

Epiphany Sunday
January 2, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*—Bach
Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Benny Gibson, Liturgist
L: Light of God,
P: illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.
L: Glory of God,
P: Fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.
L: Light of God,
P: Shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.
L: Glory of God
P: Fill each person with the Holy Spirit present today.
L: Light of God, Glory of God,
P: We welcome you in this place. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *We Three Kings* No. 254
INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233
CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller
The Wisemen: Rodney Cundiff, Benny Gibson, Bill Collins
(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 New Testament pg. 1
L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *I Wonder What It Was Like to Be...The Wisemen* Rev. Waller

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY *March of the Three Kings*—Landon

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 4) No. 230
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

SILENT PRAYER

LITANY PRAYER

(After the pastor says, "Lord in your mercy," please respond collectively with "Hear our prayer.")

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*At the invitation of an usher, please use a center aisle to come to a Communion Station. After
receiving a piece of bread, please place it in the chalice of juice and eat it. A gluten-free station is
located at the center of the Communion Rail. Afterwards, please return to your seat via a side aisle.
All offerings left at the Rail are used in our "Helping Fund," supporting emergency needs for Franklin
County residents.*

(Individual communion containers will be available if you would like to use them.)

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *There's a Song in the Air* No. 249

***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *We Three Kings* (refrain) No. 254
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading,
still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

*The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Jack Collins to the
Glory of God and in thankfulness and appreciation for 38 years with Martha.*

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Benny Gibson
Acolytes: Sam and Jane Roseberry
Greeter: Jane Turner
Usher: Mike Turner
Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Ina Clements
Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell
Locking Up After Worship: Benny Board

Serving Next Week (January 9):

Liturgist: Ina Clements
Acolyte: Fisher Gibson
Greeters: Sammy and Cindy St. Clair
Usher: Bill Cooper
Children's Church: Cindy St. Clair
Nursery: Peggy Hodges
Counters: Dan Walters, Jack Watts
Locking Up After Worship: Benny Board

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; Coronavirus victims and healthcare front-line workers; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; Eva Prillaman; John Cooper; Jeanette Singleton; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Everett Cotter (LuAnn Dunbar); Ann Fitzgerald (Terri Naff); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Matt Foutz (Jennifer Altice); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Deborah Hensel (Linda Dunlap); Carey Kinney (Linda Dunlap); Tracey Willett (Mike Meeks); Melissa Hays Smith (Marsha Robertson); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); and Family of Bonnie Wray who passed away on December 26.

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

**Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Craig Jamison, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- Today, January 2** **Following Worship**, Taking down the Chrismon Tree and other sanctuary decorations
5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting
- Monday, January 3** **11:00 a.m.**, United Methodist Women Meeting
- Tuesday, January 4** **7:00 p.m.**, Trustees Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, January 5** **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir
- Next Sunday, Jan. 9** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- Tuesday, January 11** **7:00 p.m.**, Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m., Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, January 12** **5:00 p.m.**, Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- Monday, January 17** **February Newsletter Deadline**
- Tuesday, January 18** **7:00 p.m.**, Finance Committee Meeting
- Friday, January 21-
Sunday, January 23** **High Schoolers' Ski Trip**

Thank you to all who are sticking around to de-decorate the church. We have subs for you. Please climb a ladder, unplug a light, and eat a sub.

Youth! Tonight we gather for a good old fashioned New Year's Day After. We're going to have new games, new snacks, a new lesson, and maybe even a new gnu (that's a wildebeest in another language. Also, we probably won't have a wildebeest, but come anyway). 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the church.

What is it about last words? People are fascinated by the last words of the famous. Some are funny; others are tragic. Our Bibles are full of last words too. Jesus spoke last words, Moses too. Everyone that is vocal speaks last words, even if they're unaware that they're going to be the last words they'll ever speak. In the new series starting next week, we begin the year with a pivotal new sermon series Last Words. We'll hear about how Joseph, Paul and Jesus use their last breaths and see the correlation to how our final words are built on the majority of our words. Make plans to worship with us in 2022.

There are still many Sundays available in 2022 to reserve your special Sunday to provide altar flowers during the worship service. Call the church office or stop by the chart on the bulletin board that is located at the steps (that go down to the preschool) to reserve your special date.

We are collecting rice and cereal for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!