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Service of Worship

January 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday (Celebration of Communion)

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Welcome

The Prelude P. Manz

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

■■ Greeting Our God with Joy

The Choral Introit

The Call to Worship Jane Kowall

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

Leader: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in

you richly.

People: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Alleluia!

Leader: Let us worship God.

st The Processional Hymn No. 46

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

■■ Renewing Our Relationship with God

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light and dim the power of your love. In your mercy, forgive us. Baptize us once again with your Spirit. Renew us so that we may show forth your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Weaver

■■■ Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

The Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria, Gloria No. 576

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
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2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later; Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.

■ ■ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

The Scripture Lesson

John 1:10-18

After the reading

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Dr. John Lentz

"The Risk of Revealing"

* Hymn No. 37

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

The Ritual of Friendship all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory arr. Carr

"Here We Come A-Wassailing"

* The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ The Eucharist

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus Merbecke

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (please use debts, debtors)

The Communion of the People

Music during Communion: Hymn No. 64

"From a Distant Home"

Congregation, please sing refrain

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have revealed yourself to us in the bread and cup of this sacrament. Guide us now and always, that our hearts may learn to choose your will, and new resolves be strengthened; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. AMEN.

- ■ Going Forth to Live as God's People
- * The Closing Hymn No. 66

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

- * The Commission and Blessing
- * The Choral Benediction
- * The Passing of the Peace

 $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ The Postlude J. Pachebel

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

The crucifer today is Elena Juodisius

■ ■ Parish Notes

Prayer Concerns this Week

Frances Frey	Jill Roberts
Rose Gehring	Austin Schwaderer
Charles Gilbert	George Sentell
Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Jane Little	Dennis Wedding
Rebecca Martin	Johanna Wilcott
	Rose Gehring Charles Gilbert Jason Himmelsteib Jane Little

Daniel Eloff Jeff Phillips Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey **Please pray for Betsy Andrews and her family**; Betsy's mother Agnes Cooper died December 24.

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service.

This Month's Ushers

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Bill Currie, Kay Currie, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Sam Manu, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Announcements

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have.

Pathways to the Promise Land

Pathways children will meet in the chapel at 11 a.m., then join their parents for communion.

Today Is Hunger Sunday

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked "Hunger" will be used 100% for support of local hunger programs. Each month we divide the money collected in thirds and send it to Heights Emergency Food Center, the Garden Valley Hunger Center, and the Hot Meals Program at First Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland.

Art Exhibit

PLAN of Northeast Ohio (an organization that serves those living with chronic mental illness, cognitive disabilities and mood disorders) is presenting a Traveling Art Exhibit. The goal of this exhibit is to reduce stigma toward mental illness by displaying art created by adults living with mental illness and on the road to recover. The art is by PLAN members who have been working with local art therapists and artists as part of this project. Opening Reception: Sunday January 4, 2-4pm; Heights Arts Studio, 2340 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights (on the west side of the library bridge). The exhibit will be on display January 4 -31.

THIS WEEK

Ministry Meetings

All ministries will meet this Wednesday, January 6, at 7 p.m.

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson for this Wednesday is Psalm 29.

Yoga

The yoga class meets Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome to join as a drop-in or a regular. The cost is \$10 per session.

Leadership Training

New leaders will meet this Saturday, January 10, from 9 - 11 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall January: We Are Reformed, and Still Reforming

January 11: Calvinism, led by Dr. Tim Beal

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LOOKING AHEAD

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, January 18. Lunch will be served immediately after worship. The meeting will follow.

Care Group

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during January. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care group leaders.

→ Members of this month's Care group are:

Ed Briskey, Deacon leader Tom & Diane McFiggen

Joan Bacon Kate Monaghan

Molly Bergman Margery & James Nokes

John & Patricia Borthwick Linn & Melody Obery & family

Jeffery & Kathy Cameron David & Susanne Peterjohn & family Barbara Cloud and family Bill Proudfit

Nancy Crawford Susan & Randy Reese & family

Joy Ferguson Ron Schmidt
Emma Jane Gibbs Sandy Schultz

Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim Dan & Joanne Shaner & family

Sylvia Herd Vincent Taylor & family

Robert & Lisa Higgs & family Bobbi van Dijk

Brian & Tish Klein & family Kevin & Jill White & family

John & Deanne Lentz & family Dene Young

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples, 50 – 70ish)

The Group will meet on January 10, 7 p.m. at the home of Ted and Diana Woodbridge (1255 Oakridge, Cleveland Hts) for an *appetizer pot luck*, followed by a digital image trip to French Polynesia – Tahiti – by Dave and Allie Neff. Following the side trip to a warmer climate, dessert and coffee will be available.

RSVP to <u>dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net</u> or <u>theneffers@sbcglobal.net</u> by Wednesday January 7.

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

We will meet at the Art Museum at **10:50 for an 11 a.m. tour** (note revised and correct time) on Friday, January 16 for a tour led by docent Anne Wilson, followed by klunch in the museum cafe. RSVP by January 11 to Elspeth Peterjohn, 216-991-0424, or Dave Neff, 440-269-1229.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare FHC Youth$

Today: Sine Nomine Choir will rehearsae in the chapel immediately after worship.

■■■ The Lessons

Next Sunday: Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study. The lectionary readings for each Sunday are included in the "Sundays in January" page of the *TOWER*.

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