

**Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024**

We Celebrate God's Presence

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Announcements/Prelude/Bringing in the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** Psalm 72:1-8

1. Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
2. May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
3. Let the mountains bear 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, till the moon
be no more!"
8. **May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the
ends of the earth!"**

***Hymn**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#220

***Opening Prayer**

God of every nation, by the light of a wondrous star you led wandering magi to the humble infant Jesus, revealing to them your salvation for the world. In the miraculous and the mundane, in union with all who have glimpsed the light of your grace, lead us to Christ, that we may offer our worship and serve him with sincerity of heart; for he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Joys/Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Bishop Trimble, Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS), Pastor Chris & Family, **Sesly Marshall, Laura Eller, Miriam Guzman**, Shannon MacLaren, Susie Rowland, **Glenn Nolan Family**, Kathy Newell, **Maxine Gudgeon, Rachel's Family (Priscilla Mok), Cheryl Lowery, Deb (Amy Liter)**, Kyle Hurtle, Rachel (Barb N. Niece), Betty Lou Barber, Pam Walston, Craig Summers, Zayden, Mark Burkert, Rachael Hoff, Priscilla Elzey, Chris Schutte (Charlotte Kothman), Tony Drummond (Susie), Connie Summers, Mike Hultman, Vergie Bane, **Nancy Dinnen**, Hoagy Wright, John Lewis

Teachers and Students, Our Children and Youth, Batesville Community, Safe Passage, People in the Armed Forces, People of Ukraine, Israel Palestine Conflict

Susan Wonnell (Chateau), Ginny and Ted Hartshorn (Chateau), Gloria Riley (Chateau), Ron Simpson (St. Andrews), Naomi Melia (St. Andrews), Virginia Smith (Aspen Place)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

“What Child is This”

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Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

60 Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth

and thick darkness the peoples,

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 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 in their nurses' arms.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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 shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Children's Time

Anthem

“The First Noel”

#245
vs. 1, 2

Invitation to the Offering

The magi brought gifts to Christ at his nativity and offered their lives in worship. With thankful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God..

Offering

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
(with alleluias)

#94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have become fellow heirs, members of the same body. And shares in your promise. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Jesus our brother, and help us to live to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

Hymn

“There’s a Song in the Air”

#249

vs. 1, 2, 3

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi 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 in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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

“Led to Jesus”

Holy Communion

Hymn

“Joy to the World”

#246
vs. 1, 2, 4

Benediction

Church Ministers Today

Flowers: Congregation
Liturgist: Chris Lowery
Children’s Church: Jordan Bergquist
Greeters/Ushers: Linda Straight
& Carolee Barber
AV: Joe Roberts
Jacob’s Well: The Myser’s

Next Week

Amy & Jeff Liter
Deb Wright
Melissa Kramer
Sarah Fitzgerald
& Bob Barber
Joe Roberts
The Bergquist

Last Sunday:

Offering: \$5,775.00

Attendance: 81

On-line: 78

YTD Total: \$201,809.00

Budget: \$199,300.00

BLESSING OF THE WEEK

God, ruler of heaven and earth, dismiss you in peace; Jesus Christ, light of the world, uphold you in love; the Holy Spirit, revealer of God’s mystery, lead you in truth.

January Calendar

Choir – Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, January 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Buds – Wednesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council – Monday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Taste of Culture tickets on sale starting today!