



Sunday January 7, 2018
Epiphany Sunday

We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Organ Prelude

*Processional Hymn *He is born (Ilest ne)* #169

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Community Life News

Silent Reflection

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

We worship God

The Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord rises upon us.

Leader: See, darkness, covers the earth and thick darkness is over the people.

People: But the Lord rises upon us and his glory appears over us.

Leader: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: We welcome the Light of the world!

Choral Introit

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*) (please see pew card)

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Praise Band I Saw the Light (please see insert)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 John Kerr
(please see insert)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir

Light of the World

Martin

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-15

New Testament p.2

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Light is Here

Emily Webb

*Hymn

What star is this

#170

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #79

*Dedication of Offering

*Recessional Hymn *As with gladness men of old* #172

We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Organ Postlude

**if you are able, please stand*

Welcome

We welcome everyone here today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

****We welcome all children in worship or, if you prefer, we have a well-equipped nursery in our education wing. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Our ushers are available to assist you.**

Responsive Reading: 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days, may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
Until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's glorious name forever; may the glory of the Lord fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.



The Worship and Music Committee will be meeting this Monday January 8th at 7:30 pm in Rev. Tom's office.

50 Plus Luncheon

Please join us this Thursday January 11th at noon for lunch and entertainment. Main course is Sheppard's Pie. Dessert is a surprise.

Entertainment: Video of an Irish Concert entitled:
Celtic Woman: Homecoming

Cost is \$7.50

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Custodian: Kirk McLeod

Duty Elders: John Kerr and Clarence McMullen

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Monday January 8, 2018

9:30 am

Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm

Worship & Music meeting in Rev. Tom's office

Tuesday January 9, 2018

1:30 pm

Grace Bible Study in the Chapel

Wednesday January 10, 2018

10:15 am

Free ESL classes in the Chapel

7:30 pm

Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday January 11, 2018

12:00 pm

50 Plus Luncheon

7:30 pm

JOY Covenant Group meeting – off site

Sunday January 14, 2018

11:00 am

Worship Service

- Please remember to **turn off cell phones** before you enter the Sanctuary. Thank you.
- Hearing assist systems are available for those who need them. Please speak with an usher
- Large print bulletins are available from the ushers



*Due to severe allergies and/or disabilities with some individuals please refrain from using products containing **PERFUMES OR SCENTS** (Including cologne, hair sprays or after-shave lotions).*

2018 Envelopes

There are still many envelopes left to pick up. **Please pick your box set up** so that we can make room for the 2017 tax receipts that will be out soon.

PAR members – even though you don't need to use your boxed set of envelopes on a weekly basis, they still need to be picked up. Your envelopes have special occasion collections and for those of you that are uncomfortable with not putting anything in the plate on a Sunday, you can use your envelopes with just a line across the front saying ... PAR.

If you are currently not using numbered offering envelopes and would like a box of envelopes for 2018, please complete a pew Welcome Card indicating your request and place it in the offering plate **or** fill out the form in the lobby by the offering envelopes that are waiting for pick-up and put the form into the office mail slot.



Do you need a spiritual boost?

Do you want to get closer to God?

Do you want to discuss real faith issues?

Do you have questions needing answers?

Sunday Morning Discovery!

Sunday mornings from 9:45 -10:30 – ministers' offices.

Coffee will be provided.

This is a **basic** study group that deals with **basic** faith issues
in **straight forward** ways.

Speak to Rev. Heather or contact the office.

First meeting: Sunday January 21 – 9:45-10:30



Praise Time



I Saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light*

Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light*

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light*

REPEAT

Words and music by Hank Williams Sr.
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