

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 10:30 AM

January 8, 2012

Epiphany Sunday

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

THE WORLD WAITS IN DARKNESS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Cassie Nespor

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Sprite

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.”

- John 1:5

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:30 AM)

#SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Seven Rejoices of Mary”

Traditional Carol

Amanda Getway; Terry Leonard, guitar; Missa Eaton, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 8:12

LEADER: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

PEOPLE: “Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

*HYMN #62

“Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love”

Epiphany Song

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God of grace and truth, you are light, and in you there is no darkness. But we confess this morning our own familiarity with the darkness. We confess we avoid the light because we don't want to see the truth about ourselves. We confess we wander in the shadows because we foolishly choose life apart from you. We confess we sometimes feel overwhelmed with the darkness, and lose hope in the light.

(Silent Confession)

Gracious God, forgive us again. May we discover life in the light of Jesus Christ, who lightens our way one step at a time. And may our life together bear witness to the One who shines in the darkness; Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #40 v. 2 “Joy to the World!”

Antioch

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Park Lenhart

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-41 (p. 42)

#ANTHEM

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

arr. Keith Christopher

Sanctuary Choir; Miranda & Susan Woge, soloists

The words may be found in Hymn #36.

#THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

(Children 0-4 years return to the nursery, and children K-5th grades are dismissed to

“Children in Worship.”)

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (p. 152)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES

Dr. Hink

“Schism”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #68

Puer Nobis Nascitur

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

OFFERING

Traditional Carol

#Offertory

“Noel Nouvelet”

Amanda Getway; Missa Eaton, flute; Terry Leonard, guitar

*Response #56 v. 6

“The First Nowell”

The First Nowell

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

“...sins, as we forgive those who sin against us...”

*HYMN #63 “As with Gladness Men of Old” *Dix*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Three Kings of Orient*

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies. O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with
royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect
light!

*POSTLUDE “The Three Kings” Wilbur Held

The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.

*Please stand in body or in spirit. #Omitted at the 8:30 AM service.

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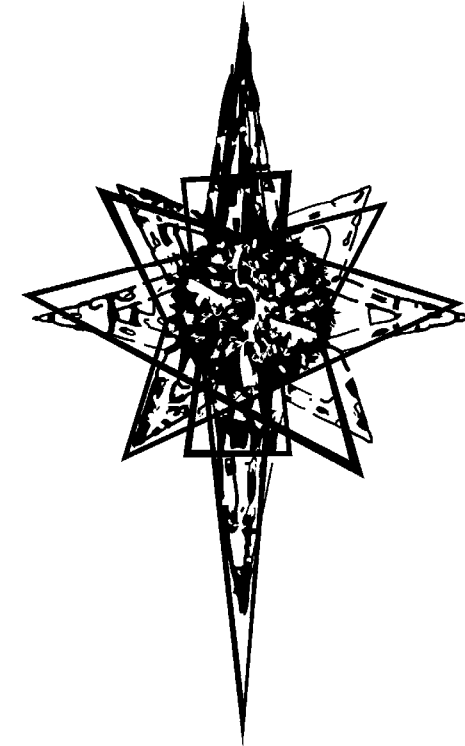
WELCOME! We come from different places in life, literally and figuratively, following
the star to meet before the manger. Together, let us worship the newborn King.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Boar’s Head participants helping with worship today.

WE’LL SEE YOU this afternoon at **3:30** for our **Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival!**
A “meet and greet the cast” reception will be held following the Festival. Please join us
for this beautiful celebration of Jesus’ Epiphany.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall, Joe Toskin and Brian
Weigle will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher and helpers,
will be dismissed to the “Children in Worship” program following the “Good News for
Children.” Children will be brought to “the Library” following the service. Children 0-
4 years old are invited to participate in the nursery program. (4)



EPIPHANY

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“Following Jesus Christ...on the Corner of Faith and Life.”

January 8th

8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship Services
Dr. Hink preaching

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| 8:30 AM | Worship | Chapel |
| 10:00 AM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Room #303 |
| 10:30 AM | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 11:30 AM | Fellowship@First | “the Library” |
| 12:30 PM | Boar’s Head Dress Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 3:30 PM | Boar’s Head Festival | Sanctuary |

Monday, January 9

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| 12:00 Noon | Mary/Martha Circle | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Boy Scout Troop #3 | Scout Room & Gym |

Tuesday, January 10

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| 11:30 AM | Memorial Committee | Room #206 |
| 7:00 PM | Backpack Mission | Community Food Warehouse |
| 7:00 PM | Cana’s Corner Coffeehouse | “the Library” |

Wednesday, January 11

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| 5:00 PM | Grace Notes rehearsal | Pam’s office |
| 6:30 PM | Session Teams | Fellowship Hall |

