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INVITATION

THE CHALLENGE AND BLESSING  
OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

Hebrews 12:2

January 7, 2024

# EPIPHANY

JANUARY 7, 2024

## WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

PRELUDE

*Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Dorothy Fine  
J. C. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Templin Ashford

*(Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pew)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Sailer

Today we welcome the magi into our Christmas story.

**A story of wonder and light, of angels, shepherds, virgin births.**

In the midst of darkness, they chose to follow the light.

**Their story gives us hope that God still sends light for us to follow.**

We come today knowing we too are on a journey.

**May we be faithful followers of the light of God so that we too can be bearers of hope and justice for a dark and lonely world. Let us worship God today.**

\*HYMN NO. 152

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

## WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steve Sailer

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, injustice and oppression.

The enormity of the challenges in our lives and in our world can overwhelm and keep us from acting.

**Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star.**

**Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Steve Sailer

As certain as the dawn follows the night,  
so is the promise of God's forgiveness  
and love for us all.

Arise and Shine.  
Follow the star.

**By God's grace, we will know the way to go.**

\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

ANTHEM

*Give Me a Song*

TMPC QUARTET  
by Pepper Choplin

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bailey Heckman

*(Place prayer cards in the basket as the deacons come forward.)*

**WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12 (NT p. 2)

Stephanie Templin Ashford

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Diapason Movement Allegro*

Dorothy Fine  
John Keeble

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### Elders

Candis Mirande / Membership  
Brad Michael / Property

### Deacons

Anita Campbell  
Dave Cane  
Deborah Gardner  
Peggy Rowlett

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 516

KINGDOM

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

## **WE GATHER AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD JESUS**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In the beginning, you spoke light into being, you brought order to darkness that it might not overcome creation, and you created us in your image, called us good, and blessed us with abundant life.

**When we turned away, you gave us direction, and joined us in our journey.**

After Moses sinned and hid himself away in a foreign land, you met him in the dazzling light of a burning bush and sent him to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. You guided your people by the light of fire and cloud, taking them an unexpected way in your holy wisdom.

You spoke these promises through your prophets who boldly called your people to move in new and changed ways, to seek justice and walk in your light, and to await the coming Messiah with faithful anticipation.

And so, with your people in every nation, and the whole company of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Just as you led the wise men by a star to the birthplace of Christ, so would Christ himself become a light, leading all people to you. Just as the magi offered their precious gifts to the child in the manger, so would Christ offer himself as the most precious gift of love to all. Just as the kings obeyed your warning to travel home by a different road, so Christ obediently walked the road to Calvary, that we might find our home in him.

By Jesus's life, death, and resurrection,  
you created your church, saving us from sin and death,  
and entering into relationship with us anew by water and Spirit.

**As we remember the boundless love of your acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves as gifts in gratitude, our lives as holy sacrifices,  
stars twinkling with the brilliance of Christ's light, as we proclaim the  
mystery of faith.**

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

O God, today you have called us together to be the church. Unite us now at your table, and in one loaf and a common cup, make us one in Christ Jesus. Let your Spirit empower the life we share and ignite our witness in the world. With all who have gone before us, keep us faithful to the gospel teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Together, aware of our brothers and sisters in need of food, justice, healing, and mercy, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Eat the bread as you are served. Hold the cup until all have been served.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO BE THE CHURCH**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in C: Moderato*

Dorothy Fine  
Francis Linley

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

***SUNDAY CALENDAR***

Sun 1/07	<b>9:00</b>	<b>TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	9:00-10:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	9:20–10:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 122-124
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>COMMON HOUR/COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	10:00	Grief Share	Room 125
	10:00	Choir Rehearsals	Choir Room
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
	11:00-12:00	Nursery (Infant – 4 years)	Nursery
	11:20-12:00	Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Rooms 122-125
<b>6:00 – 8:00</b>	<b>TSM/Youth Group</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	

***JANUARY CALENDAR***

January 7 – 9 am & 11 am Worship Services - Epiphany and Communion  
January 14 – 9 am & 11 am Worship Services & Community Meal  
January 15, Monday – MLK DAY OF SERVICE & ACTIVITIES from 9 am – 1 pm  
January 28 – Jazz Worship Service - 9 am Worship Service Only in Fellowship Hall

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ACT 2 LUNCH & LEARN** Come and meet Rich Timmons who will share his coffee table book featuring 67 paintings telling the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Salad Bar Lunch \$10.00. Books will be available for purchase on Wednesday, **January 10**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE** Join us on Monday, **January 15** from 9 am – 1 pm for a day of service, music and learning. Sean McFadden, the new director of Urban Promise will be our keynote speaker.

