

First Sunday After Epiphany Sunday

The Light of the World has Come

January 7, 2018

Color: White

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 Jayne Thompson and our worship team leads us in songs of praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP:** *This Little Light Of Mine*
The Processional and Illumination

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)
Leader: God said, "Let there be light."

All: And there was light.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: And the light shone in the darkness.

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

All: And the light shall not be quenched.

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:** *Lord I Lift Your Name On High; Spirit Song*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Choir Anthem: "Born 'Neath A Star"**

* Doxology # 95

* Prayer of Dedication

Communion at the Lord's Table

Scripture reading I Cor 11:23-33

Prayer of Preparation **Hymnal Page 890**

Invitation to Receive

Distribution of the elements

Songs of Meditation: ***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Hymn # 297

Hymn # 359

CHILDREN and YOUTH PRAYER

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: **Psalm 28:6-9**

PEW BIBLE 478

New Testament lesson: **1 Thessalonians 5:16-23**

PEW BIBLE 1031

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: The Joyful Mindset

Pastor Cal

***CLOSING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Hymn # 89

The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**All who are able, you are invited to stand.*

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phones during service ☺

The Steeple lighting for the month of January is in remembrance of Julian Graves, given by the Graves Family.



The Windows, Jesus as a Child and the Cross, are in remembrance of Burke White, given by Susan Dodge.

January Upcoming Events

† Out in the narthex are sign up sheets for the window and steeple lightings, flowers for the altar and volunteers for Coffee Hour for the New Year, 2018. The lightings are made in honor or remembrance of loved ones and are done weekly for \$5.00 per week. The flowers are placed on the altar, weekly, in honor or remembrance of loved ones. You can purchase them and bring them in yourselves or Cheri, in the office, can be given the money to purchase flowers for you. Coffee Hour is on the 2nd Sunday of each month, any questions please see Cheri.

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

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Greeters: DOLLY & WES
BOUTELLE
Ushers: JAMES & JOHN JOSLIN
Co-leader: MARTHA DIENST
Communion: Bernstein (A)
 Stone (B)
Nursing Homes: Dienst (C)
 Bussiere (D)

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January 14, 2018

Greeters: WAYNE & JANE
CRESPO
Ushers: DOUG & MERRILY
STONE
Co-leader: CINDY CARVILL

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

Offering for the week of December 24, 2017

General \$1,125.00 Missions \$75.00 Loose Offering \$813.14
Christmas Offering \$142.00 Church Rental \$50.00 Michnelson Family \$ 149.00
Poinsettias \$302.00 Remembrance of Bobbie Hagemeyer \$40.00
Steeple Lighting \$ 80.00

Total \$2,776.14 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of December 31, 2017

General \$692.00 Missions \$80.00 Loose Offering \$378.00 Poinsettia \$12.00
2018 Envelope Cost \$4.00 Christmas Offering \$10.00 Youth Group \$500.00
Michnelson Family \$50.00

Total \$1,726.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!