

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 28, 2018

Color: Green

The term Epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." We remember the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. The season of Epiphany extends from January 7th until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter.

PRELUDE: Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Martha Dienst leads us in songs of praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

†**OPENING HYMN:** *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

Hymn # 128

The Processional and Illumination

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: We come to you Lord God, receive our worship. We come to you, Lord Jesus, receive our praise. We come to you Holy Spirit, receive our thanks.

People: Your life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, which try to separate us from you.

Leader: You have called us to be the salt of the earth--to preserve and enhance what is good.

People: You have called us to be the light of the world, to be beacons of your saving grace and your love.

Leader: You have called us to be disciples of Christ, and in so doing to be blessed and to bless many others.

People: Even as we bring our sacrifice of praise to you, help us to follow your direction and live a life worthy of being your child.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Choir Anthem: "All Night, All Day"**

† Doxology # 95

† Prayer of Dedication

CHILDREN and YOUTH PRAYER

TIME OF CONSECRATION FOR NEW POSITIONS

SONG OF MEDITATION: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

See insert

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

We share words of celebration and thanksgiving

We share our prayer needs and petitions

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray.

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament lesson: **Proverbs 3:1-8**

PEW BIBLE 548

New Testament lesson: **Matthew 7:7-13**

PEW BIBLE 840

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

†**GLORIA PATRI:**

Hymn # 71

Epiphany Series: Aligning Yourself to the Heart of God

TODAY'S MEDITATION: *Making Godly Decisions* Pastor Cal

†**CLOSING HYMN:** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Hymn # 348

The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

† All stand together as one.

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, other than water, into the sanctuary and please turn off your cellphones during service ☺

- Don't forget to order your pizza with the Youth Group following service! \$10.00 for large cheese pizza!
- February 4th - Communion Sunday,
Super Bowl Sunday- Don't forget your pizza order.
- February 11th- Boy Scout Sunday
Coffee Hour following service

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

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Greeters: & Ushers: SCOTT &
HEATHER NASIATKA
Co-leader: MERRILY STONE

February 4, 2018

Greeters: CINDY CARVILL &
VALORIE MILLER
Ushers: CHERYL & AL BECOTTE
Co-leader: KATRINA FLEMING

Pastor: F. Calvin Miller
Senior Deacon: Marvin
Bernstein

Fellow Deacons: Merrily Stone,
Cindy Carvill, Jerry McKean, Katrina Fleming, Robert Duval, Martha
Dienst, Ian Bussiere & Dakota Wood

Director of Music: Jayne Thompson

Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood

Youth Director: Jennie LeBlanc

Office Administrator: Cheri Comer

Church Sexton: James Lemmer

Nursery Attendant: Kayte Richtarcsik

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Offering for the week of January 14, 2017

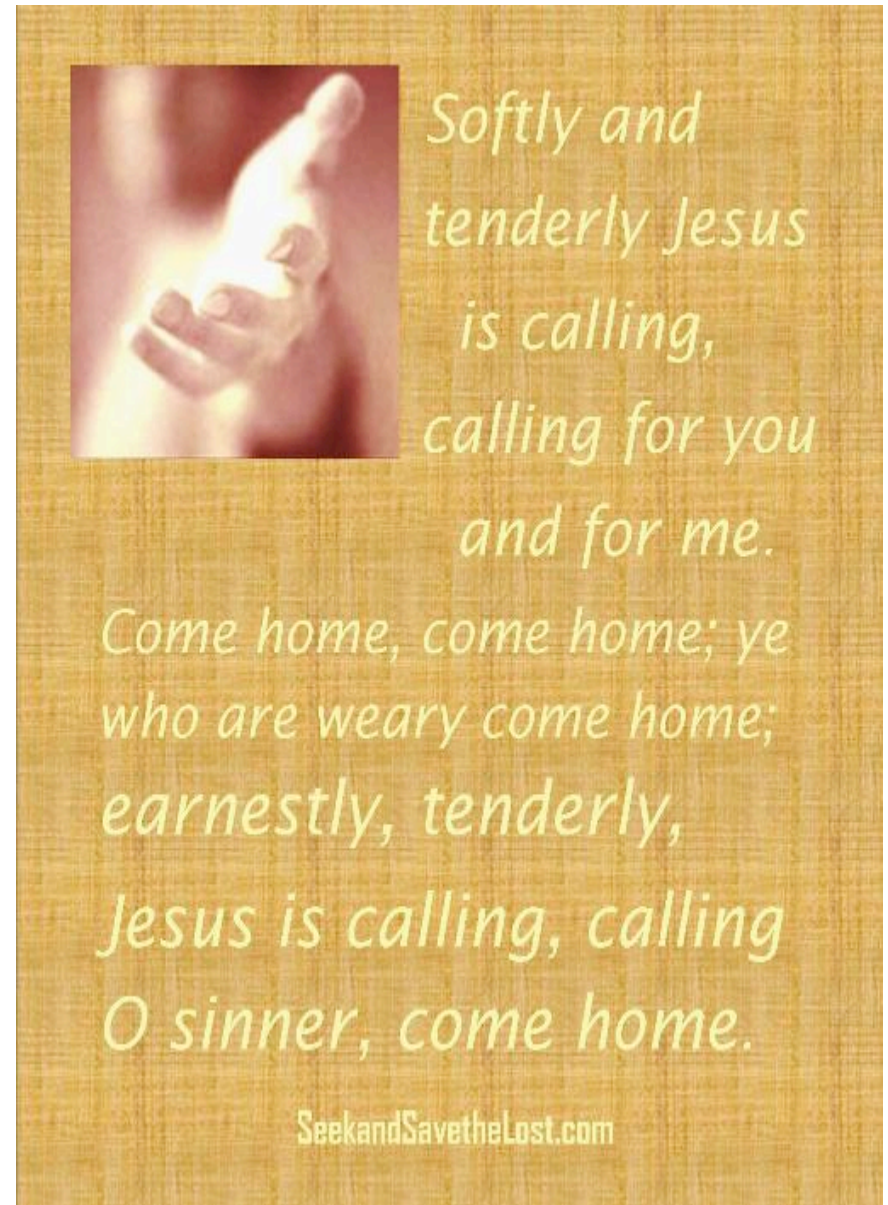
General \$838.00 Missions \$60.00 Loose Offering \$166.50
Cost of Envelope Offering \$12.00

Total \$1,076.50 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of January 21, 2017

General \$2,617.50 Missions \$93.50 Loose Offering \$130.90
Envelope Cost \$18.00

Total \$2,859.90 Thank you for giving & God Bless!



**United Parish Church
January 28, 2018
Pastor F. Calvin Miller**

