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**EPIPHANY  
 COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**January 6, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**PRELUDE**

Alex Sandor

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**\*INTROIT**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all  
 the earth.

Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's  
 birth.

Come and worship, Come and worship,  
 Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions  
 beam afar,

Seek the great desire of nations, ye have seen his natal  
 star.

Come and worship, Come and worship,  
 Worship Christ, the newborn King.

(#143, verses 1 and 3)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from *Isaiah 60*

One: Arise, shine; for our light has come,

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Darkness shall cover the earth.

**All: Thick darkness shall cover the people.**

One: But the Lord will rise upon us.

**All: God's glory will appear over us.**

One: We shall see and be radiant.

**All: Our hearts will rejoice.**

**\*HYMN**

*The First Nowell*

#147

Stanza 1, 5 and 6

Everyone

Stanza 2

Choir

Stanza 3

Men's Voices

Stanza 4

Women's Voices

**EPIPHANY PRAYER**

One: In peace, let us pray.

**All: Your light shines brightly, O God, and yet we often  
 do not see it. We are not looking for a king sleeping  
 in a barn. We are not seeking your holy presence  
 with only a star to guide us. We are not committed  
 to a long and inconvenient journey in order to find  
 you. Forgive us for expecting you to show up the  
 way we would want. Lead us once again to  
 Bethlehem, this time to kneel with royalty before  
 the one whom you sent to be King. In his name, we  
 pray. Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*You are invited to share the blessing of Christ's peace with those  
 near you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

**\*RESPONSE**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine on us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.  
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's  
glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and  
mercy.  
Send forth you word, Lord, and let there be light.**  
(#192, stanza 1)

**A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO GOVERN**

Adapted from *Psalms 72:1-7*

One: Let us pray together:

**All: In the beginning of a new year, we pray for all  
governments and all those who exercise  
governance.**

One: Give to those who rule a vision of your justice, O God,  
and give to all who govern an understanding of your  
righteousness.

**All: May your righteousness be manifest in courts of  
justice, and may those without resources be treated  
fairly.**

One: May this be a year of prosperity.

**All: Give our world leaders courage to defend the poor,  
wisdom to deliver the needy, and fortitude to stand  
against evil.**

One: Give the nations stability.

**All: Let righteousness flourish and peace abound. Amen.**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Christy Willmore

*Prayer cards may be sent to the front with  
youth and children who come forward.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**      *Matthew 2:1-12*      John Voss

**CONTEMPORARY READING**      *Journey of the Magi*  
by T.S. Eliot

**\*HYMN**      *We Three Kings*      #151

Stanzas 1 and 5	Everyone
Stanza 2	Men's voices
Stanza 3	Choir
Stanza 4	Women's voices

**SERMON**      Rev. Charlotte Frantz

**ANTHEM**      *Who Would Send a Baby?*      Chancel Choir  
Words Music by Mary Kay Beall      Jane Wester, Directing

**OFFERING**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star  
behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward,  
beaming bright,  
So most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to  
thee.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger  
rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's  
alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to thee,  
our heavenly king.**

(#150, stanzas 1 & 3)

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Accept our gifts, O God, as our way of honoring the Child Jesus. Help us to use these offerings to further his work of reconciliation, healing, redemption, and care in this community and throughout the world. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: Let us pray:

**All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may be your redeeming love in the world. Amen.**

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Gracious God, our hearts rejoice in your presence...

**All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF CONSECRATION**

#### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*All are invited to participate in this Sacrament of Holy Communion, regardless of age or church affiliation. We use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice. Please come forward by the center aisle to be served the bread and the cup. Eat and drink as you are served and return to your seat by the side aisles.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

#### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Once in Royal David's City*  
#140, verses 1, 2, and 4

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **\*POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

*Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 1/6 **Communion Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

6:00 p.m. UPC Volleyball

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### MONDAY 1/7

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Happy Birthday- Barb Granquist

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### TUESDAY 1/8

**2:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting**

4:30 – 9:00 p.m. Youth Soccer League

Happy Birthday – Deborah Schlack

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### WEDNESDAY 1/9

**9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study**

4:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

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### THURSDAY 1/10

**5:30 p.m. Session Meeting**

Happy Birthday – Jeanne Johnson & Bob McClellan

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### FRIDAY 1/11

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### SATURDAY 1/12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMUNION

It is the practice of this congregation to have an Open Communion Table. All who wish to follow Jesus are invited to partake of the sacrament.

### MEETING THIS WEEK

**Worship Committee** Tuesday, January 8 at 2:30 p.m.  
**Bible Study** Wednesday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m.  
**Session Meeting** Thursday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m.

### MEETING THIS MONTH

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held on **Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.** Business will include the election of officers and a new nominating committee for the congregation. The Annual Meeting is also a time to review the events of the past year and for any members of the church to bring forward for discussion any concerns they have.

## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

### HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

### PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling  
Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009  
or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Susan Litehiser & Ed Anderson