.

Let us leave behind judgment and unforgiveness. May we grasp opportunities for reconciliation and inclusion.

Let us leave behind self-sufficiency and self-promotion. May we hold fast to prayer and the community of believers as we seek the well-being of others.

Let us leave behind fear and worry. May we accept the gifts of faith and trust.

silent confession

Jesus, Light of the world, may your light continue to shine in the darkness so that all may see your salvation.

You are the hope of our present and our future. Amen.

Words of Light *Psalm 27:1, 13 (CEB)*

The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

We remain confident of this: We will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Our Response #155 “Raise a Song of Gladness” *sing twice*

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

Holy Spirit, illuminate your word with the holy light of Epiphany so that we might continue the work of Christmas in the new year.
Amen.

A Reading from the Psalms *Psalm 72:1-14 (NRSV)*

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king’s son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹ May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was

to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Message

“Epiphany”

Rev. Michelle Henrichs

**God Is Made Known to Us
Through the Breaking of Bread**

Communion

Welcome

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Holy God, your faithfulness has been demonstrated from the creation of light on the first day to the sun that rose this morning. Even in the darkness of night, your presence rests upon us – providing peace in our unknowing. We give thanks to you for the light you bring into our world.

We dedicate this Advent wreath to your glory. May it be light that shines forth from it be a constant reminder of your presence with us.

Dear Jesus, the crosses we bear are heavy and difficult to carry. Some are of our own making while others are simply the burden of the brokenness of humanity and all creation. In your life, you provided rest in the form of teaching, listening, healing, and including. We give thanks for the love and grace you bring into our world.

We dedicate this cross to your glory. May the burden it represents be a constant reminder of the abundance of your grace.

Holy Spirit, you are the sustainer of our souls and lives. When our love begins to fail, you continue to feed us with truth. When our lives become distracted, you call us to return to you. We give thanks that you invite us again and again, to join you in your work in the world.

We dedicate this cup and plate to your glory. May it feed our souls and lives as we seek to do the same in the world.

Anthem “He Is Here in the Breaking of Bread” Larson

Invitation

Sharing in the Cup and Loaf

We will be celebrating the Sacrament by intinction. All who desire to be fed by Jesus are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There are no requirements of membership. The elements are gluten- and alcohol-free.

Prayer after Communion

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.

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

Let us join the wise men in bringing our gifts to Jesus.

Offertory

“What Star Is This?”

Ritter

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

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

Holy God, we bring these gifts, not with the expectation of gifts in return, but in thanksgiving of who you are. May they bear your gifts of love and grace to the world. Amen.

***Sending Song #151** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

***Benediction**

Postlude “March of the Kings” French melody, arr. Broughton



**Today and This Week at Heritage
Epiphany of the Lord
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal	
10:00 a.m.	Worship:	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
	Liturgist:	Jan Tesch
	Communion:	Glenn & Kathy Kozicki
	Ushers/Greeters:	Glenn & Kathy Kozicki
	Set-up / Take-down:	Ron Kohler & helpers
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	
	Refreshments:	Brandy Bellek

11:15 a.m. The Wired Word

Monday

4:30 p.m. Worship Council, Health Center Conference Room

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Bible Study, Poplar Lifestyle Room

Next Sunday, Jan. 13
Baptism of the Lord
Installation/Ordination 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: Jan Tesch & Gigi Sheridan

11:15 a.m. The Wired Word

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: Sue Fellows & Amy Lehmann

John & Joane Kavajecz

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Presbytery of Chicago, IL
The people of Afghanistan

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Laos

In Our Prayers

Prayer Fellowship Request:

Long-time members, Jerry and Pat Zebrick are in need of some Heritage help – prayers, phone calls, and visits are all welcome. Jerry is recently home from the hospital after experiencing heart issues and falling. Visiting nurses are attending to Jerry now with hopes to have him stay out of the hospital. Please also pray for Pat's encouragement and energy as she cares for Jerry.

Our on-going prayer list:

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Jean Ripple, Steve Seeker, Jane Arloszynski'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. 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 **Sunday January 13th 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.