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**Epiphany of the Lord Sunday** 

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** 

PRELUDE: Mary Gugler, Music Director

\*INTROIT: "Sweet Sweet Spirit"

\* REPEAT INTROIT ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/FAMILIES OF THE WEEK/BIRTHDAYS: Many happy returns on the day of your birth May sunshine and gladness be given, and may the dear Father Prepare us on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Arise, shine! Your light has come.

C: The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.

L: Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

C: Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.

L: Lift up your eyes and look around.

C: The glory of the Lord is all around.

L: Arise, shine! Your light has come.

#### \*OPENING PRAYER:

Glorious God, grant us the courage to follow Christ's natural star, wherever your light would lead us; grant us the wisdom to follow the kings of old, as they left the safety of their homes to find the infant Jesus; grant us the purity of heart, to forsake the glitter of things that do not endure, and embrace the brightness of your glory. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Page 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by The Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Page 414 in pew Bible Bill Hoofnagle

**ANTHEM - "We Three Kings"** 

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PASTORAL PRAYER** 

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** 

\*OFFERTORY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**CHILDREN'S TIME** 

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Page 246 "Joy to the World"

\*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

WITNESS TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Page 245 "The First Noel"

**BENEDICTION: Page 186 "Alleluia"** 

\*Denotes please stand if you are able.

#### TODAY'S THEME

Today's scripture readings are much more than a celebration of kings bringing tribute to the Messiah; they are a promise of light to those who live in darkness, a promise of righteousness to those who suffer at the hands of others, a promise of grace to those who are lost, and a promise of salvation to the gentiles. Epiphany is a day to celebrate God's love for all, especially those who are most in need of God's light and love.

# **Prayers for our Families of the Week:**

Dick and Jan Bintliff; Chris, Keenan and Isabella Broome; Don Broome; Charles and Annette Jones; Phyllis Komber; Tony and Cindy Lamm; Jimmy and Geneva Smith; Dwight and Gretchen Stephens; Dan and Nikki Thrasher

Please update your prayer requests. Share the good news of healings and update those in need.

## **Our Ministry in Prayer:**

Prayers for our country, state and local leadership, areas of war,

Disasters. Famine, unrest, the homeless, those who are searching.

#### **Prayers for our Active Duty their families and friends:**

James Bartran II, USAF, Timothy Keen USA, Michael McClennon USMC

Scott Moore USCG, Aerick Paxton, USAF David Plessinger, USA

Andrew Manning, USMC

### Prayers for our EMS, Fire Departments, First Responders, Teachers

### **Membership and Budget**

Membership 185

Attendance last Sunday 64

Monthly Budget \$12,070.00

Monthly Total \$12,712.84

Offering last Sunday \$1,509.62

### **Future Scripture Readers and Greeters**

January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Hoofnagle	Ps. 72:1-7,10-14
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Geneva Smith	Psalm 29
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Valerie Ruch	Psalm 40:1-11
January 26th	Kay Powell	Psalm 27:1, 4-9

We are always looking for volunteers to be readers and greeters. This is a great opportunity to get to meet and greet your church Family as they enter the door, and to get an opportunity to read God's Word to the church. We ask that on the Sunday you are to greet and read, that you be at church at 8:45, so that you can say "Good Morning" to everyone as they enter the building. Wear your best smile and welcome your neighbors!!

#### **Sunday Snacks**

January 5<sup>th</sup> Barbara and Gary

January 12<sup>th</sup> Jan Thrasher

January 19<sup>th</sup> Carole Marshall

January 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake and covered dish

There is always coffee and snacks in the social hall after worship service.. Please come and join us!!

#### **LECTIONARY TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

### This Week at PUMC

Sunday	Worship	9:15am	
	Adult Sunday School	10:45am	
Monday	Golf at Tanglewood	9:30am	
Tuesday	Hand Bell practice	5:00pm	
	Choir practice	6:30pm	
Wednesday	Bible Study (French's House)	7:00pm	
	Al-Anon meeting	7:00pm	
	Quilting Group  1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays	9:00am	
	Woodcarving at Ron Seward's	6:00pm	
Thursday	(Rev. Ken's day off)		
Friday	Exercise Classes in Social Hall	7:30 & 8:40am	
	Walk with Ken at Golf Shop.	7:30 am	
	Bible Study at Golf Shop	8:00am	

# **Monthly Events**

1st Sunday Co	9:15am			
1st Wednesday	y WATCH Night	6:00pm		
(Will be held second Wed. Jan. 8th same time)				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday Journey Forward Grief Support				
	at Dowling home	4:00pm		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	(Every other month)	Council Meeting	5:00pm	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	day UMM 6:30pm			
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	UMW	10:00am		
Last Sunday	unday Lunch and Birthday Cake in Social Hall			
	After Service			

# **Looking Ahead**

Game and Music Game Night – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. More information on website and Facebook.

Springtime Jubilee at Myrtle Beach, SC, April 27-29, 2020. Anyone interested in more information, please see Jan Thrasher.

### **BUDGET FOR 2020**

The yearly budget of 2020 will be \$147,489.00. That's \$12,290.75 per month which is \$220.75 more per month than this year. Please be in meaningful prayer about your stewardship for your church. Stewardship campaign begins January 2020.

If you are a friend of Prospect and would like to be included on the membership and friends list, please get in touch with Annette Jones, cajones@buggs.net or 434-636-2297. If you are interested in joining our fellowship please talk to Rev. Ken 434-955-0253. Annette Jones, Membership Secretary.

Our United Methodist Women and Men would like to invite you to consider joining them in a time of fellowship each month. The UMW and UMM are involved in many local and international mission projects. They are also a great opportunity to get to know some of the people who attend church at a much deeper level. Please pray about allowing God to use you to spread the gospel to the world.

Stewardship is our commitment to God. It involves not only our tithe, it also involves our gifts, our talents, and our time. As God devotes His time to you, let us devote the time and talents to make disciples to truly transform the world. Please note the increase in our budget for 2020. Our budget has increased by \$220.75 per month.

**Need Your Help!!** The food box/wagon in the front entrance is in need of filling. Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items for **Holly Haven**. Monetary donations are also welcomed and appreciated. Make checks payable to PUMC, Holly Haven in memo.