**KIDS CLUB** All elementary aged students are welcome to join us for the first Kid's Club on Friday, **January 19** at 5:30 - 7:00 pm. We will meet in Fellowship hall to have dinner together and then students will have the opportunity to play games and do a service project together.

**MOVIE NIGHT** **Friday, January 26** from 6:00 PM ***The Pursuit of Happyness*** an American biographical drama film starring Will Smith, as Chris Gardner, a homeless salesman. It is based on Gardner's nearly one-year struggle being homeless. Dinner, various salads, and dessert will be served at 6:00 pm. There will be a discussion at the conclusion of the movie.

**JAZZ SUNDAY** Join us on **January 28** at 9:00 am for one worship service with the Warren Cooper Sacred Jazz Ensemble.

## **ONGOING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**MEALS FOR FISHERMAN'S MARK** Our next meal for Fisherman's Mark will be on Tuesday, **January 9** at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by using the Signup Genius to donate food items, to help prepare the meal, or to donate funds to cover the increased costs of the main dish. See the sign up link in e-news and on our website.

**COMMUNITY MEAL** Our next Community Meal will be on Sunday, **January 14** at 12:15 pm, following our Contemporary Worship service in Fellowship Hall. The meal is free to all who attend! If you would like more information or to sign up to help with a meal, go to [CommunityMeal.org](http://CommunityMeal.org).

**TMPC FOOD DRIVE** Your contributions are a blessing to our needy neighbors in Lambertville, Trenton, and Morrisville. **WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS NOW MORE THAN EVER!** Our monthly food drive is on Wednesday, **January 17** from 10:00 to 10:30 am. You can bring items in ahead of time. The sign up is available in our e-news or [www.tmpc.org/events](http://www.tmpc.org/events).

**TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)** TMPC will be going to TASK on Thursday, **January 25** to give out gifts to those served at the facility in Trenton from 9:45 am -1:00 pm and meet at TMPC parking lot to carpool at 9:15 am. Email Chuck Green for more information.

## **CHURCH LIFE & MEMBER CARE**

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT HOME** George Brandenburg, Pat Castiglione, Marlene Clark, John Donahue, Frank Gatto, Laurel Krauss, Pam Mills, Josh Nemzoff, Lisa Palise, Bucky Pope, Meredith Power, Nancy Quanstrom, Elinor Raike, Brenda Redfield, Jim and Susan Revie, Tom Thatcher, Bob Tomlinson, Holly Tomkovitz, JoAnn Weiskopf, Doris Wessner, Doc Whitticar. *If you have someone to add to our prayer chain, please send your request to Alison Yearley at [apybobba@aol.com](mailto:apybobba@aol.com).*

**TMPC MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Please wish Happy Birthday to a few of our members who celebrate their birthday between *January 5 - January 12: Arlene Whitticar, Stephen Mirande, Jim Peshek, Amy Brewer, Kay Parry, Bob Austin*

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** Anyone can order altar flowers in general or “in memory of” or “in honor of” or “in celebration of” a loved one for \$45. We are hoping to celebrate more birthdays and anniversaries this year. Please use our link on our website [tmpc.org/giving](http://tmpc.org/giving). Simply select the “Order Flowers” button or “Donate to the Flower Fund” button or make your check payable to TMPC and write “flower fund” on the memo line.

**USHERS NEEDED** Would you like to serve by greeting people in worship? Contact Sandy Barford, [sandbar1535@gmail.com](mailto:sandbar1535@gmail.com). See the sign up link in e-news or our website.



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Music Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Contemporary Music Director & Youth Director.....	Bill Stauffer
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