

Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 2019

HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *O that my people would listen to me.* Psalm 81:13

BAND CHORALES.....Home Church Band, Art Sorensen, leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

PRELUDE - *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*....setting by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
(How brightly shines the morning star)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Though darkness covers the earth, and gloom the peoples; the Lord will shine upon
you, and God's glory will appear over you.

HYMN 286 - *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (v. 1 and 3)T. Carol

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 72The Rev. Margaret Leinbach

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king;
that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice.

May the mountains bring forth peace and the little hills righteousness for the people.
**May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy
and crush the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

**May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water
the earth.**

In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon be no more.

**May his dominion extend from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the
earth.**

May his foes kneel before him and his enemies lick the dust.

**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and
Seba shall bring gifts.**

All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper.

He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.**

Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba;

may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.

May there be abundance of grain on the earth, standing thick upon the hilltops;

may its fruit flourish like Lebanon and its grain grow like the grass of the field.

May his name remain forever and be established as long as the sun endures;

may all nations be blessed in him and call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things. And
blessed be the glorious name of the Lord forever.

May all the earth be filled with the glory of the Lord. Amen. Amen.

Matthew 2:1-12

(All children will remain in the service today. Godly Play will resume next week.)

HYMN 317 - *Brightest and Best of the Stars*, v.1-4.....T. Morning Star

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER.....The Rt. Rev. Graham Rights

ANTHEM - *Morning Star in Darkest Night*G.F. von Hellstrom (1825-1912)
Choir

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND TRUSTEES (insert).....The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

HYMN 524 - *Make Us, O God, a Church That Shares*T. Kingsfold

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Matthew 2:13-23.....The Rev. Andrew Heil
Ephesians 3:6b-12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MEDITATION

God of grace and truth, hear us as we confess our sins to you:
(Silent Prayer)

Jesus, we confess our difficulty in the face of uncertain futures. We often struggle to trust in your goodness, vision, and direction. Today we confess our desire to trust in you, in each other, and in ourselves. Increase our trust so that the love inside of us may grow into maturity.

Trust is the sunlight and love is the flower that blooms.

May we become as a garden upon the earth, a community filled with the beauty of flowers. Warm us in the light of your Holy Spirit. We pray in your name and according to your promises. Amen.

HYMN 484 - *O Jesus, Highest Treasure*.....T. Munich

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend'*setting by J.S.Bach (1685-1750)
(Lord Jesus Christ, be present now)

Virginia H. Tobiassen, *Pastor*

Andrew Heil, *Associate Pastor*

Margaret Norris, *Director of Christian Education*

Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Susan Foster, *Organist*

Anne Saxon, *Director of Children's and Youth Choirs*

Erik Salzwedel, *Director of Gregor BellChor*

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We extend a cordial welcome to all of our visitors this morning, and we invite you to join us again whenever possible. Ushers are always available to answer questions and to direct the way to Sunday School classes. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you after the service. Visitors, members and friends are invited to Coffee Fellowship in the lovefeast serving room to the right of the Sanctuary, immediately following the morning worship service.

Thank you to the Rt. Rev. Graham Rights and the Rev. Margaret Leinbach for their assistance in today's service.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Wilma Livengood* on her birthday by Matt, Greg, Erik, and Adrienne Amos Livengood.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Youth

Little Lambs (ages 1-3), *An Amazing Star!* CE-105

Walking with Jesus (Pre-K/K), CE-205

Good News! (Elementary), Art (What do you think the angels looked like who visited Mary, Joseph and the shepherds? Explore acrylic paint and canvas), CE-202

Youth

Acts 29 (6th-8th grades), CE-301

Confirmation (8th and 9th grades), CE-208

Confirmation Encore (10th-12th grades), CE-208

Adults

Bible Discussion: Club Room, Matthew 14:1 and following

Faith Journeys: Saal, Lectio Divina, Matthew 2:1-12

Mission Focus: CE-101, "Want to Go, want to Plan a Mission Trip?" The WMT has been discussing and discerning since September the possibility of a trip next year. Pastor Heil and the Team will lead all who come in a discussion of WHY?, WHEN?, WHERE? of a mission effort.

CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - Holy Communion & Board Installation
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Christian Education Committee)
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School
Inquirers' Class
- Monday - 7:00 p.m. - Elders meeting, Club Room
- Tuesday - 7:30 a.m. - Men of the Church, Club Room
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study, Club Room
2:30 p.m. - Albania Art Show Committee, Club Room
5:30 p.m. - Christian Education Co., RB-225
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Lighthouse Restaurant
11:30 a.m. - Ministry Architects Renovation Team, RB-225
2:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
4:30 p.m. - Earth Stewards Ministry Team, Club Room
4:45 p.m. - Children's Choir/Moravian Minis, CE-204
5:45 p.m. - WNF Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. - WNF Program, CE-101
7:30 p.m. - Women's Fellowship Board Meeting, Parlor
- Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5
- Friday - 9:30 a.m. - Circle 6, Parlor
12:00 p.m. - Spach Study Grant meeting, RB-225
- Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - *Home Is...* meeting, CE-101
- Next Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Ushers)
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you requested 2019 offering envelopes, you may pick them up in the hallway behind the Saal.

Unity Prayer Watch: In 1727, the church in Herrnhut, Germany, covenanted for an "hourly intercession," an unbroken chain of prayer that continued for one hundred years. The "Prayer Watch" in which Moravians around the world participate was reestablished in 1957, the 500th anniversary of the Unitas Fratrum. Please join your brothers and sisters by signing up for 15 or 30 minutes of prayer time in the Unity Prayer Watch this year. The assigned time for Home Church is January 18 from 4 p.m. until midnight. A sign-up chart is in the West Vestibule.

PERSONALS

Ill at Forsyth Medical Center: Allen Goslen

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP ON JANUARY 9

"Home is..." a place to explore the constraints of poverty, Kelly Carpenter, pastor of Green Street Methodist and founder of *The Shalom Project*

Please join us for dinner (chicken salsa verde, wild rice salad, corn and black bean salad, bread, pumpkin cookies) in Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Members and guests are also welcome to come only to the program, which begins at 6:45 p.m.

----- Tear off and place in offering plate -----

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP - JANUARY 9, 2019

Name _____

Standing Reservation _____ Number Attending _____

Dietary Restrictions _____