

Epiphany Sunday

January 1, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC		Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lynn Meeks
CHIMING THE HOUR		
OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>A Carol Medley—Smith</i>	Mrs. Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY		

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP		Linda Dunlap, Liturgist
L:	Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,	
P:	we come to worship one, holy God.	
L:	O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.	
P:	Your majesty fills our lives.	
L:	We make known our worship today with joy.	
P:	O God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth! Amen.	

*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	No. 251
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	No. 881
INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN	<i>Where Children Belong</i>	TFWS No. 2233
	This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.	
CHILDREN'S TIME		Mrs. Meeks
	<i>(Afterwards, children in preschool through <u>2nd grade</u> may go to Children's Church.)</i>	

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 15:9-17	New Testament pg. 103
	Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God!	
SERMON	<i>Joy to the World – Parts 1 and 2</i>	Mr. Bobby Thompson

OFFERTORY *March of the Three Kings—Landon*
(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

*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

ANTHEM *Let Us Adore Him—Raney* Chancel Choir

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* No. 246

*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *As We Go*
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

*GOING FORTH Mr. Thompson

*POSTLUDE Mrs. Meeks

*The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Jack Collins to the
Glory of God and gratitude for 39 years with Martha.*

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Linda Dunlap

Greeter: Benny Gibson

Acolytes: P. D. and Mittie Hambrick

Usher: Bill Cooper

Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson

Nursery: Callie Angle

Counters: Dan Walters, Jack Watts, Bobby Thompson

Serving Next Week (January 8):

Liturgist: Ina Clements

Greeter: Jane Waller

Acolytes: John Godfrey

Children's Church: Jane Waller

Nursery: Jessica Call

Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

Prayer Concerns:

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine;
Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie
Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon;
CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Paul
and Barbara Scaffaci (Nancy Middaugh); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Cheryl Peck
(Sandra Funk); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea
(Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee
Holland.**

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
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- Today, January 1** **Following Worship**, Taking down the Chrismon Tree and other sanctuary decorations. Subway sandwiches will be available for lunch and nursery will be provided.

- Monday, January 2** **Church Office Closed**

- Monday, January 2** **5:00-5:30 p.m.**, Trustees Committee Training
5:30-6:00 p.m., Finance Committee Training
6:00-6:30 p.m., Staff/Parish Relations Committee Training

- Tuesday, January 3** **7:00 p.m.**, Trustees Committee Meeting

- Next Sunday, January 8** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship

- Monday, January 9** **11:00 a.m.**, United Women in Faith Meeting

- Tuesday, January 10** **7:00 p.m.**, Jubilant Ringers

- Wednesday, January 11** **5:00 p.m.**, Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

- Monday, January 16** **February Newsletter Deadline**

- Tuesday, January 17** **7:00 p.m.**, Finance Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, January 18** **5:15 p.m.**, Children's Ministry Meeting

- Friday, January 20-
Sunday, January 22** **High Schoolers' Ski Trip**

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Thank you Mr. Bobby Thompson for preaching today. Bobby brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as the former Danville District Lay Leader.

Are you a new member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Trustees Committee, or Finance Committee? If so, you are invited to attend a special training session on January 2. Starting at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow night, the Nominations & Lay Leadership Development Committee will share best practices for you. If you've been on one of these committees, you're welcome to learn some tricks of the trade. Come to the Assembly Room to learn how to serve on these important committees.

5:00-5:30 p.m., Trustees
5:30-6:00 p.m., Finance
6:00-6:30 p.m., SPRC

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

Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation this week.