

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 608 J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship

Come, let us praise God who sent Jesus into this world.

He was the long-awaited Messiah, our Savior.

Come, let us seek after God, just as those who followed the star.

They went in search for him, desiring to worship the King of Israel.

Come, let us worship God, just as those who found the Christ child.

They bowed down and worshipped him, offering him gifts.

Come, and with gladness, let us give God all glory and praise.

*The Hymn of Praise *As with Gladness Men of Old* 63

*The Call to Confession

God has called us out of darkness and into the glorious light of his presence. This is only possible because the true light, Jesus, came into this world to offer his life for the forgiveness of sins. Let us confess our sin before God.

*The Prayer of Confession

God of love and light, you once used a star to lead people to the Christ child. You call us to yourself, as well. We confess that we do not always respond to you. Forgive our distraction and our waywardness. [Silent confession.]

Lord, the Magi followed the star to worship you, while Herod sought to harm you. We confess our impure motives, for there are times when we seek you merely out of obligation or habit. There are times

we do not seek to worship you, but only seek what you can do for us. Forgive our insincerity. [Silent confession.]

Lord, when the Magi found the Christ child, they worshiped him by presenting gifts. We confess that our gifts to you are all too often not a generous outpouring of our worship and love for you. Forgive us. [Silent confession.] **Merciful God, forgive our sins and purify our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus was the true light that came into this world and gave light to everyone. To all who receive him, to those who believe in his name, he has given the right to become children of God. Friends, our sins are forgiven through the blood of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response Angels We Have Heard on High(chorus) 23
Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo . . . ria, in excelsis Deo.

The Anthem Born Today J.E Eilers

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 page 1374

The Sermon How Wise Were the Wise Men? Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, verses 1-4 66

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...

...We worship and adore your glorious name, saying together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...

...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit...

...We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Hold the bread until all have been served. We will eat it together, symbolizing our unity in Christ. Drink the cup when it is served, symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ.)

Response of Praise and Prayer *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, vs. 5 66

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 J.S. Bach

*The Doxology Angels, from the Realms of Glory, verse 4 22

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son. Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

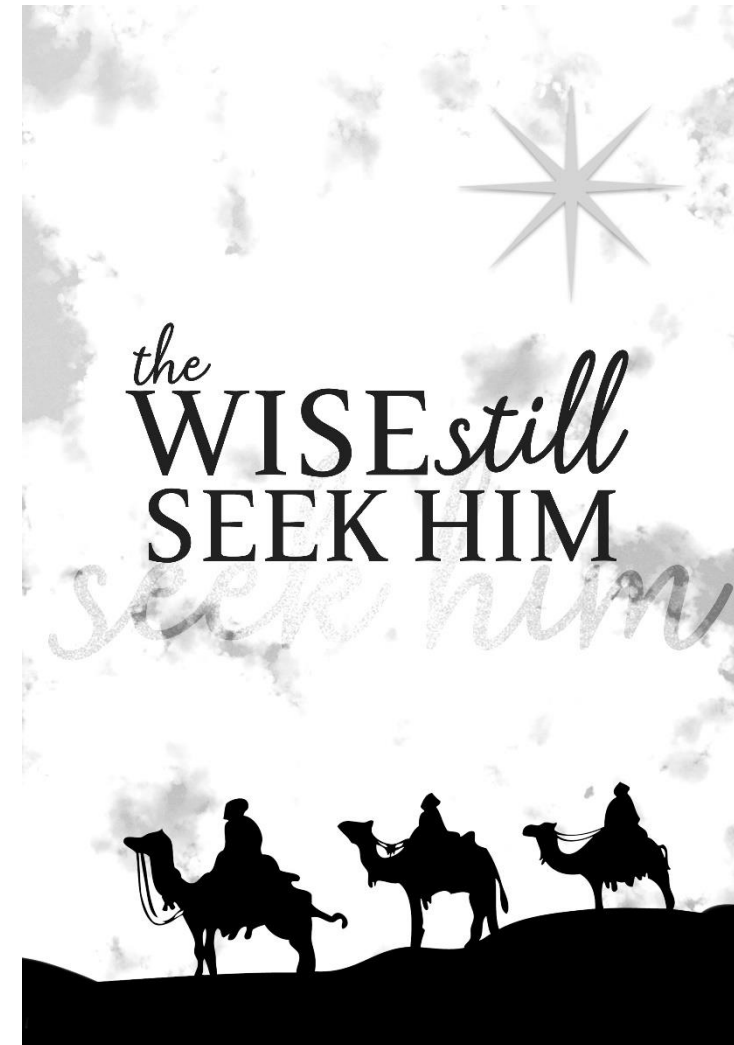
*The Prayer of Dedication

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

- *The Hymn 56
The First Nowell, verses 3-6
- *The Charge and Benediction
- *The Congregational Response 535
Go with Us, Lord
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**
- *Postlude M.B. Bennett
Carillon on Antioch

Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Greeters: Brian & Cathy McNalley

Fellowship Hour: No Fellowship Hour, please help with taking down the greens.

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and the walk up choir

Communion Servers: Ginny & Pete Brucker, Chuck Kemerer, and Pam Moran.

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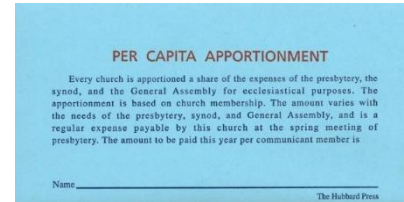
Announcements and Upcoming Events

Taking Down the Greens

Please stay after worship today, and help us take down the greens. After worship we will “un-deck” the halls. The more people we have helping, the quicker we will finish. Lunch will be provided.

Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, January 8**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to study “12 Women of the Bible” focusing on Leah, while enjoying some treats and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485.



Per Capita

Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2025 Per Capita for our church is \$6,875.00, which equates to **\$30.69 per member** (not per household). This goes to General

Assembly, Synod of the Covenant and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

January Mission

January’s Mission is “2 Coins a Meal,” the hunger ministry of Presbytery of Lake Huron, supported by all the congregations within the Presbytery. (Coins and paper accepted)



Music and Worship Committee

The signup sheets are out for January & February Liturgist, Ushers, Fellowship Hour, and Greeter. Please help out on Sundays where you can. We also need some people willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please

see Chuck Kemerer, Cheryl Kelley, Deb Easlick, or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process.



Worship Team

Music Notes

Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday, January 8 - choir only, no handbells
Wednesday, January 15 - choir and handbells



Office Hours

The office hours for the week of January 6 will be Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.