Thursday, January 12

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| 11:00 PM | Program Staff Meeting | Conference Room |
| 6:00 PM | Carillon Choir Rehearsal | Room #206 |
| 7:30 PM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Room #303 |

Friday, January 13

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| 7:00 PM | Boy Scout Sleepover begins | Scout Room, F. Hall, Gym |
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Saturday, January 14

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| 8:00 AM | Boy Scout Sleepover ends | |
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January 15th

8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship Services
Dr. Hink preaching

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| 8:30 AM | Worship | Chapel |
| 10:00 AM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Room #303 |
| 10:30 AM | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 11:30 AM | Fellowship@First | “the Library” |
| 11:30 AM | Deacons Meeting | Room #206 |
| 12:00-2:00 PM | KFC Winter Wonderland | Room #315 |
| 12:30 PM | Youth Group | |
| 7:00 PM | Session Meeting | Room #206 |

THANK YOU to Miranda and Susan Woge, Amanda Getway, Missa Eaton and Terry Leonard for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available from the church office. Please help us be good stewards by picking up your set.

REMINDER TO ELDERS: Session Teams will meet this Wednesday, 1/11 @ 6:30 PM, and Session will meet next Sunday, 1/15 @ 7 PM.

JOIN US FOR THE OPENING of Cana’s Corner Coffeehouse here on January 10, 2012 from 7-9 PM. Featured musicians will be our own Missa Eaton and we welcome Jordan Biel from Kinsman, Ohio. Refreshments are free but a free will offering will be taken.

KIDS@FIRST will meet next Sunday, January 15 from Noon-2 PM in Room #315 for a Winter Wonderland. A healthy lunch of snowman soup & poop will be provided. Please let Miss Debbie know if you are coming.

PAIRS & SPARES NEXT EVENT will be dinner at the Kobe Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar, Hermitage on Monday, January 16 at 6:00 PM. Please contact Cassie or PJ Nespor or Shari Getway if you are planning to attend.

WE ARE INVITED to Martin Luther King Jr Community Remembrance and Celebration Breakfast on Thursday, January 19 from 8-9:15 AM at Westminster College. Rev. Angel De La Cruz will be the guest speaker. Reservations are required by January 13 by contacting the Chapel Office at 724-946-7117. Cost for the breakfast is \$5 per person and is payable at the door.

THERE WILL BE CHURCH RETREAT FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON on Sunday, January 22 at 11:45 AM. The proceeds will go for scholarships for the retreat which will be September 21-23, 2012 at Camp Crestfield. Monetary donations for scholarships can be made payable to: First Presbyterian Church/Adventure Fund.

SAVE THE DATE! The Church Retreat will be September 21-23. A \$20 deposit per person is due by January 30, 2012. Our Planning Team has already been at work. Activities are canoeing on Slippery Rock Creek, hayride and campfire storytelling & sing-a-long. Let Debbie Derrenbacher know if you are planning to go by calling the office or email her at dcm@1stpcs.org.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE will be January 22 at 3:30 PM at West Middlesex Presbyterian Church. This event, sponsored by Christian Associates, is a service of worship with prayers for the unity of the church of God and the needs of the world around us. For more information contact Lois Tamplin (724-347-3298).

HOSPITALITY – Our Elders are wearing name tags today and extending a welcome to FPC. If you are visiting, please pick up a church brochure and the January “Emphasis” newsletter on the Welcome Cart.

NOW YOU CAN BUY all your CPC (Constructores Para Cristo) stuff online! Visit the CPC website at cpcmexico.org and click on the CPC Store tab. They sell T-shirts (including women’s fitted t-shirts and polo shirts), hats, tote bags, mugs and water bottles. It’s a great way to support their work in Piedras Negras.

CHICKEN PIE SALE The Mission Committee is selling chicken pies to raise money for the CPC trip this July. A sign-up sheet for purchasing pies is posted on the Mission bulletin board in the hallway behind the Sanctuary. Pies can be picked up Saturday, March 24th at the church.

WHAT NOT TO TAKE INTO THE NEW YEAR

Self-help books – Trust in God first; don’t turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)

Tape measure – Consider only God’s standards; don’t compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.)


Rearview mirror – Don’t live in the past. You’ll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14.)

Gavel – Instead of judging others, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.)

Life vest – Don’t be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.)

-Gregg McCaslin














PRAYER CONCERNS as of Friday AM: Dr. David Vermeire, Linda Goodridge



A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple’s two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

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| ___ dchilnero |  |  |  |
| ___ drove | | | |
| ___ acehtr | | | |
| ___ sarcos |  | | |
| ___ nusoaatim | | | |

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas

