

# Celebration of Worship

January 7, 2007 – 11:00 A.M.

EPIPHANY

*We enter to worship;*

*we depart to serve*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Guest organist, Amanda Teachnor

Welcome and Announcements  
*(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)*

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Isaiah 60*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

The Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear  
over you.

**Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the  
brightness of your dawn.**

◆ Hymn 336 *“O Worship the King”*

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

**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 hides the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.  
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)*

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Hear the Good News! The Lord will give his people justice  
and have compassion on his servants.

**The Lord will give his people peace and joy.**

Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are  
forgiven!

◆ 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.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment

*(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Morning Offering

Offertory

◆ Doxology

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.

◆ Prayer of Dedication

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 602)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem

*“Ain’t that Good News”*

Hogan & Purifoy

I got news, O Lord, I got news.  
I got a crown up in a that kingdom, ain’t a that good news.  
I got a crown up in a that kingdom, ain’t a that good news.  
I’m a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross,  
gonna take it home a to my Jesus, ain’t a that good news.

I got a robe up in a my kingdom, ain’t a that good news.  
I got a robe up in a my kingdom, ain’t a that good news.  
I’m a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross,  
gonna take it home a to my Jesus, ain’t a that good news.

I got a harp up in a that kingdom, ain’t a that good news,  
I got a harp up in a that kingdom, ain’t a that good news,  
I’m a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross,  
gonna take it home a to my Jesus, ain’t a that good news.

I got news, I got news, O Lord, I got good news.

I got a song up in a that kingdom, ain’t a that good news.  
I got a song up in a that kingdom, ain’t a that good news.  
I’m a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross  
gonna sing my song a for my Jesus.

I’m gonna play my harp a for my Jesus.  
I’m gonna put on my robe a for my Jesus.  
I’m gonna wear my crown a for my Jesus, ain’t a that good news.  
I got news, I got news, O Lord, I got good news.

New Testament Reading (page 783)

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon *“Searching for the Light”*

◆ Hymn 601 *“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”*

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Breaking of the Bread  
Prayer of Dedication

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 205

*“Go, Tell It on the Mountains”*

Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and  
brought us God’s salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude

◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

**PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS**

Sharon (Pam Smithey’s sister)—Double mastectomy  
 Family of Mary Alice Beck on her death.  
 Family of Cheryl Deatherage on her death.  
 Ines Anderson—Knee surgery  
 Mary Martin (Carl’s mother)—Cancer  
 Bill Brice—Rehospitalized with pulmonary problems  
 Ruth Ruffner (Doug’s mom)—Home recovering from fall  
 Peggy Sue Wallace’ sister—Cancer  
 Jessica Moffit (Minister, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist, Bixby)—  
 Breast cancer  
 Andy McCormick (Clark Wells’ nephew)—Lung cancer  
 Mark Pogue (son of Jim & Barbara)—Viral infection in  
 heart  
 Martha Pearson (Scout counselor)—Cancer  
 Bruce Smith—Recovering from surgery  
 Christy Wasson (Cody Shelton’s basketball teacher)—Car  
 accident

**OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 7**

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Information Mtg.  
 2:00 p.m. Final Officer Training Session

**Monday, January 8**

1:00 p.m. Women’s Circle  
 6:30 p.m. Called Session Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, January 10**

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
 6:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir, Bible Biz,  
 & Women’s Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 11**

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

**Sunday, January 14**

9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 12:00 Noon Fellowship Dinner

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Greeter: Dave & Jeanie Kvach  
 Ushers: Frank Lackey, Captain; Karin Lackey,  
 Grace Lackey, Madeline Lackey,  
 Phil Lackey  
 Liturgist: Jeanie Kvach  
 Sunday School Clerk: Suzanne Maloney  
 Nursery Attendants: 01/07 Amy & Tyler Carter  
 01/14 **Need volunteers**  
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 01/14 Terry & Sue Shelton



**NEWS AND SUCH**

Please refer to “*OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS*” for meetings and events scheduled this week.

*January Fellowship Dinner*—The January fellowship dinner will be held next Sunday. This month’s committee members follow: Sean & Deana Anderson, Steve & Whitney Austin, Jerry & Mary Bagby, Billy & Martha Baker, Mike & Barri Baker, Bob & Nock Baker, Glenda Bare, Jim & Sandy Bare, Steve & Kathy Barlow, Allen & Marcia Bates, Tom & Suzanne Belcher, Darrel & Sharon Bender, Joey & LeAnn Blaylock, Sharon Bolton, Dick & Mattie Sue Boone.

*WNL Resumes this week!*—Our regular WednesdayNightLive! activities resume this week so plan to come join the fun!

*Trustee Meeting*—This year’s first trustee meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, at 6:00 p.m.

*Stewardship Celebration*—Many thanks to all who contributed time, talents, and finances over the last year. Thanks to you, much ministry was done and we exceeded our expected (budgeted) financial giving for the year. Thanks!



*Sermon on the Amount*—  
 Needed for Dec.: \$16,943.25 Budgeted YTD: \$203,319.00  
 Received in Dec.: 29,465.52 Received YTD: 207,327.09  
 Difference: \$12,522.27 Difference: \$ 4,008.09

**OUR STAFF**

Dan Milford—Pastor  
 Willa Barnes—Secretary  
 Greg McCann—Director of Youth Ministries  
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music  
 Bill Brice—Organist and Accompanist  
 Amanda Teachnor—Interim Organist and Accompanist  
 Krista Polanski—Treasurer  
 Irene Dornberger—Children’s Church and Older Adults  
 Linda Nye—Nursery Attendant



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