

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.

■ ■ ■ 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

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

P. Manz

■ ■ ■ 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.

\* 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!  
*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

■ ■ ■ *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**



## 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 [dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net) or [theneffers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:theneffers@sbcglobal.net) 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.

### ■ ■ ■ *FHC Youth*

**Today:** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse 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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