

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP  
Epiphany Sunday

January 2, 2022

*God in the Ordinary*

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

PRELUDE *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star* Greiss/arr. Grover

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**People: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

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**People: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

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**People: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

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**People: for God has done wondrous things!**

\*HYMN *We Three Kings* No. 254

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back, such that we might truly see what is real. Help us to recognize our sin for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light which is the light of all people. Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

CHOIR ANTHEM *How Far Is It to Bethlehem* Arr. Parker & Shaw  
Celebration Choir

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 2:1-12*

MESSAGE *"God in the Ordinary"* Pastor Janet Sattel

\*HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* No. 237

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Brightest and Best of the Stars* Wayne L. Wold

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Joy to the World*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

HOLY COMMUNION

see screen for words

GREAT THANKSGIVING

sung responsively to the tune IN DULCI JUBILO  
("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice")

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew. Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.

(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *sing together:*

**The dark to light gives way, Bright Dawn of all our days!  
Journey with us as we leave, Star! Star! People of the Star are we!  
Now we travel other roads to shine Your light where'er we go  
Overwhelmed with joy! Overwhelmed with joy!**

\*HYMN

*The First Noel*

No. 245

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: We have celebrated together that Jesus Christ came not only for us, but to be known by every person, every country, every culture on earth. For he is the Savior of all.

**People: May we come to know him better and then make him known to others, especially by the way we live.**

Pastor: And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace of Christ and walk in his light. Thanks be to God.

**People: Amen.**

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabelle*

Robert Lau

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\*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning. Liturgist: Patti Olson



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## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

### *Celebration of Faith*



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January 2, 2022

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042  
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline for Epiphany Sunday: *"God in the Ordinary"*  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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Calendar for Week of 1/2/2022

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Jesus came to us in an ordinary house and these men knew to bow down to this ordinary child. They knew because they were seeking the truth - they were seeking God. That's how they knew. And that is how we can know.

Most of the time God meets us in the ordinary, because that is where we live. God meets us in the ordinary and we, like the wise men, are wise if we look for God in the ordinary, because that is where God meets us.

God comes to us in the ordinary, because that is the best way to communicate with us. He became one of us so that we could understand him. He became one of us to show us the way. He became one of us so that he could take our place on the cross. Jesus said, "Seek and you will find." Seek him, find him and worship him, for the King of kings and the Lord of lords is worthy of our praise!

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- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

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7:00 - Celebrate Recovery  
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