

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Jason Johnson

Christ's Light

Introit

“I Wish I'd Been in Bethlehem”

Choir

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

We are called out of our darkness into light.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

We rejoice in the gift of light.

Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

We come to kneel at the cradle of Jesus, the Light Incarnate.

***Opening Hymn**

“We Three Kings” verses 1 & 5

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Opening Prayer

God of Promise and Light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness, fulfilled in the child of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Liturgist: Angie Gable-McConkey

Anthem

“The Upper Room” (choir)

Renata Knox, director

Children's Message

Pastor Melanie

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

“Light”

Pastor Melanie Adams

Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns

(Where have you seen God's presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?)

Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

Offertory

The Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” #94

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

We offer these gifts to you, God of Light, as well as ourselves.

For we are grateful for your presence in our lives. May we honor you by reflecting the light of your son, Jesus, to all the world.

Amen.

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn**

“O Word of God Incarnate” vs. 1,2,4

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Our Purpose

What is our purpose? **To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!**

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Pass It Along”

Choir

Postlude

UPDATED 740 Prayer Initiative

(Thank you for stepping up your prayers for our congregation! Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40 am and/or 7:40 pm each day to pray for our church and the mission and ministry we are called to do. Where did we come up with the number 740? It is our street address number. If you can't pray at 7:40, choose another time. The important thing is that we are praying!)

Scriptures for prayer: “So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up” Galatians 6:9.

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us” Ephesians 3:20.

Please pray that God continues to work in our hearts and through the work of our hands so that others may also come to experience Christ's love. Pray that God would lead us and equip us for the living out of our purpose (what we repeat at the end of each service). And pray that God help each of us to be a follower of Christ committed to living a life of worship & hospitality, a life of opening our heart to the Holy Spirit, and a life of service & generosity. Pray for those who are seated around you in worship, whether you know them by name or not. Remember to lift up the need of our community and world. Pray the news: as you listen to the news of each day pray about each situation.

Give thanks to God! “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today.

Jesus changes lives!

Gerald Campbell
Family of Nita Lambert Culley

Hannah Kircher

Jeff Krohn

Taryn Mosher

Family of Sherrie Radcliffe

Emily Sporer

Bill Valcoure

Waterman Family

Marti Valek Wilber

Jean Wilcox



Thoughts to Ponder

What is one way you will make the light of Christ manifest in the world around you this week? Remember, hate and fear cannot overcome the love of God!

Events this week in church:

Sunday, January 6th

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

11:30 am Un-Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, January 8th

5:15 pm Hospitality

7:00 pm Trustees

7:00 pm Evening Cluster @ 529 W. 5th

Wednesday, January 9th

5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus

5:30 pm Choir Practice

5:45 pm Table Talk Meal

6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Sunday, January 13th

9:30 am Confirmation Class

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

5:00 pm Financial Peace University

Spoiler alert: The Joneses are broke. That means keeping up with them will only get you into MORE debt! It's time to run fast and hard in the other direction, and Financial Peace University will show you how. Join me for my next group at Concordia First United Methodist Church starting Sunday, January 13, 2019. Feel free to message Charity Brown with any questions or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1076860>!

The Adult Table Talk class will take a hiatus until Lent begins in March. Watch for details in later announcements.



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